

FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

September 17, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

300 West Briarcliff Road | Bolingbrook | Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room

View the meeting online via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/XoPWGDUHvt4>

Hearing for Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Trustees**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Comments from the Public**
- 5. Adjournment**

FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

September 17, 2026 | 7 p.m.

300 West Briarcliff Road | Bolingbrook | Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room

View the meeting online via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/XoPWGDUHvt4>

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Trustees**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Minutes for Approval**
 - a. Board Meeting – August 20, 2026
- 5. Employee Recognition**
 - a. Jeremiah McClendon – 5 Years
 - b. Sarah Saltzman – 15 Years
- 6. Comments from the Public**
- 7. Friends of the Library**
- 8. New Business – Action Items**
 - a. Approval of Ordinance 2026-3 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027
 - b. Approval of Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Revenues by Source
- 9. Library Projects**
- 10. Correspondence**
- 11. Treasurer's Report**
- 12. Bills for Approval**
 - a. Bills Paid Report – September 2026
 - b. Bills Payable Report – September 2026
- 13. Director's Report – August 2026**
- 14. Unfinished Business**
- 15. Reports**
 - a. Building
 - b. Finance
 - c. Strategic
 - d. Internal Board Operations
- 16. Agenda Building for Next Meeting**
- 17. Announcements**
- 18. Adjournment**

September 2026 Agenda Background

Paul Mills

8. New Business – Action Items

- a. Approval of Ordinance 2026-3 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027

This ordinance is the next step of our budget process.

Suggested Motion: Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

- b. Approval of Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Revenues by Source

This statement reiterates revenue information included in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Suggested Motion: Motion to approve the Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Revenues by Source.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD AUGUST 20, 2026
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois was held in the Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room, 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Celeste Bermejo.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by recorder, Juanita Lennon, and a quorum was established.

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Sarah Siska, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel and Trustee Meraj Alam.

Trustee Spindel was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Alam was at work and was unable to attend the meeting.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Joyce Arellano and Sabrina Smallwood.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Oscar Arellano.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JULY 16, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held July 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – JULY 16, 2026

The minutes of the Executive Session held July 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Joyce Arellano for her 10 years of service and presented her with a certificate and award. Bermejo also recognized Sabrina Smallwood for her 30 years of service with a certificate and award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett updated the Board. The recent donation of Braille books that the Friends received was unfortunately not viable and had to be recycled.

The Friends have received 37 free book prize coupons from the 2026 Summer Adventure.

The library is hosting the Friends Annual Appreciation Dinner and meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 2026-3 – Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Mills reported that this resolution restates the amount identified in our Tentative Budget and Appropriation of \$11,643,863 passed last month.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-3, Resolution to determine estimate of funds needed for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Resolution 2026-4 – Resolution Designating Open Meetings Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-4, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon as the Open Meetings Act Officers was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Resolution 2026-5 – Resolution Designating Freedom of Information Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-5, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Jennie Nguyen as the Freedom of Information Act officers was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Request for Trustees to Attend 2026 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference – October 6–8, 2026 (Peoria, IL)

A motion to approve the request for Trustees to attend the 2026 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, October 6–8, 2026 in Peoria, Illinois was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

Mills reported that Deputy Director Nancy Korczak leads the effort to complete this required report.

A motion to approve the 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Local Election Official and Deputy Local Election Officials

A motion to approve the appointment of Vice President Marcelo Valencia as the Local Election Official and Juanita Lennon, Nancy Korczak and Paul Mills as the Deputy Local Election Officials was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Revised Circulation Policy

A motion to repeal the current Circulation Policy and approve the revised Circulation Policy was made by Siska, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that the monument sign and parking lot projects are awaiting final paperwork for close-outs. There are a few components on order that are needed to complete the Children's Shelving project.

Mills also reported that the interior lighting project should have orders placed for the needed equipment soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for July 2026 was presented by Vice President Marcelo Valencia and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – Post July 2026

Bills paid for the month of post July in the amount of \$143.44 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Bills Paid Report – August 2026

Bills paid for the month of August in the amount of \$112,311.28 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel. Alam

Bills Payable Report – August 2026

Bills payable for the month of August in the amount of \$381,575.48 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JULY 2026

Executive Director Mills reiterated that the State of Illinois Job Fair held on Wednesday, July 29 was a great success and thanked Vice President Valencia for all his work to make it happen.

Trustee Armstrong congratulated the 37th graduate from the Career Online High School. Armstrong also commended the Circulation Aide who assisted a young patron in filling up their water bottle at the refilling station in the lobby.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

The liaisons will be meeting with Tria Architecture soon.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Public Hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bolingbrook Rotary Club Mini Golf event will be held on Thursday, August 27 at Wilderness Falls.

The Rotary Club is also hosting a “Pasta for Polio” Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 20 at Carraba’s in Woodridge..

The Board is invited to the Friends of the Library Annual Appreciation Dinner & Meeting on Wednesday, September 9 in Meeting Room A.

The Village Jubilee will be held September 11–13 with the Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 13.

Trustee Daunis proudly announced that the Bolingbrook Community Closet’s Back to School three-day event dressed 1100 children.

