

Belleville Area District Library Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
July 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM

The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2nd floor Conference Room.

Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Building-Cichewicz
 - B. Bylaws-Priest
 - C. Finance-Stoudemire
 - D. Outreach-Jackson-Smith
 - E. Personnel-Priest
 - F. Policy-Fleming
 - G. Art
7. Approve Accounts Payable
8. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
9. Trustee Comments
10. Chair Comments
11. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Information found at www.belleville.lib.mi.us. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, Maria Jackson-Smith, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire.
Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the May 12, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Rosemary Otzman announced that she is retiring from the Belleville Area Independent at the end of the month and that she has enjoyed covering the library board meetings.
6. **Public Hearing - 2026-27 Budget:** The public hearing opened at 7:37 pm. There were no comments. The public hearing closed at 7:38 pm.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Building:** No report.
 - B. **Bylaws:**
 - a. **Bylaws Revisions:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to accept the Belleville Area District Library Board Bylaws as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, Peters, Priest, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

With approval from the board, the secretary may delegate duties to the library director. Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to delegate the issuance of meeting notices and the keeping of library records and minutes to the library director. The motion carried unanimously.

With approval from the board, the treasurer may delegate duties to the library director. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to delegate the expenditures and records of moneys to the library director. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Public Relations/Media/Photography Policy:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the Public Relations/Media/Photography Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Public Comment Policy:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Juriga, to approve the resolution adopting the Public Comment Policy. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Jackson-Smith, Juriga, Peters, Priest, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously. (See attached Public Comment Policy).
- C. Finance:** Stoudemire outlined the 2026-27 proposed budget and the proposed amendments to the 2025-26 budget.
 - a. **Approve the 2026-27 Budget:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Approve the 2025-26 Amended Budget:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the 2025-26 amended budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. **Fund Balance Allocation per GASB 54:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to commit \$1,400,000 of the 2025 collected library millage that is in fund balance for use in the 2026-27 fiscal year's general operations (per GASB #54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions).
- D. Outreach:** No report.
- E. Personnel:** No report.
- F. Policy:** No report.
- G. Art:** No report.
- 8. Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Director's Report:** See attached. Suchy invited the board to the Memory Café Art Reception being held on Friday, June 26 from 2-4 pm.
- 10. Trustee Comments:**
 - Jackson-Smith:** Is excited to see the return of the Car Show and Farmers Market.
 - Stoudemire:** Thanked Mary Jo and Joy for making the budget process simple.
 - Cichewicz:** Is expecting to be at the library with her grandchildren a lot this summer.
 - Priest:** Is interested in attending the library's UFO program.
 - Juriga:** Announced that Music Lakeside begins on June 18.
- 11. Chair Comments:** It is nice to see the things you can do in the library that don't cost anything and that bring joy. Observed that the community has been well served to have Rosemary covering the library board meetings. Stressed the importance to the community of having a local newspaper.
- 12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Juriga, seconded by Fleming. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

07/06/2026

CHECK DISBURSEMENT REPORT FOR BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY
CHECK DATE 06/03/2026 - 07/06/2026

Check Date	Payee	Description	Account	Amount
Fund: 101				
General Fund				
06/16/2026	THE STORYTELLERS	DIGGING INTO OUR EARTH PROGRAM	950.001	450.00
06/16/2026	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	MAY PLACEMENTS	809.001	48.60
06/16/2026	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	JUNE DUMPSTER SERVICE	809.001	566.90
06/30/2026	ALEX THOMAS AND FRIENDS	ALEX THOMAS & FRIENDS DINO PUPPET SHOW	950.001	500.00
06/30/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	90.99
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	51.67
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	10.26
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	111.84
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	89.99
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	8.99
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	39.98
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	67.73
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	88.47
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	22.97
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	49.69
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	25.26
				657.84
06/30/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	28.49
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	29.99
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	730.000	30.94
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	730.000	34.89
				124.31
06/30/2026	ANGEL FOOD CATERING	MEM CAFE ART RECEPTION	950.002	835.11
06/30/2026	BALL, MATTHEW	MEMORY CAFE PROGRAM	950.001	250.00
06/30/2026	BELLEVILLE AREA INDEPENDENT	ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS	901.004	746.00
06/30/2026	CITY OF BELLEVILLE	4TH STREET WATER	923.000	1,001.66
06/30/2026	DEMCO	OFFICE SUPPLIES	730.000	80.79
06/30/2026	DTE ENERGY	4TH STREET GAS	921.000	448.39
06/30/2026	DTE ENERGY	4TH STREET ELECTRICITY	922.000	5,173.58
06/30/2026	ENVISIONWARE, INC	QUARTERLY FAX OVERAGE	820.000	75.00
06/30/2026	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH	LEGAL SERVICES	801.001	80.10
06/30/2026	MANGO LANGUAGES	BOOKS & MATLS, ANNUAL SUB RENEWAL	981.000	3,704.40
06/30/2026	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	730.000	100.76
		BLDG/OFFICE SUPPLIES	730.000	118.53
		BLDG/OFFICE SUPPLIES	775.000	402.88
		BLDG SUPPLIES	775.000	78.53
		OFFICE/BLDG SUPPLIES	730.000	226.75
		OFFICE/BLDG SUPPLIES	775.000	281.13
		BLDG SUPPLIES	775.000	29.92
				1,238.50
06/30/2026	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPA	SHORT/LONG TERM INSURANCE	716.000	627.38
06/30/2026	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BELL20	851.002	1,985.25
06/30/2026	UNIFIRST CORP	BLDG REP/MAINT	931.000	212.38

