

Director's Report for April 2026.

<i>Month</i>	Monthly Circulation 2019 - 2026							
	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
January	1,577	1,862	1,528	1,787	2,262	2,928	2,429	2,696
February	1,544	1,634	1,690	2,069	2,515	2,557	2,475	2,590
March	1,956	1,307	2,077	2,510	2,625	2,294	2,257	2,710
April	1,745	198	1,769	2,529	2,433	2,049	2,623	
May	1,434	456	1,609	2,561	3,410	2,301	2,625	
June	2,123	1,477	2,551	2,978	4,330	3,089	3,162	
July	2,412	1,674	2,323	2,543	4,301	3,412	3,758	
August	2,166	1,885	2,022	2,670	4,440	3,132	3,390	
September	2,065	1,720	1,639	2,373	3,347	2,549	3,231	
October	2,220	2,062	1,907	2,117	3,739	3,022	3,420	
November	1,886	1,479	1,772	1,971	3,519	2,726	2,740	
December	1,765	1,380	1,882	1,883	3,310	2,437	2,778	
TOTALS	22,893	17,134	22,769	27,991	40,231	32,486	34,888	

Circulation for March was 2,710. March of 2025 was 2,475, for an increase of 453 items and 20.07%. YTD circulation is 7,996. YTD for 2025 was 7,161 for an increase of 835 items and 11.66%.

Correspondence: Connie Wilson sent a check for \$9,000. A thank you was sent.

We won a grant for \$2,500. I purchased 6 commercial grade tables that go together to make one large table. Each table has power plus USB – USC plug-ins on the desktop surface.

First Citizens Bank in Mukwonago donated \$250 to our summer reading program. The Methodist women's group donated \$100.00 to our summer reading program through the friends of the library.

The FOL book sale begins May 1. We will set-up the Tuesday before. The sale runs for two weeks. Several raffle baskets are being provided for the event.

FOL donated \$832.34 to the library for summer reading program, technology upgrade and reimbursement for the mural.

We are working with the Jefferson/Walworth Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance to offer two library sponsored hikes in May. A Mother's Day Hike on May 3 along the Stoney Ridge segment. It begins at the Emma Carlin parking lot. The 2nd hike is in honor of Wisconsin's birthday. On May 29 we will be hiking the Blue Springs Lake segment to Tamarack Road in the morning.

Also on May 29, the Loose Beads Society of Milwaukee is offering a special beading class two-hour beaded bracelet class.

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We continue to work closely with Sheppard Flooring on carpet and hard floor replacement.

Brittany, the new director from Bridges did a sight visit last week. She was impressed with the positive direction our library has taken in recent years and with circulation. I was awarded an "Oscar" for being the first library to complete the annual report.

The head of cataloging at Bridges retired. We have had to do more in-house troubleshooting. It's a good thing we won a scholarship to send Kevin to cataloging school. He, with his new skills, has been very helpful.

We now offer a new database through the library called Law Depot. Many legal forms are available for free through this new service.

I will be performing my ukulele at the Memory Café Family Fun Day held at the Fort Atkinson Library on Sunday May 17 from 1:45 to 2:45.

We closed a half hour early on Tuesday 4/14 (at 6:30) so staff could make it home safely before the storms hit. Most of the libraries in the system closed early as well.