The Bolingbrook Closet will host homecoming events at both Bolingbrook High School and Romeoville High School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approved: _____
Robert Armstrong, Secretary

Celeste M. Bermejo, President

Ordinance 2026-3
Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the
Fountaindale Public Library District
Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois
for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Whereas, Paul Mills, Library Director, has been designated by the Board of Trustees to prepare in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois and in accordance with such designation has prepared such tentative budget and appropriation ordinance and on July 16, 2026 such tentative budget and appropriation ordinance was submitted to and inspected by the Board of Library Trustees who thereupon ordered the same filed with the Secretary and ordered the Secretary to make the same conveniently available to public inspection and the Secretary has made said tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to action thereon; and

Whereas, prior to final action a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on September 17, 2026, notice of which hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto by publication in The Bugle, a newspaper regularly circulated in the District, and all other legal requirements having been complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees, of the FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures of the FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Estimated Available Revenue

Estimated Cash on Hand July 1, 2026

Cash in the Working Cash Fund	\$2,093,773
Cash in the Special Reserve Fund	\$22,857,876
Cash in the General Corporate Fund	\$10,081,554
Cash in the Audit Fund	\$12,128
Cash in the Liability Insurance Fund	\$70,590
Cash in the FICA Fund	\$80,894
Cash in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$218,575
Cash in the Building Maintenance Fund	\$135,015
Total Estimated Cash on Hand	\$35,550,405

Cash to be received from 2025 general corporate, municipal retirement, liability insurance, audit, and building maintenance tax levies:

Cash to be received from 2025 levy

Balance, Corporate Tax Levy	\$5,159,330
Balance, FICA Tax Levy	\$10,885
Balance, Liability Insurance Tax Levy	\$62,198
Balance, FICA Tax Levy	\$174,155
Balance, Illinois Municipal Retirement Tax Levy	\$129,061
Balance, Building Maintenance Tax Levy	\$236,353
Total Cash to be received from 2025 Levy	\$5,771,982

Cash to be received from the 2026 general corporate, municipal retirement, liability insurance, audit, and building maintenance tax levies:

Cash to be received from 2026 levy

General Corporate Tax Levy	\$10,407,957
Audit Tax Levy	\$21,958
Liability Insurance Tax Levy	\$125,473
FICA Tax Levy	\$351,323
Illinois Municipal Retirement Tax Levy	\$260,356
Building Maintenance Tax Levy	\$476,796
Total 2026 Levy	\$11,643,863
To be Collected after close of Fiscal Year	\$6,054,809
To be Received during Fiscal Year	\$5,589,054

Other Income:

Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$125,000
State Per Capita Grant	\$113,983
Interest	\$225,100
Fees	\$10,000
Copy Machines/Printing/Fax	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$7,000
Donations / Gifts / Grants	\$10,000
Back Taxes and Adjustments	\$5,400
Fund Transfer In	\$5,260,000
Total Other Income	\$5,771,483

Total Estimated Cash Available During the Year
including Special Reserve Fund, Working Cash Fund and
Bond Proceeds

\$52,682,924

Note: In addition to the foregoing, there is presently \$2,131,297 on hand in the Library Building Bond and Interest Fund. It is estimated that the following amounts will be received during the fiscal year to pay principal and interest on the September 14, 2016 issue of \$9,775,000, December 11, 2018 issue of \$10,545,000 and the November 25, 2019 issue of \$7,290,000.

Bond Notation

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	\$2,131,296
Cash to be received from 2025 Tax Levy	\$1,559,099
Cash to be received from 2026 Tax Levy	\$1,658,208
Total	\$5,348,603

Estimated Expenditures

Salaries	\$7,745,400
Total Salaries	\$7,745,400

Prof. Dev. & Training	\$96,200
Employee Recognition	\$6,500
Membership Dues	\$9,750
Dues - Institutional	\$4,550
Mileage & Transportation	\$28,600
Room/Board/Meals	\$35,750
Human Resources Contractual Services	\$16,250
Insurance Benefit Plan	\$881,400
HR Assistance/Accommodation Services	\$2,600
Total Personnel	\$1,081,600

Equipment Rental	\$7,800
Equipment Maintenance	\$208,000
Leased Equipment	\$65,000
Outreach Vehicle Maintenance	\$33,800
Legal Expense - Attorney	\$65,000
Legal Expense - Publication	\$6,500
Bank Service Fees	\$19,500
Payroll Service	\$65,000
Professional Services	\$91,000
Communication Contractual Services	\$105,950
Internet Services	\$45,500
Cable TV Services	\$1,950
Catalog Management	\$20,800
Computer Circulation Expense	\$187,850
Total Contractual Services	\$923,650

Telephone Service	\$13,000
Telephone Data	\$14,300
Electricity	\$390,000
Gas	\$58,500
Water & Sewer	\$84,500
Minor Library Equipment	\$6,500
Minor Office Equipment	\$6,500
Minor Library Furniture	\$6,500
Minor Office Furniture	\$6,500
Office Supplies	\$39,000
Program Supplies	\$111,800
Computer Supplies	\$9,100
Board Supplies	\$3,900
Outreach Fuel Expense	\$9,750

Library Supplies	\$89,830
Postage & Shipping Costs	\$39,000
Buildings	\$32,500
Grounds	\$91,000
Total Supplies & Utilities	\$1,012,180

Books and AV	\$1,137,760
Contractual Programs - Adult	\$74,100
Contractual Programs - Children/Senior	\$49,400
Contractual Programs - Young Adult	\$24,700
Special Services/Events	\$7,800
Donations Expended	\$16,900
Computer Software	\$682,890
Total Library Materials	\$1,993,550

Library Equipment - Capital	\$6,500
Office Equipment - Capital	\$6,500
Library Furniture - Capital	\$6,500
Office Furniture - Capital	\$6,500
Special Projects	\$16,296
Automated Systems	\$97,500
PC Computer Equipment	\$52,000
Buildings - Capital	\$26,000
Grounds - Capital	\$39,000
Total Capital Expenditures	\$256,796

Miscellaneous	\$26,000
Public Relation Advertisements	\$71,500
Total Miscellaneous	\$97,500

Per Capita Grant	\$113,983
Total Per Capita Grant	\$113,983

Fund Transfer Out	\$5,260,000
Total Fund Transfer	\$5,260,000

Total General Fund	\$18,484,659
---------------------------	---------------------

Audit Expense	\$39,000
Total Audit Fund	\$39,000

Unemployment Insurance	\$15,600
Workmen's Compensation	\$39,000
Liability Insurance	\$65,000
Umbrella Policy	\$97,500
Treasurer's Bond	\$3,250
Total Liability Insurance Fund	\$220,350