		BLDG REP/MAINT	931.000	209.43
		BLDG REP/MAINT	931.000	209.43
				631.24
06/30/2026	VIGILANTE SECURITY	SUMPTER SECURITY	809.001	151.50
06/16/2026	A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION	JUNE CLEANING	931.000	3,920.00
06/16/2026	ALLIANCE HEALTH AND LIFE	JULY HEALTH INS	716.000	18,740.28
06/16/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	8.87
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	315.34
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	896.30
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	9.59
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	84.70
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	223.36
		BOOKS & MATLS	981.000	87.69
		BLDG SUPPLIES	775.000	12.19
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	124.44
		CMP/HARD/SOFTWARE MAINT	820.000	21.95
		OFFICE/PROG SUPPLIES	950.002	297.99
		OFFICE/PROG SUPPLIES	730.000	20.98
				2,103.40
06/16/2026	AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	H. SAVAGE DUES	808.000	215.00
06/16/2026	BELLEVILLE AREA INDEPENDENT	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE	901.004	98.00
06/16/2026	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	DENTAL	716.000	834.51
06/16/2026	CITY ELEVATOR OF MICHIGAN	BLDG MAINT/REPAIR	931.000	300.00
06/16/2026	CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	851.000	445.22
06/16/2026	DC LAWN & SNOW	OUTSIDE MAINT, LAWN/LANDSCAPING	809.007	700.00
06/16/2026	DTE ENERGY	SUMPTER GAS, ELECTRIC	921.000	66.11
		SUMPTER GAS, ELECTRIC	922.000	122.77
				188.88
06/16/2026	GARDEN FANTASY GREENHOUSES	SPRING PLANTING	775.000	250.00
06/16/2026	JRS ENTERPRISES, INC.	FREE COMIC BOOK DAY PROGRAM SUPPLIES	950.002	285.00
06/16/2026	MCLS	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	808.000	250.00
06/16/2026	MEC, INC	BLDG MAINT, QUOTE: Q2026-26	931.000	2,985.00
06/16/2026	MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	MEMBER RENEW, A. GRESCHAW	808.000	85.00
06/16/2026	POPULIST	COZADD ROLLER SHADE REPAIR, BELLELIB	931.000	155.00
06/16/2026	SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA	JUNE ACCT SERVICES	805.000	1,125.00
06/16/2026	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	RING CENTRAL, TELEPHONE	851.000	508.63
		BOOKS & MATLS, BELL20	981.000	18,045.84
				18,554.47
Total For Fund:				70,611.31
Report Total:				70,611.31

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2026

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

June: Adults: 29 Youth: 6

LIBRARY VISITS	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	14,107	12,846	9.82%
Fiscal Year	139,360	147,430	-5.47%

TOTAL CIRC	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	20,082	19,040	5.47%
Fiscal Year	238,828	244,694	-2.40%

ADULT PROGRAMMING	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	642	154	316.88%
Fiscal Year	3,553	2,234	59.04%

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	373	691	-46.02%
Fiscal Year	7,123	5,117	39.20%

REF. QUESTIONS	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	1,963	1,852	5.99%
Fiscal Year	20,244	20,383	-0.68%

INTERNET USE	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	1,103	1,059	4.15%
Fiscal Year	12,441	11,838	5.09%

YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET	2025/26	2024/25	% change
June	409	287	42.51%
Fiscal Year	3,799	3,100	22.55%

PROGRAMMING: Summer Reading Program 2026 is in full swing, and the children's room is the place to be! Jazz Night at the Library is on July 15 at 7 pm and features Rob Crozier who will present a wide variety of genres including jazz, blues, country, and folk. "Unpacking Odysseus" on August 6 at 7 pm features John Monaghan, the library's Classic Movie Night expert along with his colleague Harry Campion. This program ties in with the upcoming release of the blockbuster Christopher Nolan movie, *The Odyssey*.

