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**Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Kusler-Cox Auditorium, Rundel Memorial Library Building
June 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
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Benjamin

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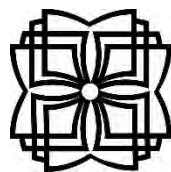
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August 27, 2025
Central Library, Rundel Memorial Building**



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**Meeting of the RPL Board of Trustees
Central Library, Rundel Memorial Building
May 28, 2025
Minutes**

RPL Trustees Present: Donna Benjamin, Ellen Brenner, Elizabeth Call, Marcus Cooper, Alinda Drury, Daniel Karin, Sarah Murphy Abbamonte, Sharon Salluzzo, Suzanne Stockman, Jeffrey Tucker (quorum present)

RPL Trustees Excused: James Kraus

Staff and Guests: City Law Department Liaison, Allison Bartlett; FFRPL Liaison, Donna Borgus; staff members, Emily Clasper, Brie Harrison, Katy Hasselwander, BJ Scanlon, Ana Suro

Call to Order

E. Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., welcomed trustees, staff, and guests, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comments

No members of the public were present who wished to address the board.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

Personnel Changes

A. Suro called attention to the personnel changes and staffing levels for April 7, 2025–May 9, 2025, and offered to answer questions. S. Salluzzo MADE A MOTION to approve the personnel changes. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Reports

K. Hasselwander reviewed the financial reports with the trustees and offered to answer questions.

D. Benjamin joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

E. Call MADE A MOTION to approve the monthly financial reports as presented and approved by the RPL Finance Committee. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2025-26 Central Library Budget Updates

K. Hasselwander reviewed the budget changes with everyone and offered to answer questions. A. Drury MADE A MOTION to approve the amended 2025-26 Central Library Budget at \$12,436,700, an increase of \$97,900 from February. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2025-26 Community Library Budget Updates

K. Hasselwander reviewed the budget changes with everyone and offered to answer questions. E. Call MADE A MOTION to approve the amended 2025-26 Community Library Budget of \$5,617,800, a decrease of \$72,500 from February. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Central Library Program Aid FY26

K. Hasselwander reviewed the program aid with everyone and offered to answer questions. S. Salluzzo MADE A MOTION to approve the NYSED Central Library Development Aid of \$329,600 for the 2025-26 budget cycle. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hacker Fund Grant Acceptance for Central Library

E. Clasper reviewed the action item and offered to answer questions. After brief discussion, S. Murphy Abbamonte MADE A MOTION to accept a \$713 grant from the Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries funded by the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) to support the creation of VIP Pass Explorer Kits at the Central Library. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hacker Fund Grant Acceptance for Charlotte Branch Library

B. Scanlon reviewed the action item and offered to answer questions. After brief discussion, J. Tucker MADE A MOTION to accept a \$1,487 grant from the Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries funded by the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) to support the Recording Your Story project at the Charlotte Branch Library. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hacker Fund Grant Acceptance for Winton Branch Library

B. Scanlon reviewed the action item and offered to answer questions. After brief discussion, A. Drury MADE A MOTION to accept a \$1,000 grant from the Harold Hacker Fund for the Advancement of Libraries funded by the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) to support the Winton Branch Library's development of a new circulating collection of Tonie and Yoto audio boxes. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Temporary Closure of Sully Branch Library for HVAC and Lighting Upgrades

B. Scanlon reviewed the action item and offered to answer questions. After brief discussion, E. Brenner MADE A MOTION to approve the closure of Sully Branch library from September 7, 2025–October 26, 2025, or a similar time frame to align with the construction schedule, for HVAC and lighting upgrades. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Liaison to the Monroe County Library System (MCLS) Board

S. Stockman reported that the MCLS Board approved the MCLS budget totaling \$4,841,274, which included a significant increase in Microsoft 365 license costs of \$65.75 per user per year. The Board also recommended trustee appointments and reappointments to the Monroe County Legislature, including her own reappointment to a final five-year term and new trustees Francesca Padilla and Jamia Williams to full five-year terms. The Board made a partial-term appointment for Mei Qi to replace Emily Hennessey Lynch, who is resigning.