FICA	\$591,926
Total Social Security Fund	\$591,926

IMRF	\$464,256
Total IMRF Fund	\$464,256

Building Maintenance	\$689,000
Building Supplies	\$71,500
Total Maintenance Fund	\$760,500

Bank Service Fees	\$130
Special Reserve Fund Projects	\$7,000,000
Total Special Reserve Fund	\$7,000,130

Total Operating Fund Expenditures	\$27,560,821
--	---------------------

Estimated Cash on Hand at Close of Fiscal Year including Working Cash Fund, Special Reserve Fund, and Bond Proceeds	\$25,122,103
--	---------------------

SECTION 2. That the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law and may be needed, be and the same are appropriated for general corporate purposes, audit expense, municipal retirement expense, liability insurance expense and building maintenance expense of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Estimated Expenditures

Salaries	\$7,745,400
Total Salaries	\$7,745,400

Prof. Dev. & Training	\$96,200
Employee Recognition	\$6,500
Membership Dues	\$9,750
Dues - Institutional	\$4,550
Mileage & Transportation	\$28,600
Room/Board/Meals	\$35,750
Human Resources Contractual Services	\$16,250
Insurance Benefit Plan	\$881,400
HR Assistance/Accommodation Services	\$2,600
Total Personnel	\$1,081,600

Equipment Rental	\$7,800
Equipment Maintenance	\$208,000
Leased Equipment	\$65,000
Outreach Vehicle Maintenance	\$33,800
Legal Expense - Attorney	\$65,000
Legal Expense - Publication	\$6,500
Bank Service Fees	\$19,500
Payroll Service	\$65,000
Professional Services	\$91,000
Communication Contractual Services	\$105,950
Internet Services	\$45,500
Cable TV Services	\$1,950
Catalog Management	\$20,800
Computer Circulation Expense	\$187,850
Total Contractual Services	\$923,650

Telephone Service	\$13,000
Telephone Data	\$14,300
Electricity	\$390,000
Gas	\$58,500
Water & Sewer	\$84,500
Minor Library Equipment	\$6,500
Minor Office Equipment	\$6,500
Minor Library Furniture	\$6,500
Minor Office Furniture	\$6,500
Office Supplies	\$39,000
Program Supplies	\$111,800
Computer Supplies	\$9,100
Board Supplies	\$3,900
Outreach Fuel Expense	\$9,750

Library Supplies	\$89,830
Postage & Shipping Costs	\$39,000
Buildings	\$32,500
Grounds	\$91,000
Total Supplies & Utilities	\$1,012,180

Books and AV	\$1,137,760
Contractual Programs - Adult	\$74,100
Contractual Programs - Children/Senior	\$49,400
Contractual Programs - Young Adult	\$24,700
Special Services/Events	\$7,800
Donations Expended	\$16,900
Computer Software	\$682,890
Total Library Materials	\$1,993,550

Library Equipment - Capital	\$6,500
Office Equipment - Capital	\$6,500
Library Furniture - Capital	\$6,500
Office Furniture - Capital	\$6,500
Special Projects	\$16,296
Automated Systems	\$97,500
PC Computer Equipment	\$52,000
Buildings - Capital	\$26,000
Grounds - Capital	\$39,000
Total Capital Expenditures	\$256,796

Miscellaneous	\$26,000
Public Relation Advertisements	\$71,500
Total Miscellaneous	\$97,500

Per Capita Grant	\$113,983
Total Per Capita Grant	\$113,983

Fund Transfer Out	\$5,260,000
Total Fund Transfer	\$5,260,000

Total General Fund	\$18,484,659
---------------------------	---------------------

Audit Expense	\$39,000
Total Audit Fund	\$39,000

Unemployment Insurance	\$15,600
Workmen's Compensation	\$39,000
Liability Insurance	\$65,000
Umbrella Policy	\$97,500
Treasurer's Bond	\$3,250
Total Liability Insurance Fund	\$220,350

FICA	\$591,926
Total Social Security Fund	\$591,926

IMRF	\$464,256
Total IMRF Fund	\$464,256

Building Maintenance	\$689,000
Building Supplies	\$71,500
Total Maintenance Fund	\$760,500

Bank Service Fees	\$130
Special Reserve Fund Projects	\$7,000,000

Total Special Reserve Fund

\$7,000,130

Total Operating Fund Expenditures

\$27,560,821

SECTION 3. That, except for bond proceeds, all unexpended balances of any item or items for which an appropriation is made by this budget and appropriation ordinance may be expended in making up any insufficiency or deficit in any item or items for which an appropriation is made by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That, except for bond proceeds, all unexpended balances not applied in the manner set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance may be transferred to the special reserve fund created by Ordinance 1981-2 of this District, said fund to accumulate as provided in said Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That a certified copy of this ordinance be published at least once after passage in a newspaper published or circulated in the District.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this 17th day of September, 2026.

Approved this 17th day of September, 2026.

Celeste M. Bermejo, President of the Board of Trustees
Fountaindale Public Library District
Will & DuPage Counties, Illinois

Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Fountaindale Public Library District
Will & DuPage Counties, Illinois

**Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate
Of Revenues by Source
Fountaindale Public Library District
Will and Du Page Counties, Illinois
For Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

I, Paul Mills, do hereby certify as follows:

I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of the FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

I estimate the revenues by source of said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 to be as follows:

Estimated Available Revenue

Estimated Cash on Hand July 1, 2026

Cash in the Working Cash Fund	\$2,093,773
Cash in the Special Reserve Fund	\$22,857,876
Cash in the General Corporate Fund	\$10,081,554
Cash in the Audit Fund	\$12,128
Cash in the Liability Insurance Fund	\$70,590
Cash in the FICA Fund	\$80,894
Cash in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$218,575
Cash in the Building Maintenance Fund	\$135,015
Total Estimated Cash on Hand	\$35,550,405