OUTREACH: To date, we have at least 350 sign-ups for our online newsletter, and new library cardholders receive a welcome email from the library that outlines our services and gives them an opportunity to sign-up for the newsletter and program updates. Jessamy continues to work on the new website layout which has many moving parts. I am pursuing a data privacy policy as well as an accessibility statement for the website and may reach out to our attorney for guidance.

2026 GOALS: I have attached my 2026 goals discussed in January with updates to our progress.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Library Services Innovate Amid Transformed Playing Field, Publishers Weekly, June 5, 2026

https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/100631-problem-solvers.html?oly_enc_id=0917F2514689C8U

Public Library Services for Strong Communities Report, Public Library Association, June 23, 2026.

www.ala.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/PLA_Services_Report_2026.pdf

Belleville Area District Library Circulation Report

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	23,563	23,008	20,181	21,416	20,047	17,510	20,427	20,047	23,405	20,146	20,264	21,525
This Year	23,642	22,533	21,044	20,983	20,464	21,106	20,184	19,684	21,513	19,502	19,567	21,016
YTD Circulation												
Last Year	23,563	46,571	66,752	88,168	108,215	125,725	146,152	166,199	189,604	209,750	230,014	251,539
This Year	23,642	46,175	67,219	88,202	108,666	129,772	149,956	169,640	191,153	210,655	230,222	251,238
This Over (Under) Last	0.3%	-0.9%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	3.2%	2.6%	2.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.1%	-0.1%
Last Twelve Months	251,618	251,143	252,006	251,573	251,990	255,586	255,343	254,980	253,088	252,444	251,747	251,238

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	23,642	22,533	21,044	20,983	20,464	21,106	20,184	19,684	21,513	19,502	19,567	21,016
This Year	22,660	22,613	20,982	20,560	19,745	19,197	19,729	18,382	21,870	20,146	19,770	19,040
YTD Circulation												
Last Year	23,642	46,175	67,219	88,202	108,666	129,772	149,956	169,640	191,153	210,655	230,222	251,238
This Year	22,660	45,273	66,255	86,815	106,560	125,757	145,486	163,868	185,738	205,884	225,654	244,694
This Over (Under) Last	-4.2%	-2.0%	-1.4%	-1.6%	-1.9%	-3.1%	-3.0%	-3.4%	-2.8%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-2.6%
Last Twelve Months	250,256	250,336	250,274	249,851	249,132	247,223	246,768	245,466	245,823	246,467	246,670	244,694

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	22,660	22,613	20,982	20,560	19,745	19,197	19,729	18,382	21,870	20,146	19,770	19,040
This Year	22,787	21,204	20,011	20,467	18,735	17,688	19,239	18,975	21,013	19,388	19,239	20,082
YTD Circulation												
Last Year	22,660	45,273	66,255	86,815	106,560	125,757	145,486	163,868	185,738	205,884	225,654	244,694
This Year	22,787	43,991	64,002	84,469	103,204	120,892	140,131	159,106	180,119	199,507	218,746	238,828
This Over (Under) Last	0.6%	-2.8%	-3.4%	-2.7%	-3.1%	-3.9%	-3.7%	-2.9%	-3.0%	-3.1%	-3.1%	-2.4%
Last Twelve Months	244,821	243,412	242,441	242,348	241,338	239,829	239,339	239,932	239,075	238,317	237,786	238,828

Library Visits - Belleville Area District Library

2023-24		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits	Last Year	8,910	10,702	11,256	11,785	9,090	9,050	9,051	9,152	10,536	9,694	9,852	11,055
	This Year	12,119	11,368	11,487	13,656	10,152	10,250	9,548	11,083	10,769	11,442	10,850	11,330
Year To Date													
	Last Year	8,910	19,612	30,868	42,653	51,743	60,793	69,844	78,996	89,532	99,226	109,078	120,133
	This Year	12,119	23,487	34,974	48,630	58,782	69,032	78,580	89,663	100,432	111,874	122,724	134,054
This Over (Under) Last		36.0%	19.8%	13.3%	14.0%	13.6%	13.6%	12.5%	13.5%	12.2%	12.7%	12.5%	11.6%
Last Twelve Months		123,342	124,008	124,239	126,110	127,172	128,372	128,869	130,800	131,033	132,781	133,779	134,054

2024-25		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits	Last Year	12,119	11,368	11,487	13,656	10,152	10,250	9,548	11,083	10,769	11,442	10,850	11,330
	This Year	11,995	11,702	12,348	14,341	15,054	13,277	11,591	9,396	11,759	10,265	12,856	12,846
Year To Date													
	Last Year	12,119	23,487	34,974	48,630	58,782	69,032	78,580	89,663	100,432	111,874	122,724	134,054
	This Year	11,995	23,697	36,045	50,386	65,440	78,717	90,308	99,704	111,463	121,728	134,584	147,430
This Over (Under) Last		-1.0%	0.9%	3.1%	3.6%	11.3%	14.0%	14.9%	11.2%	11.0%	8.8%	9.7%	10.0%
Last Twelve Months		133,930	134,264	135,125	135,810	140,712	143,739	145,782	144,095	145,085	143,908	145,914	147,430