Liaison from the Reynolds Library Board

S. Salluzzo reported that the Reynolds board approved Emily Clasper as a new board member for a one-year term, filling the role previously held by the retired library director. They also approved the annual audit and finalized the distribution of funds for the upcoming year, allocating \$15,000 for the director's discretionary fund and over \$198,000 for Rochester Public Library. Four board members - Betsy Gilbert, Bruce Marché, Kathy Miller, and Kathy Nixon - were re-elected to another three-year term. Additionally, President Justin Stevens will be taking a sabbatical, which means the board will have a vice president handling the president's responsibilities for the next year.

Liaison from the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL)

D. Borgus reported that FFRPL is funding \$10,000 in grants from the Harold Hacker fund. In addition to the three for RPL, other recipients include the Rochester City School District Library System, St. John Fisher University library, and the Seymour library of Brockport. Their projects include exploring misinformation, creating an information literacy assessment tool, and developing early literacy kits.

FFRPL has been working with RPL to develop a memorandum of understanding for the next year. They are also supporting a part-time employee in the branches for the Safe to be Smart program. The Annual Fund campaign is ongoing, with the end date of June 30, and the organization is seeking 100% board participation.

FFRPL is currently undertaking a significant database management project and performing a data migration.

Lastly, she reported the legacy programs for the season have been completed, with videos available on the FFRPL website.

D. Karin left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Director's Report/Central Library

E. Clasper offered to answer question about the written report. In response to an inquiry regarding the potential redevelopment of the High Falls Visitor Center, Clasper confirmed that the idea is being actively explored by Christine Ridarsky, the City and County Historian. While there are no definitive plans at present, discussions are underway in collaboration with partners at High Falls. Clasper acknowledged the longstanding interest in such a project and is hopeful that progress may be realized especially given the new development of the surrounding park. She stated that if a viable opportunity emerges, the library intends to participate.

Next, in response to a question about the Erie Canal bicentennial. She shared that planning is being led by C. Ridarsky in partnership with various county organizations. While some events and observances have already taken place, the commemorative efforts are being implemented across an extended timeline rather than as a singular event. Clasper offered to reach out to Ridarsky for a more comprehensive summary of activities. She is not aware of a centralized source for bicentennial event listings but suggested that Visit Rochester and the New York State Canal Corporation are maintaining calendars.

Clasper announced that Sarah Lehman has been selected as the new Associate Director for the Central Library. Lehman, currently the Branch Manager of the Lincoln Branch Library, will assume the new role following the conclusion of her parental leave, with onboarding scheduled to begin September 8. Until then, existing management staff will provide interim support at the Central Library to ensure continuity of leadership and operations.

E. Call left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Next, she provided an update on the Patron Incident Tracking System (PITS), which was funded by the Friends & Foundation of RPL as a one-year pilot. Following training in October, the system was launched on November 1. In the first six months of use, 231 incidents were recorded across the RPL system. These included a range of situations, from medical concerns to more serious security matters. Approximately 68% of the incidents occurred at the Central Library, with the remaining 32% distributed among the city's branch libraries. PITS has significantly improved communication and coordination among staff by providing timely notifications and centralized access to relevant documentation, including barring letters and security footage. A recent staff survey indicated strong support for the tool and identified areas for workflow and software enhancements. Suggestions have been relayed to the system's developers, who responded positively and are exploring feasible upgrades. The statistics confirmed that most security incidents at the Central Library occur in the Technology Center and the first floor of the Bausch & Lomb building. This data has helped staff direct resources more

effectively, including adjusting security coverage and ensuring proper camera placement. Additionally, the Father Tracy Advocacy Center’s location was moved from the second floor to the Technology Center. This shift allows the organization to provide more immediate support, particularly in cases involving mental health or social services, while still maintaining space upstairs for working with families.

Clasper announced upcoming travel in June. She will attend a training session in Albany for new library system directors and later the American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia. In addition to serving on three ALA committees, she plans to engage in conversations about federal funding and emerging technologies as RPL prepares for a new library system RFP.

In response to a question about a recent advocacy session organized by BJ Scanlon, she reported that the event was not recorded. However, the presentation slides are available on the FFRPL website and include relevant bill numbers and advocacy talking points. The session is expected to be offered again with updates.