Cash to be received from 2025 general corporate, municipal retirement, liability insurance, audit, and building maintenance tax levies:

Cash to be received from 2025 levy

Balance, Corporate Tax Levy	\$5,159,330
Balance, Audit Tax Levy	\$10,885
Balance, Liability Insurance Tax Levy	\$62,198
Balance, FICA Tax Levy	\$174,155
Balance, Illinois Municipal Retirement Tax Levy	\$129,061
Balance, Building Maintenance Tax Levy	\$236,353
Total Cash to be received from 2025 Levy	\$5,771,982

Cash to be received from the 2026 general corporate, municipal retirement, liability insurance, audit, and building maintenance tax levies:

Cash to be received from 2026 levy

General Corporate Tax Levy	\$10,407,957
Audit Tax Levy	\$21,958
Liability Insurance Tax Levy	\$125,473
FICA Tax Levy	\$351,323
Illinois Municipal Retirement Tax Levy	\$260,356
Building Maintenance Tax Levy	\$476,796
Total 2026 Levy	\$11,643,863
To be Collected after close of Fiscal Year	\$6,054,809
To be Received during Fiscal Year	\$5,589,054

Other Income:

Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$125,000
State Per Capita Grant	\$113,983
Interest	\$225,100
Fees	\$10,000
Copy Machines/Printing/Fax	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$7,000

Donations / Gifts / Grants	\$10,000
Back Taxes and Adjustments	\$5,400
Fund Transfer In	\$5,260,000
Total Other Income	\$5,771,483

Total Estimated Cash Available During the Year including Special Reserve Fund, Working Cash Fund and Bond Proceeds	\$52,682,924
--	---------------------

Note: In addition to the foregoing, there is presently \$2,131,297 on hand in the Library Building Bond and Interest Fund. It is estimated that the following amounts will be received during the fiscal year to pay principal and interest on the September 14, 2016 issue of \$9,775,000, December 11, 2018 issue of \$10,545,000 and the November 25, 2019 issue of \$7,290,000.

Bond Notation

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	\$2,131,296
Cash to be received from 2025 Tax Levy	\$1,559,099
Cash to be received from 2026 Tax Levy	\$1,658,208
Total	\$5,348,603

Paul Mills, Executive Director

Dated: September 17, 2026

August 2026 Monthly Board Report

Executive Director (Paul Mills)

Illinois Library Association (ILA) Public Policy Committee

The ILA Public Policy Committee met this month to review and recommend legislative proposals for the coming legislative year. The proposals will be send to the ILA Executive Board for consideration in September. I serve as Chair of the committee for this fiscal year.

Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA)

The LIRA Executive Committee met to discuss the agency's upcoming year and to consider services that would benefit the membership. Insurance costs are expected to continue to rise, though we anticipate the rate of increase to be better this year than in previous years. Illinois' ranking as the number one state for tornadoes will certainly be noted by the insurance carriers, however.

Pinnacle Library Cooperative (PLC) All Library Conference

The Pinnacle Library Cooperative held its first ever all member library conference in August, and it went very well. We hosted a mix of speakers from our member libraries and outside organizations. The keynote address by American Library Association Immediate Past President Sam Helmick was very well received.

Deputy Director (Nancy Korczak)

August was a busy month for our staff who hosted many popular programs. With Summer Adventure ending, our Children's staff focused on preparing families to return to school by offering a variety of STEM programs. Our Outreach staff was out and about at the many back-to-school events, including those hosted by H2O, Representative Avelar and Brooks Middle School. Our Outreach team also ensured all Student Cards were up to date by working with our Pinnacle Director to mass-renew cards set to expire this school year.

Our Adult Services team worked hard over the last few months planning a program about Dolly Parton, which had strong interest and higher-than-expected attendance due to her passing one week before our program. Staff and patrons had a great opportunity to celebrate her memory at our program. Finally, our seniors had a great time at the monthly Senior Social which continues to have great popularity.

Adult & Teen Services Report (Debra Dudek)

Department Summary

- Most of our department staff attended PinCon in Joliet on Friday, August 7. Feedback from the sessions has been very positive
- A majority of staff completed online cybersecurity training this month
- The recruitment process to fill our full-time programming librarian position continued
- Computer Commons computer continues to see steady attendance for printing tasks and use of photocopying machines
- Study room was lower this month until school resumed in the middle of the month
- Staff created book displays featuring National Dog Month, Labor Day Reads, Sports Fiction, and Staff Picks

Adult Programming Highlights

- Randi, Aysha, and I hosted a large-scale 'Hello Dolly! - Celebrating the Heart and Art of Dolly Parton' on Monday, August 31
 - This event was planned in early 2026 and unfortunately, coincided with the death of this beloved American performer
- Planning for December/January/February was completed and newsletter copy and graphics were submitted on time
- Another round of drop-in craft programs have attracted new library patrons to our events
- Top Programs - Senior Social: Trailblazers Who Shaped Chicago's History (39), Hello, Dolly! Celebrating the Art and Heart of Dolly Parton (28), R&B Line Dancing (24), Genealogy Club - Women and the War of 1812 (22), and Take-It & Make-It Craft Kit - Solar Prints (20)

Teen Programming Highlights

- Vortex programs have been largely drop-in and well attended

- DIY Ice Cream Tacos (August 19) - this program was a huge success and exceeded all expectations. Teens constructed their own ice cream creations using waffles, ice cream and various ice cream toppings
 - Board games, snacks, and crafts were also available
- Cottage Core Crafts (August 3) Teens who joined in for our final Summer Adventure-themed drop-in program were able to make a few cozy crafts, which included terracotta pot mushrooms, hobbit homes and beaded frog keychains.
- Teen volunteering opportunities continue to be well attended by patrons
- Top Programs - Teen Volunteering: Book Recommendations (83), DIY Ice Cream Tacos (45), Question of the Week (30), Teen Movie Friday: Super Mario Galaxy (11), Teen Volunteering - Cards for Hospitalized Kids (11), Pokémon Bash (10), and Anime Afternoon (9)