2025-26		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits	Last Year	11,995	11,702	12,348	14,341	15,054	13,277	11,591	9,396	11,759	10,265	12,856	12,846
	This Year	12,746	11,385	12,231	14,132	9,596	9,664	9,537	10,484	11,585	12,748	11,145	14,107
Year To Date	Last Year	11,995	23,697	36,045	50,386	65,440	78,717	90,308	99,704	111,463	121,728	134,584	147,430
	This Year	12,746	24,131	36,362	50,494	60,090	69,754	79,291	89,775	101,360	114,108	125,253	139,360
	This Over (Under) Last	6.3%	1.8%	0.9%	0.2%	-8.2%	-11.4%	-12.2%	-10.0%	-9.1%	-6.3%	-6.9%	-5.5%
Last Twelve Months		148,181	147,864	147,747	147,538	142,080	138,467	136,413	137,501	137,327	139,810	138,099	139,360

Belleville Area District Library Adult Program Attendance

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	79	70	151	174	137	113	82	161	156	172	172	114
This Year	50	51	115	193	130	122	151	213	248	240	212	92
Year To Date												
Last Year	79	149	300	474	611	724	806	967	1,123	1,295	1,467	1,581
This Year	50	101	216	409	539	661	812	1,025	1,273	1,513	1,725	1,817
This Over (Under) Last	-36.7%	-32.2%	-28.0%	-13.7%	-11.8%	-8.7%	0.7%	6.0%	13.4%	16.8%	17.6%	14.9%
Last Twelve Months	1,552	1,533	1,497	1,516	1,509	1,518	1,587	1,639	1,731	1,799	1,839	1,817

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	50	51	115	193	130	122	151	213	248	240	212	92
This Year	99	183	209	190	212	140	140	209	233	211	254	154
Year To Date												
Last Year	50	101	216	409	539	661	812	1,025	1,273	1,513	1,725	1,817
This Year	99	282	491	681	893	1,033	1,173	1,382	1,615	1,826	2,080	2,234
This Over (Under) Last	98.0%	179.2%	127.3%	66.5%	65.7%	56.3%	44.5%	34.8%	26.9%	20.7%	20.6%	22.9%
Last Twelve Months	1,866	1,998	2,092	2,089	2,171	2,189	2,178	2,174	2,159	2,130	2,172	2,234

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	99	183	209	190	212	140	140	209	233	211	254	154
This Year	215	180	374	301	238	159	208	380	329	243	284	642
Year To Date												
Last Year	99	282	491	681	893	1,033	1,173	1,382	1,615	1,826	2,080	2,234
This Year	215	395	769	1,070	1,308	1,467	1,675	2,055	2,384	2,627	2,911	3,553
This Over (Under) Last	117.2%	40.1%	56.6%	57.1%	46.5%	42.0%	42.8%	48.7%	47.6%	43.9%	40.0%	59.0%
Last Twelve Months	2,350	2,347	2,512	2,623	2,649	2,668	2,736	2,907	3,003	3,035	3,065	3,553

Belleville Area District Library Youth/Teen Program Attendance

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	606	92	246	294	274	619	208	311	474	449	1,194	1,696
This Year	663	260	330	318	371	712	274	454	324	354	2,509	654
Year To Date												
Last Year	606	698	944	1,238	1,512	2,131	2,339	2,650	3,124	3,573	4,767	6,463
This Year	663	923	1,253	1,571	1,942	2,654	2,928	3,382	3,706	4,060	6,569	7,223
This Over (Under) Last	9.4%	32.2%	32.7%	26.9%	28.4%	24.5%	25.2%	27.6%	18.6%	13.6%	37.8%	11.8%
Last Twelve Months	6,520	6,688	6,772	6,796	6,893	6,986	7,052	7,195	7,045	6,950	8,265	7,223

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	663	260	330	318	371	712	274	454	324	354	2,509	654
This Year	776	33	425	331	406	711	270	245	596	219	414	691
Year To Date												
Last Year	663	923	1,253	1,571	1,942	2,654	2,928	3,382	3,706	4,060	6,569	7,223
This Year	776	809	1,234	1,565	1,971	2,682	2,952	3,197	3,793	4,012	4,426	5,117
This Over (Under) Last	17.0%	-12.4%	-1.5%	-0.4%	1.5%	1.1%	0.8%	-5.5%	2.3%	-1.2%	-32.6%	-29.2%
Last Twelve Months	7,336	7,109	7,204	7,217	7,252	7,251	7,247	7,038	7,310	7,175	5,080	5,117