Clasper addressed the growing demand for help with digital services, including DMV-related tasks. She emphasized the library’s role in bridging digital access gaps and noted that staff often assist with government processes due to a lack of public-facing support elsewhere. RPL continues to request advance materials from agencies to better assist patrons but is not always successful. Some agencies are even surprised to hear that the library is involved in helping their clients navigate their online processes.

Finally, in response to a question, Clasper will report back to the trustees about any recent collaborations with the Golisano Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship.

Capital Projects Update

B. Harrison provided an update on the Northeast Branch Library project, following an earlier email from E. Clasper. She shared that the Planning Board approved a special use permit for the library, while the Zoning Board of Appeals approved most of the application for the Fernwood Avenue apartment development. Design revisions are underway to address requests for greater transparency, including the addition of more windows on the south tower, which will house the library.

A project website is now available featuring renderings, the current site plan, funding information, and responses to frequently asked questions. Outreach has been ongoing, with more intensive efforts currently underway. A community information session co-hosted with the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) is scheduled for June 11 and will include updates and an opportunity for public feedback. Library trustees are encouraged to attend.

In August, the Library Board will be asked to consider endorsement of a city grant to RHA for the library’s construction; approval to apply for a New York State construction grant for the interior buildout; and endorsement of a 30-year lease agreement with RHA. The lease must be approved by City Council and board endorsement may be helpful. The value of the city’s grant will likely offset lease costs for many years, though the library will be responsible for utilities and shared maintenance expenses.

In response to a question about staffing, Harrison noted that board endorsement of an updated operating budget will be requested. The estimated annual cost of operating the new branch is just under \$500,000, a figure that has been shared with the city since the project’s inception. If construction begins as expected in September 2025, the library could open within 18 months and planning for staffing would begin then.

In response to a question about security and if RHA will handle the building security, Harrison stated that security will follow the model used at other branches, with part-time library staff supplemented by RHA’s full-time on-site personnel and a monitored security system. The final package of board actions is anticipated for August or September, depending on progress with design, cost estimating, and lease negotiations.

Community Libraries

B. Scanlon offered to answer questions about the written report. He commended the advocacy workshop's success and the participation of board members. He stressed the importance of developing advocacy skills among trustees.

Next, he reported that the library will launch a summer library card patron of the month program, designed to incentivize new library card registrations through media prize raffles.

He outlined a collaborative effort with Rochester City School District to celebrate graduating valedictorians by displaying their photographs and recognizing their academic achievements. The new posters will replace the “Read” posters in the windows on the first floor of the Bausch and Lomb Public Library Building.

Next, Scanlon highlighted several branch-specific developments, including an enhanced summer reading program with expanded prize funding, a mural renovation at the Wheatley branch, and the installation of a lactation pod at the Lincoln branch.

Scanlon shared that the health and safety committee has made significant progress, including plans to purchase AEDs for branches and develop comprehensive fire drill protocols. He then detailed branch closures for staff training at Charlotte, Sully, Monroe, and Winton branches. Training and activities included staff meetings; collection reorganization; and educational programs on local history, underground railroad studies, and emergency response techniques.

Lastly, he announced his new role on the Writers and Books adult programming committee, further demonstrating the library's commitment to community engagement and cultural programming.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Dan Karin, Secretary

**ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PERSONNEL CHANGES
May 12, 2025 – June 6, 2025**

➤ **NEW HIRES**

Fields, Laquanda	Library Assistant/PT/Central/Teen Center	05/20/2025
Ryan, Adam	Clerk III/Typing/PT/Central/Circulation Department	06/02/2025
Tomaszewski, Joshua	Librarian I/PT/Central/Technology Center	05/24/2025

➤ **PROMOTION**

Gonzalez, Carmen	FROM: Clerk Typist/PT/Sully Branch	
	TO: Clerk III/TYP/PT/Sully Branch	06/02/2025