Department Statistics

- One student completed 98% of their coursework by the end of the month. He graduated on September 3 and is the 38th graduate of our program
- One student has completed 92% of their coursework by the end of the month and should graduate in September
- Three students are currently working toward the 50% mark in their coursework

Children's Services (Joyce Arellano)

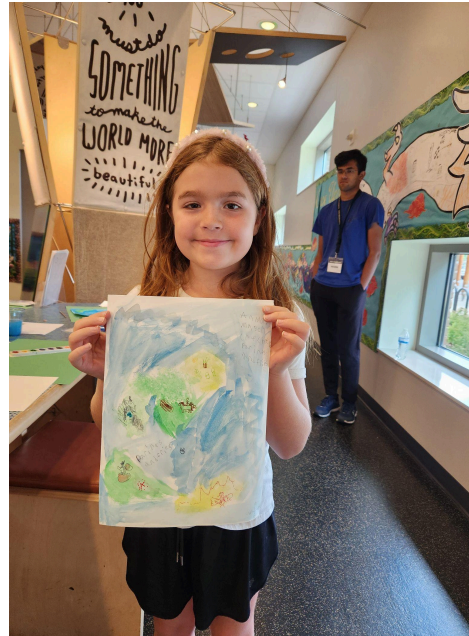
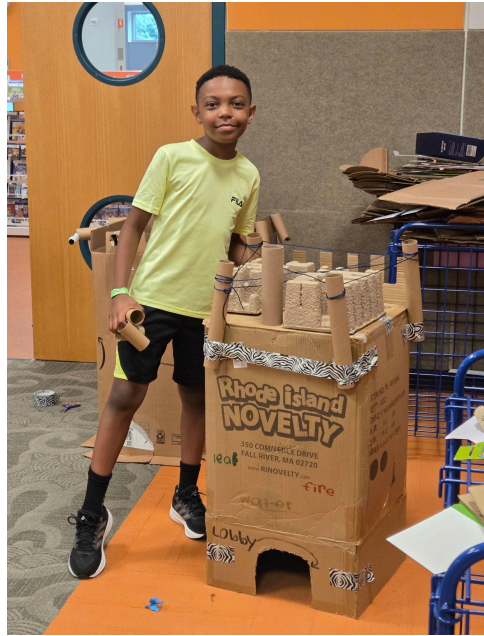
Department Summary

- Children's Services officially completed the 2026 Summer Adventure Program after awarding the grand prizes to 11 lucky winners. Our team then shifted gears and began planning and preparing for the fall events and storytimes.
- Assistant Manager, Melissa F., and I worked with Human Resources to begin the recruitment process for a part-time Children's Services Specialist. We are currently accepting applications.
- We celebrated two staff anniversaries this month. Congratulations to Children's Services Specialist, Andi T., for one year of service! I celebrated my tenth year of service.

Programming Highlights

- Children's Services finished up the summer Storytime season and offered several programs for patrons to enjoy as they transitioned to their school routines. Programs included Fantasy Map Making (Chris), Accessories Mania (Jordan), STEM for Minecrafters (Sarah), Paws to Read (Rosemary and Love on a Leash), Dragon Castle Construction (Rachel), Quest for the Library Grail (Adrienne and Andi), Beaded Plants (Isabel and the Vortex team) and Bee by the Pool (Soko).





Department Statistics

- 206 patrons attended CSD's 13 active (synchronous) programs.
- 495 patrons participated in 6 passive (asynchronous) programs.
- 361 babies, toddlers and preschoolers are participating in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. 12 new children signed up this month, and 3 children completed the program.
- 656 children are participating in Reading Dragons & Friends. 26 new children signed up this month.
- 949 reference questions were answered.
- 897 directional questions were answered.
- 25 one-on-one instruction sessions were completed.

Circulation Services (Jacob Luce)

Department Summary

- As Summer Reading came to an end, Circulation staff successfully managed the influx of returns from the end of Summer Adventure. The prepping that staff did at the end of July really helped manage the influx of returns that were received at the end of Summer Adventure.
- The Aides continue to do a great job cleaning the shelves since this task was incorporated into their workflow; shelf cleaning has continued throughout August. The Aides continued cleaning the shelves on the 2nd floor. They have finished cleaning the Adult Audiobooks shelving. They have started on the Adult Movies shelving, cleaning through 4K and are now currently working on the Blu-ray shelving.
- A Lyngsoe technician came out for the annual maintenance of the AMH. Additionally, a week after the annual maintenance, the patron return area for the drive-thru went down after a power outage. A Lyngsoe technician was able to remote into the AMH and fix the issue that was causing the drive-thru to malfunction.
- An offer was extended to a candidate to fill the open Aide position. The candidate accepted the offer and the new Circulation Aide has started. The Associate Manager spent the end of August training the new Aide.
- During the week of the RAILS count, staff sent out 66 bins (1,723 items).

Department Statistics

- 206 new library cards were issued in person, 16 of those being reciprocal borrower cards, 50 patrons signed up for library cards online.
- 210 license plate stickers were renewed, a 23% increase from August 2025.
- 422 patrons utilized our Drive-Thru.
- 1,838 items were checked out through Drive-Thru.
- 807 items were checked out through the On-site Lockers.
- 168 items were checked out through the BRAC Lockers.