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Program Attendance												
Last Year	776	33	425	331	406	711	270	245	596	219	414	691
This Year	1,029	192	396	415	367	656	170	352	555	397	2,221	373
Year To Date												
Last Year	776	809	1,234	1,565	1,971	2,682	2,952	3,197	3,793	4,012	4,426	5,117
This Year	1,029	1,221	1,617	2,032	2,399	3,055	3,225	3,577	4,132	4,529	6,750	7,123
This Over (Under) Last	32.6%	50.9%	31.0%	29.8%	21.7%	13.9%	9.2%	11.9%	8.9%	12.9%	52.5%	39.2%
Last Twelve Months	5,370	5,529	5,500	5,584	5,545	5,490	5,390	5,497	5,456	5,634	7,441	7,123

Belleville Area District Library Reference Questions

2023-2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Reference Questions												
Last Year	1,430	1,696	1,420	1,541	1,405	1,344	1,605	1,485	1,747	1,492	1,570	1,696
This Year	1,511	1,795	1,634	1,722	1,523	1,469	1,599	1,732	1,730	1,841	1,745	1,773
Year To Date												
Last Year	1,430	3,126	4,546	6,087	7,492	8,836	10,441	11,926	13,673	15,165	16,735	18,431
This Year	1,511	3,306	4,940	6,662	8,185	9,654	11,253	12,985	14,715	16,556	18,301	20,074
This Over (Under) Last	5.7%	5.8%	8.7%	9.4%	9.2%	9.3%	7.8%	8.9%	7.6%	9.2%	9.4%	8.9%
Last Twelve Months	18,512	18,611	18,825	19,006	19,124	19,249	19,243	19,490	19,473	19,822	19,997	20,074

2024-2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Reference Questions												
Last Year	1,511	1,795	1,634	1,722	1,523	1,469	1,599	1,732	1,730	1,841	1,745	1,773
This Year	1,810	1,750	1,584	1,733	1,396	1,441	1,758	1,653	1,822	1,738	1,846	1,852
Year To Date												
Last Year	1,511	3,306	4,940	6,662	8,185	9,654	11,253	12,985	14,715	16,556	18,301	20,074
This Year	1,810	3,560	5,144	6,877	8,273	9,714	11,472	13,125	14,947	16,685	18,531	20,383
This Over (Under) Last	19.8%	7.7%	4.1%	3.2%	1.1%	0.6%	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%	1.5%
Last Twelve Months	20,373	20,328	20,278	20,289	20,162	20,134	20,293	20,214	20,306	20,203	20,304	20,383

2025-2026	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Reference Questions												
Last Year	1,810	1,750	1,584	1,733	1,396	1,441	1,758	1,653	1,822	1,738	1,846	1,852
This Year	1,756	1,711	1,657	1,715	924	1,378	1,630	1,762	2,005	1,896	1,847	1,963
Year To Date												
Last Year	1,810	3,560	5,144	6,877	8,273	9,714	11,472	13,125	14,947	16,685	18,531	20,383
This Year	1,756	3,467	5,124	6,839	7,763	9,141	10,771	12,533	14,538	16,434	18,281	20,244
This Over (Under) Last	-3.0%	-2.6%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-6.2%	-5.9%	-6.1%	-4.5%	-2.7%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-0.7%
Last Twelve Months	20,329	20,290	20,363	20,345	19,873	19,810	19,682	19,791	19,974	20,132	20,133	20,244

Belleville Area District Library Internet Usage

2023-24		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet	Last Year	834	1,029	930	1,064	937	787	999	894	1,015	967	1,030	1,040
	This Year	1,066	1,273	1,049	1,069	833	824	868	933	952	1,130	1,054	969
Year To Date		834	1,863	2,793	3,857	4,794	5,581	6,580	7,474	8,489	9,456	10,486	11,526
This Year	Last Year	1,066	2,339	3,388	4,457	5,290	6,114	6,982	7,915	8,867	9,997	11,051	12,020
	This Over (Under) Last	27.8%	25.6%	21.3%	15.6%	10.3%	9.6%	6.1%	5.9%	4.5%	5.7%	5.4%	4.3%
Last Twelve Months		11,758	12,002	12,121	12,126	12,022	12,059	11,928	11,967	11,904	12,067	12,091	12,020

2024-25		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet	Last Year	1,066	1,273	1,049	1,069	833	824	868	933	952	1,130	1,054	969
	This Year	1,088	1,112	972	1,014	828	820	893	853	1,119	1,021	1,059	1,059
Year To Date		1,066	2,339	3,388	4,457	5,290	6,114	6,982	7,915	8,867	9,997	11,051	12,020
This Year	Last Year	1,088	2,200	3,172	4,186	5,014	5,834	6,727	7,580	8,699	9,720	10,779	11,838
	This Over (Under) Last	2.1%	-5.9%	-6.4%	-6.1%	-5.2%	-4.6%	-3.7%	-4.2%	-1.9%	-2.8%	-2.5%	-1.5%
Last Twelve Months		12,042	11,881	11,804	11,749	11,744	11,740	11,765	11,685	11,852	11,743	11,748	11,838

2025-26		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet	Last Year	1,088	1,112	972	1,014	828	820	893	853	1,119	1,021	1,059	1,059
	This Year	1,107	1,072	1,181	1,168	918	835	909	911	1,077	1,063	1,097	1,103
Year To Date		1,088	2,200	3,172	4,186	5,014	5,834	6,727	7,580	8,699	9,720	10,779	11,838
This Year	Last Year	1,107	2,179	3,360	4,528	5,446	6,281	7,190	8,101	9,178	10,241	11,338	12,441
	This Over (Under) Last	1.7%	-1.0%	5.9%	8.2%	8.6%	7.7%	6.9%	6.9%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%
Last Twelve Months		11,857	11,817	12,026	12,180	12,270	12,285	12,301	12,359	12,317	12,359	12,397	12,441

Belleville Area District Library Youth/Teen Internet Usage

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet												
Last Year	150	180	174	200	183	179	191	204	246	223	274	317
This Year	267	346	245	362	249	290	213	282	251	295	279	278
Year To Date												
Last Year	150	330	504	704	887	1,066	1,257	1,461	1,707	1,930	2,204	2,521
This Year	267	613	858	1,220	1,469	1,759	1,972	2,254	2,505	2,800	3,079	3,357
This Over (Under) Last	78.0%	85.8%	70.2%	73.3%	65.6%	65.0%	56.9%	54.3%	46.7%	45.1%	39.7%	33.2%
Last Twelve Months	2,638	2,804	2,875	3,037	3,103	3,214	3,236	3,314	3,319	3,391	3,396	3,357

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet												
Last Year	267	346	245	362	249	290	213	282	251	295	279	278
This Year	280	299	219	337	228	226	224	195	293	225	287	287
Year To Date												
Last Year	267	613	858	1,220	1,469	1,759	1,972	2,254	2,505	2,800	3,079	3,357
This Year	280	579	798	1,135	1,363	1,589	1,813	2,008	2,301	2,526	2,813	3,100
This Over (Under) Last	4.9%	-5.5%	-7.0%	-7.0%	-7.2%	-9.7%	-8.1%	-10.9%	-8.1%	-9.8%	-8.6%	-7.7%
Last Twelve Months	3,370	3,323	3,297	3,272	3,251	3,187	3,198	3,111	3,153	3,083	3,091	3,100

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Internet												
Last Year	280	299	219	337	228	226	224	195	293	225	287	287
This Year	434	323	307	322	279	250	264	317	280	295	319	409
Year To Date												
Last Year	280	579	798	1,135	1,363	1,589	1,813	2,008	2,301	2,526	2,813	3,100
This Year	113	436	743	1,065	1,344	1,594	1,858	2,175	2,455	2,750	3,069	3,478
This Over (Under) Last	-59.6%	-24.7%	-6.9%	-6.2%	-1.4%	0.3%	2.5%	8.3%	6.7%	8.9%	9.1%	12.2%
Last Twelve Months	2,933	2,957	3,045	3,030	3,081	3,105	3,145	3,267	3,254	3,324	3,356	3,478

Circulation - Sumpter Media Center

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	294	251	269	152	260	251	304	152	288	275	242	250
This Year	313	182	235	301	258	304	258	210	292	207	224	195
Year To Date												
Last Year	294	545	814	966	1,226	1,477	1,781	1,933	2,221	2,496	2,738	2,988
This Year	313	495	730	1,031	1,289	1,593	1,851	2,061	2,353	2,560	2,784	2,979
This Over (Under) Last	6.5%	-9.2%	-10.3%	6.7%	5.1%	7.9%	3.9%	6.6%	5.9%	2.6%	1.7%	-0.3%
Last Twelve Months	3,007	2,938	2,904	3,053	3,051	3,104	3,058	3,116	3,120	3,052	3,034	2,979

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	313	182	235	301	258	304	258	210	292	207	224	195
This Year	274	240	197	258	306	277	204	226	284	249	252	238
Year To Date												
Last Year	313	495	730	1,031	1,289	1,593	1,851	2,061	2,353	2,560	2,784	2,979
This Year	274	514	711	969	1,275	1,552	1,756	1,982	2,266	2,515	2,767	3,005
This Over (Under) Last	-12.5%	3.8%	-2.6%	-6.0%	-1.1%	-2.6%	-5.1%	-3.8%	-3.7%	-1.8%	-0.6%	0.9%
Last Twelve Months	2,940	2,998	2,960	2,917	2,965	2,938	2,884	2,900	2,892	2,934	2,962	3,005