Collection Services (Christina Theobald)

Department Summary

- Collections staff attended PinCon, Pinnacle Library Cooperative's first system conference at the Joliet Renaissance Center. It was a great experience filled with informative sessions, networking opportunities and a wonderful keynote speaker. We appreciate the time and effort involved to organize the conference and the opportunity for so many of our department staff to attend.
- Christina and Brett met with Joyce from CSD and Jorie from Circulation to discuss potential locations for the Easy Readers Book Bundles, as well as plans for the shelving in front of the Juvenile Graphic Novels area.
- Lily collaborated with Aysha from ATSD and Joyce from CSD on a blog post to celebrate September's Deaf Awareness month, where Lily promoted our American Sign Language eResources.
- Kelly updated the Amazon Fire Tablet procedures to ensure all information is correct and up to date.
- Liz worked to add 11 new hotspots to our Main and Outreach collections.
- Christine J. published a new issue of her Christian Fiction newsletter with the theme *On an Island With You*.
- Christine J. fielded an inquiry for several military books through interlibrary loan. We received many books from the Navy Department Library in Washington, D.C. to fulfill the request.
- Liz and Bini attended a Laconi webinar called *Thrive & Grow: Harnessing the Power of Self-Care and Coaching*. Isabel attended the webinar *In the Right Order: the sequence of series authority records*.

Department Statistics

- 2,942 new items were added to the collection.
- 3,069 old and worn items were withdrawn from circulation.
- 213 incoming interlibrary loans were processed for our patrons.
- 175 outgoing interlibrary loans were shared with other libraries.
- 384 items were repaired, 264 invoices were paid and 191 boxes were opened.
- 6.7% of collection is considered “dead”, defined as items not circulated in 2 years. We are under the standard recommendation of less than 10% dead.
- 5.8% of collection is considered “grubby”, defined as having circulated 75 times or more. We are under the standard recommendation of less than 10% grubby.

Collection Highlights

- 2.8% increase in overall circulation compared to last year, and over 1% increase in building checkouts.
- 9% increase in digital circulation compared to last year.
- Digital circulation was 23% of the library’s total circulation.
- Easy Readers experienced the highest positive circulation growth, with 646 more circs and a 30% increase compared to last year.
- Following in significant circulation growth was Studio 300 Equipment, Young Adult Graphic Novels, Picture Books and Adult Fiction.
- Video Games, Children’s Audiobooks and Juvenile Graphic Novels also experienced positive circulation growth.
- The most popular collection continues to be Picture Books, with over 9,200 checkouts.
- 2,487 circs were yielded from a total of 35 displays. The most popular Lobby displays were *As Seen On #BookTok* with 240 circs and *Healthy Lifestyles* with 169 circs. The most popular Children’s display was *Back to School* with 109 circs. The most popular AV display was *Survival Cinema* with 86 circs.
- The most popular Adult Fiction books were *Whistler* by Ann Patchett, *The Country Road Murders* by James Patterson and *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

- The most popular Adult Nonfiction books were *Regime Change: inside the imperial presidency of Donald Trump* by Maggie Haberman and *Like: the button that changed the world* by Martin Reeves.
- The most popular Juvenile book was *Dog Man: Grime and Punishment* by Dav Pilkey. The most popular picture books were *The Pigeon has to go to school!* and *Pigs make me sneeze!* By Mo Willems.
- The most popular teen books were *Princeton Review Enhanced ACT Premium Prep 2026* and *Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins.
- The most popular movies were *Project Hail Mary*, *Mortal Kombat II*, *Normal* and *The Devil Wears Prada 2*.

Circulation by Branch

Branch	2025	2026	Change	% Changed
Building	45679	46330	651	1.43%
Outreach	2290	1834	-456	-19.91%
Studio	1896	2290	394	20.78%
Digital	14015	15215	1200	8.56%
Totals	63880	65669	1789	2.80%

Digital Collection Usage

Digital Platform	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Change	% Changed
Freegal	779	2073	1294	166.11%
Hoopla	3852	3540	-312	-8.10%
Kanopy	416	516	100	24.04%
Libby	8515	8869	354	4.16%
Palace Project	202	149	-53	-26.24%
PressReader	251	68	-183	-72.91%
Totals	14015	15215	1200	8.56%

Displays

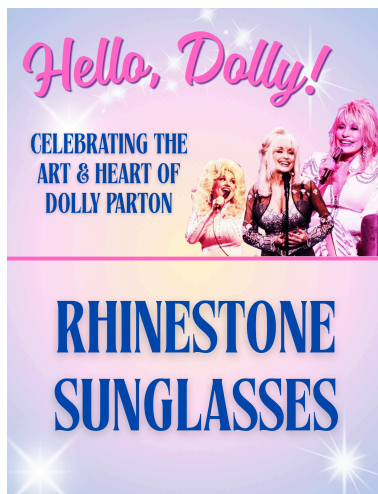




Communications (Melissa Bradley)

Department Highlights

- Our Google Ads had 20,306 impressions and 1,973 clicks.
 - Campaigns with the most impressions:
 - Kanopy: 8,401 impressions; 717 clicks
 - Digital Media: 7,102 impressions; 780 clicks
 - Catalog: 1,872 impressions; 59 clicks
- We auto-renewed 2,167 library cards with Patron Point.
- We scheduled, wrote/edited and published 17 blog posts.
- Steven continued working with IT and Communico to implement Stripe and test new RFID pads for the forthcoming self-checks.
- Sabrina celebrated 30 years of service at our library!
- Melissa began securing sponsors for the Great Reading Race, including a brand new sponsor: Scooter's Coffee.
- The Communications team attended PinCon, and Melissa did a presentation on Canva.
- Steven provided blog training for new staff.
- Melissa and Sabrina met with Children's Services to discuss their marketing needs for their new Easy Reader Book Bundles.
- Melissa ordered and picked up the candy for the Pathway's Parade.
- Sabrina created the Friends of Fountaindale Annual Dinner invitation, several flyers and TV slides for outreach and multiple signs for ATSD's Hello, Dolly! event. She also redesigned the Read-a-Palooza visual identity and created the collateral for the program.