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Monthly Circulation												
Last Year	274	240	197	258	306	277	204	226	284	249	252	238
This Year	238	307	111	149	220	263	225	186	170	194	141	154
Year To Date												
Last Year	274	514	711	969	1,275	1,552	1,756	1,982	2,266	2,515	2,767	3,005
This Year	238	545	656	805	1,025	1,288	1,513	1,699	1,869	2,063	2,204	2,358
This Over (Under) Last	-13.1%	6.0%	-7.7%	-16.9%	-19.6%	-17.0%	-13.8%	-14.3%	-17.5%	-18.0%	-20.3%	-21.5%
Last Twelve Months	2,969	3,036	2,950	2,841	2,755	2,741	2,762	2,722	2,608	2,553	2,442	2,358

Library Visits - Sumpter Media Center

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	52	63	60	51	59	54	65	68	60	55	62	62
This Year	64	66	68	38	69	60	71	77	86	77	75	89
Year To Date												
Last Year	52	115	175	226	285	339	404	472	532	587	649	711
This Year	64	130	198	236	305	365	436	513	599	676	751	840
This Over (Under) Last	23.1%	13.0%	13.1%	4.4%	7.0%	7.7%	7.9%	8.7%	12.6%	15.2%	15.7%	18.1%
Last Twelve Months	723	726	734	721	731	737	743	752	778	800	813	840

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	64	66	68	38	69	60	71	77	86	77	75	89
This Year	74	67	56	78	59	51	70	65	69	58	76	66
Year To Date												
Last Year	64	130	198	236	305	365	436	513	599	676	751	840
This Year	74	141	197	275	334	385	455	520	589	647	723	789
This Over (Under) Last	15.6%	8.5%	-0.5%	16.5%	9.5%	5.5%	4.4%	1.4%	-1.7%	-4.3%	-3.7%	-6.1%
Last Twelve Months	850	851	839	879	869	860	859	847	830	811	812	789

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	74	67	56	78	59	51	70	65	69	58	76	66
This Year	94	59	122	74	65	54	67	80	91	68	57	73
Year To Date												
Last Year	74	141	197	275	334	385	455	520	589	647	723	789
This Year	94	153	275	349	414	468	535	615	706	774	831	904
This Over (Under) Last	27.0%	8.5%	39.6%	26.9%	24.0%	21.6%	17.6%	18.3%	19.9%	19.6%	14.9%	14.6%
Last Twelve Months	809	801	867	863	869	872	869	884	906	916	897	904

Reference Questions - Sumpter Media Center

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	17	37	14	13	9	19	24	16	30	13	13	24
This Year	18	22	22	15	22	23	23	24	33	23	27	26
Year To Date												
Last Year	17	54	68	81	90	109	133	149	179	192	205	229
This Year	18	40	62	77	99	122	145	169	202	225	252	278
This Over (Under) Last	5.9%	-25.9%	-8.8%	-4.9%	10.0%	11.9%	9.0%	13.4%	12.8%	17.2%	22.9%	21.4%
Last Twelve Months	230	215	223	225	238	242	241	249	252	262	276	278

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	18	22	22	15	22	23	23	24	33	23	27	26
This Year	26	15	16	22	19	23	13	32	32	19	47	35
Year To Date												
Last Year	18	40	62	77	99	122	145	169	202	225	252	278
This Year	26	41	57	79	98	121	134	166	198	217	264	299
This Over (Under) Last	44.4%	2.5%	-8.1%	2.6%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-7.6%	-1.8%	-2.0%	-3.6%	4.8%	7.6%
Last Twelve Months	286	279	273	280	277	277	267	275	274	270	290	299

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Library Visits												
Last Year	26	15	16	22	19	23	13	32	32	19	47	35
This Year	26	19	27	25	27	21	22	20	28	30	34	39
Year To Date												
Last Year	26	41	57	79	98	121	134	166	198	217	264	299
This Year	26	45	72	97	124	145	167	187	215	245	279	318
This Over (Under) Last	0.0%	9.8%	26.3%	22.8%	26.5%	19.8%	24.6%	12.7%	8.6%	12.9%	5.7%	6.4%
Last Twelve Months	299	303	314	317	325	323	332	320	316	327	314	318

Computer Use - Sumpter Media Center

2023-24	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Computer Use												
Last Year	16	31	27	24	24	32	35	18	27	25	28	35
This Year	25	23	30	18	33	20	34	30	42	30	37	31
Year To Date												
Last Year	16	47	74	98	122	154	189	207	234	259	287	322
This Year	25	48	78	96	129	149	183	213	255	285	322	353
This Over (Under) Last	56.3%	2.1%	5.4%	-2.0%	5.7%	-3.2%	-3.2%	2.9%	9.0%	10.0%	12.2%	9.6%
Last Twelve Months	331	323	326	320	329	317	316	328	343	348	357	353

2024-25	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Computer Use												
Last Year	25	23	30	18	33	20	34	30	42	30	37	31
This Year	27	20	15	24	19	19	29	21	22	9	30	25
Year To Date												
Last Year	25	48	78	96	129	149	183	213	255	285	322	353
This Year	27	47	62	86	105	124	153	174	196	205	235	260
This Over (Under) Last	8.0%	-2.1%	-20.5%	-10.4%	-18.6%	-16.8%	-16.4%	-18.3%	-23.1%	-28.1%	-27.0%	-26.3%
Last Twelve Months	355	352	337	343	329	328	323	314	294	273	266	260

2025-26	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Computer Use												
Last Year	27	20	15	24	19	19	29	21	22	9	30	25
This Year	113	24	31	25	25	25	17	24	28	30	25	23
Year To Date												
Last Year	27	47	62	86	105	124	153	174	196	205	235	260
This Year	113	137	168	193	218	243	260	284	312	342	367	390
This Over (Under) Last	318.5%	191.5%	171.0%	124.4%	107.6%	96.0%	69.9%	63.2%	59.2%	66.8%	56.2%	50.0%
Last Twelve Months	346	350	366	367	373	379	367	370	376	397	392	390

2026 Goals – Mid Year Update

Building:

Issue a Landscaping Request for Proposal. **Status: Completed.**

Work with cleaners on value added services. **Status: Working with cleaners on improved communication. Monitoring and providing them with feedback.**

Re-assess space and seating on 2nd floor. **Status: Rearranged furniture to add tables to terrace window area and moved lounge seating to area behind the reference desk.**

Update the flagpole lighting. **Status: Completed.**

Repair staff furniture electrical outlets. **Status: Not completed.**

Work on a library how-to manual: **Status: In progress.**

Flesh out the library building maintenance calendar

Develop an administrative calendar

Obtain quotes and implement a new elevator service contract. **Status: Completed.**

Staff:

Continue to adjust staff workflows including making some adjustments to departments and job duties. **Status: Adjustments have been made in the circulation and youth departments as well as in administration. The library is looking into replacing our interns who have graduated from library school.**

Policies:

Financial and bylaws. **Status: Bylaws and associated policies have been revised.**

Strategic Planning:

Update the library's demographic data. **Status: In process.**

Evaluate our current mission and values statements to see if they need to be updated.

Describe how our services are fulfilling the values statements.

Technology:

Evaluate and purchase new self-check and print release kiosks (existing kiosks will no longer be supported beginning September 2026). **Status: Obtaining quote.**

Update website design and continue to implement ADA required enhancements. **Status: In process. Very close to launching the new website.**

Outreach:

Continue to develop programming at the branch. **Status: Ongoing. Held a very successful astronomy program outside of the branch in the pavilion area.**

Implementation of LibConnect to create targeted emails, online newsletters, and information to our library patrons. (The LibConnect software works with our library's automation system and with our online events calendar). **Status: The first online newsletter was issued. Patrons may sign up for the newsletters and event reminders. New library cardholders receive a welcome email outlining the library's services.**

Enhancement of the library's social media presence. **Status: Ongoing.**

Continue to work with our community partners, including but not limited to: The Friends of the Library, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the Central Business Community, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, the Belleville Rotary Club, the Belleville Kiwanis Club, the Belleville Area Museum, Van Buren Schools, etc.

Status: Always ongoing. We have co-sponsored programs with Rotary and Kiwanis. The Friends support many of our programs including Jazz Night and the Summer Reading Programs. BACA helps to support Classic Movie Night. The library has allowed for the expansion of the Farmers Market along the parking lot side of the building.



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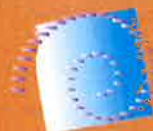
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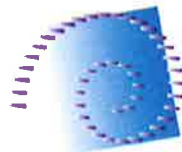
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**History, myth,
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Harry Champion and John Monaghan taught The Odyssey for nearly 20 years in their AP Lit courses at Grosse Pointe South. Unpacking Odysseus will run much like their classes, relying heavily on Champion's knowledge of Greek art and Mythology, while Monaghan, a film historian and former Detroit Free Press film critic, will discuss the work of director Nolan (The Dark Knight, Dunkirk, Oppenheimer) and how this story aligns with his previous films.



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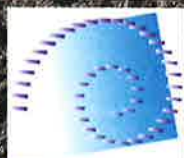


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