READ-A-PALOOZA

First and Last Name: _____ Grade: _____
 School: _____ Teacher: _____

Grand Prize Selection (circle one): Marble Run Digital Camera Axolotl Blanket

Read to a stuffed animal or pet	Ask a librarian about Reading Dragons	Read on a Saturday	Read a book from the Bookmobile	Read before breakfast
Read outside	Read a book in bed	Read the same book as a friend	Watch a movie based on a book	Read for 20 minutes
Read a funny book	Read a recipe or menu	Draw a picture of what you read	Read a book about friendship	Read twice in one day
Read a graphic novel	Ask someone about their favorite book	Read a book with a RED cover	Tell a family member what you read	Read in the dark with a flashlight
Listen to a story	Read a book from the library	Read a nonfiction book	Read after school	*Read* a wordless picture book

Media

- [Rockford News First](#) mentioned us in their coverage of Ida Public Library's new Bookmobile shelter because they purchased our previous Bookmobile.
- [WJOL](#) mentioned our Adult Reading Retreat as part of their forest preserve events coverage.
- The Bolingbrook Chamber sent out an eBlast promoting our 10 Years of Stories & History event.

Social Media Metrics

Facebook

- 31 new followers
- 34,284 content views
- 1,481 page visits
- 655 engagements (likes, comments, clicks, saves & shares)

Instagram

- 17 new followers
- 8,156 content views
- 7,557 reel views

- 345 post engagements (likes, comments, saves & shares)

TikTok

- 79 new followers
- 12,164 content views
- 157 page visits
- 1,188 post engagements (likes, comments, favorites & shares)

YouTube

- 3 videos & 1 shorts published
- 12 new subscribers (2,214 total)
- 5,267 content views
- 211.3 hours of watch time
- 39,149 impressions (video thumbnails shown to viewers)

Email Marketing Metrics

MailChimp Blogs:

- 2,985 subscribers
- Average open rate: 23.2% (industry average is 29.5%)
- Average click rate: 1.3% (industry average is 2%)

Patron Point:

- Average open rate: 61.91% (industry average is 29.5%)
- Average click rate: 12.6% (industry average is 2%)

Facilities Operations (Tasos Priovolos)

Department Summary

- We are working with the manufacturer of the new Children's shelving to receive and install the correct toe-kicks for the new shelving. This is the last remaining open item on this project.
- Continued working with the architects and general contractors to review the lights and controls that will be used for the 2026 Lighting project which is scheduled to begin later this year.
- Removed the Becoming the US exhibit from the third floor and packaged it for shipping to the next location.
- We had a broken window on the 3rd floor along the south elevation of the building that was possibly damaged from the severe storms we recently had in the area. We are working with our window company to order the correct glass with the proper graphic design.
- Working with an engineer to investigate a water leak on the second floor admin area. We will be scheduling a flood test in this area to locate the leak.

Zendesk

In August, 49 new maintenance tickets were created, and 48 new or existing tickets were completed.

Finance (Jennie Nguyen)

Highlights

- **Audit Onsite Fieldwork:** The audit team from Lauterbach & Amen were on site on August 24th through the 25th to conduct our annual audit. During the course of the onsite work, the auditing team reviews the data and reports that have been previously submitted through the Surlink software. This also gives the auditors the opportunity to get clarification and request additional information as needed. The auditors had noted that the audit was going well.
- **LIRA Insurance Renewals:** During the month of August, Finance compiles data and updates the information for the annual insurance questionnaires. The questionnaires include information from the Library's fiscal year appraisal report as well as data for Payroll and Building. The Cyber insurance form is also reviewed and the update the financial section of the application.

Human Resources (Elena Flores)

New Hires

- Ben Tran - Circulation Services Aide - 8/17

Open Positions

- Adult Services Programming Librarian - Accepting Applications
- Adult and Teen Services Specialist - Accepting Applications
- Adult and Teen Services Programming Specialist - Candidate Selected
- Children's Services Specialist - Accepting Applications
- Facilities Custodian - Accepting Applications

Departures

- Hanaa Khan - Adult and Teen Services Specialist - 8/20

Information Technology (John Matysek)

Highlights

- During the month of August, 80 new help desk tickets were created by FPLD staff, and 77 new or existing tickets were solved by IT staff.
- Updated Microsoft Windows on all library servers.
- Updated the underlying VMware vSphere system software on the main network server.
- Updated the most popular utility software on all Windows based patron computers.
- Attended the Pinnacle library staff in service day training seminar.
- Worked with vendor TDI vertical to test and reorganize the fiber data connections between all floors of the library and the server room.
- Met with vendor AT&T multiple times to discuss E911 issues and renewal contract pricing for the library's two 1 GB fiber circuits.
- Met with former vendor RedSky to discuss re-connecting their E911 service to the library phone system.
- Along with Jose Robles, Ben Jansen, and Aidan Bennett, continued working with vendor Communico to test and troubleshoot Interact, their self check software system.
- Along with Jose Robles, Ben Jansen, and Aidan Bennett, continued configuration of new replacement Apple iPads for the Children's and Outreach Services departments.
- Along with Jose Robles, Ben Jansen, and Aidan Bennett, completed testing the available Apple mobile device management (MDM) software solutions for use with the new replacement department iPads to provide centralized management, and ease of system updates and app deployment and selected SimpleMDM from vendor PDQ.com.

Outreach Services (Tana Petrov)

Department Summary

- We participated in several community events, including the H2O Back to School Fair, Rep. Avelar's Annual VVSD Back to School Fair, Victory Cathedral Worship Center Picnic, DuPage Township Tools4School, Bulldog Bash at Brooks Middle School, and several school Meet and Greet.
- We provided library tours for STEP students and teachers, familiarizing them with our spaces and resources.
- We created and renewed teacher library cards.
- LEGO Club returned after its summer break.
- We combined a Bookmobile stop with storytime at Chick-fil-A for the first time. Families enjoyed the fun, interactive program.
- We participated in several training and professional development opportunities, including PinCon, Cybersecurity Awareness Training, Libby Lifesavers: Practical Tips for Everyday Support, Emerging Best Practices for Responding to Book Challenges, Booklist: Adult Faves, and The Modern eAccessibility Landscape.
- We hosted a fun Aviation Museum Storytime for 39 patrons with stories, silly interactions, and parachute play. Families had a great time and were excited for the next storytime!
- We took the Bookmobile to TransChicago Elmhurst for a transmission leak/repair and new tail lights, and to Rick's RV for replacement of damaged skylights from recent storms.

Programming Highlights

- We participated in the 10 Years of History and Storytelling Celebration at the Bolingbrook Historical Museum with the Bookmobile, storytimes, and outdoor games, celebrating our partnership with the Museum. More than 60 patrons attended the event.
- We hosted a Summer Adventure Bookmobile Prize Party for 20 children, with games, bubbles, music, giveaways, stories, and a puppet show.



Department Statistics

- 817 items retrieved from the off-site book drops
- 663 visitors to the outreach vehicles
- 395 listeners attended preschool storytimes
- 10 home-delivery patrons were served

Studio 300 (Jacinto Gonzalez)

Department Summary

In August, Studio staff assisted patrons with 3D printing, embroidery, audio production, podcasting, video streaming, digitization, Adobe Illustrator, and the Blackmagic Switcher. The studio saw an uptick in maker machine usage, with the Glowforge getting the most used this month. We had to take it to the garage and do deep cleaning in order to keep it working. We are looking forward to launching the xTool laser cutter in September.

Staff continued improving equipment organization and accessibility. 22 equipment cards were added to kits, with additional tripod labels making it easier for patrons to match equipment with its storage bag. Equipment maintenance remained an important focus, including 3D printer inventory and maintenance, embroidery machine maintenance, and sending the Rodecaster to Deltronics for repair.

A new patron described Studio 300 as an “amazing” space and praised how helpful the staff was. A patron receiving assistance with the PRS100 also expressed appreciation for being made to feel comfortable using the equipment. Expressing that they felt it was okay to not know everything and were allowed to learn with no judgment.

Key department highlights and trends:

- **Growing engagement with Studio 300:** Staff is seeing increased interest in 3D printing, digitization, audio production, podcasting, embroidery, and video production, with patrons using equipment for more advanced personal projects.
- **Continued expansion of maker and creative technology:** Staff is developing new projects and building confidence with the xTool P3, PRS100 embroidery machine, Blackmagic equipment, audio equipment, and other Studio resources to support future programming.
- **Improving equipment accessibility and organization:** Equipment cards and additional labeling continue to make kits easier for patrons to identify, check out, and return correctly.

- **Strong emphasis on hands-on patron support:** One-on-ones and informal assistance continue to be an important part of Studio 300 services, helping patrons move from being unfamiliar or nervous about equipment to feeling confident using it independently.
- **Increasing community awareness of Studio 300 resources:** Staff interactions with new and returning patrons show that more community members are discovering the Studio's equipment, rooms, and creative resources, while some patrons are still learning about resources they did not know were available.
- **Staff skill development:** Staff continues to grow their knowledge across new and existing technologies, allowing the department to provide more support to patrons.

Programming Highlights

Photography Club: Adriana hosted the monthly Photography Club, while Monica presented **Exposure Triangle for Photography**. Staff continued supporting patrons in developing photography and creative technology skills.

Film Club: Adriana hosted a discussion of *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*. Patrons were very happy with the movie selection and enjoyed the conversation.

Open Mic: Jack hosted Open Mic with **8 attendees**.

Writers Group & SWAG: Connor led Writers Group using writing samples connected to the theme of regret. Jacinto also hosted **Summer Writers Accountability (SWAG)** every Wednesday throughout the month, providing writers with regular opportunities to work and stay accountable.

Independent Publishing: Jacinto presented an Independent Publishing program focused on helping patrons understand the self-publishing process.

Short Films: Ruth reviewed short-film submissions, coordinated with contestants, and prepared winner tickets for the competition.

Department Statistics

- **205** circulating equipment checkouts
- **13 programs** with **58 total attendees**
- **213** patrons used the audio booths
- **100** used the general conference rooms
- **50** used podcast studios
- **103** used video suites
- **305** Computer sessions

Fountaindale Public Library August 2026 Statistics

Membership

- Active cardholders: 35,745
- New cardholders: 265
- Total visits: 30,771

Circulation

Building	Outreach	Lockers	Digital	Total
47,813 (72.6%)	1,838 (2.8%)	975 (1.5%)	15,215 (23.1%)	65,669

Interlibrary Loan

- Items received for patrons: 213
- Items sent to other libraries: 175

Collection

- Total physical items owned: 205,429
- New physical items added: 2,942

Programming

Programs Offered

Children	Teens	Adults	Cross-Departmental	Online	Total
43	32	47	0	3	125

Programming Attendance

Children	Teens	Adults	Cross- Departmental	Online	Total
1,328	584	444	0	5,267	7,623

Reference

Directional Questions	Reference Questions	One-on-One Sessions
2,461	2,957	229

Notarized documents	Spanish notarized documents
128	0

Spaces

Meeting Room Usage	Study Room Usage	Studio Room Usage
80	555	331

Technology

Wireless sessions	Computer usage	Website visits
18,834	3,120	31,258

Social Media

Facebook Followers	Instagram Followers	TikTok Followers
6,569	2,291	1,871

Comparisons

Comparison	This Year	Last Year	% Change
Circulation	65,669	63,880	2.80%
Visitors	30,771	27,516	11.83%
Cardholders	35,745	38,203	-6.43%
Room Bookings	966	829	16.53%
Reference Questions	2,957	3,038	-2.67%
Computer Usage	3,120	3,754	-16.89%
Wi-Fi	18,834	17,714	6.32%
Programs	7,623	9,258	-17.66%