➤ **RESIGNATIONS**

Catlin, Danielle	Clerk Typist/PT/Lyell Branch	05/24/2025
Liberto, Reily	Clerk Typist/PT/Central/Reynolds Media Center	05/10/2025
Mitchell, James	Clerk III/Typing/PT/Sully Branch	05/30/2025
Parks, Nelson	Maintenance Worker/PT/Central/Facilities Department	06/06/2025

STAFFING

Full-Time Positions	Central	Branches
Budgeted	82	31
Filled	80	27
Vacancies	2	4
Part-time Positions	Central	Branches
Budgeted	105	136
Filled	75	98
Vacancies	30	38

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Financial Report – Summary
June 25, 2025, Board Meeting**

Central Financial Report, May 2025

Salary & Benefits: Salaries, wages, and overtime are within budget.

Equipment & Supplies: Materials purchases and other expenses are projected to be within budget.

Services & Charges: Services & Charges expenses are within budget. Quarterly utility invoices occur (\$32,000).

Cash Capital: No new expenses since March. Remaining funds are reserved for planned expenses (HVAC) and unknown needs with upcoming construction projects. The report only reflects FY25 funds, which remain unspent.

Community Financial Report, May 2025

Salary & Benefits: Salaries and wages are within budget.

Equipment & Supplies: Materials purchases and supplies are within budget. SentinelOne endpoint protection software expense was split between LAS and Branches (\$8,075).

Services & Charges: Services & Charges expenses are within budget. Additional funds were transferred for contracted security services as needed (Lincoln). Quarterly utility invoices occur (\$8,500).

Cash Capital: Minor technology purchases (\$2,700) hit prior year funds.

Central Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fiscal YTD (through May 31, 2025)					
Category	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenses FISCAL YTD	Remaining Balance % of Budget
Salary & Benefits	Full-Time Salaries	4,943,000	4,943,000	4,541,977	401,023 91.9%
	Part-Time/Temp Salaries	1,597,400	1,579,300	1,246,997	332,303 79.0%
	Overtime	17,500	17,500	18,790	(1,290) 107.4%
	Employee Benefits	3,310,600	3,310,600	2,763,211	547,389 83.5%
	Employee Development	27,700	35,426	28,388	7,038 80.1%
	Other	59,800	58,300	49,158	9,142 84.3%
Sub Total		9,956,000	9,944,126	8,648,521	1,295,605 87.0%
Equipment & Supplies	Materials Budget	505,000	507,214	413,589	93,625 81.5%
	Other Furnishings & Equipment	10,100	4,500	339	4,161 7.5%
	Office Supplies	56,500	66,167	36,076	30,091 54.5%
	Other Materials & Supplies	51,000	54,182	33,084	21,098 61.1%
	Sub Total	622,600	632,062	483,088	148,974 76.4%
Services & Charges	Utilities	467,500	467,500	430,924	36,576 92.2%
	Facility Maintenance	103,400	120,801	60,859	59,942 50.4%
	Professional Services/Fees	221,600	234,207	186,084	48,123 79.5%
	Chargebacks	80,700	92,628	53,486	39,142 57.7%
	Service Charges - Other Gov't	51,400	51,400	39,092	12,308 76.1%
	Telecommunications	14,200	17,250	11,196	6,054 64.9%
	Other Expenses	204,400	218,993	98,683	120,310 45.1%
	Sub Total	1,143,200	1,202,779	880,324	322,455 73.2%
TOTAL EXPENSED		11,721,800	11,778,967	10,011,933	1,767,034 85.4%
Central Cash Capital	Facility Maintenance Allocation	94,000	94,000	0	94,000 0.0%
REVENUE RECEIPTS		11,736,100	11,736,100	6,827,579	4,908,521
		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Central Library Support from City + Central Revenue	Outstanding Revenue

Community Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024-25						
Fiscal YTD (through May 31, 2025)						
Category	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenses FISCAL YTD	Remaining Balance	% of Budget
Salary & Benefits	Full-Time Salaries	2,080,100	2,051,900	1,712,755	339,145	83.5%
	Part-Time/Temp Salaries	2,026,400	1,993,600	1,713,308	280,292	85.9%
	Overtime	2,000	2,000	9,093	(7,093)	454.7%
	Employee Development	22,900	20,810	12,731	8,079	61.2%
	Other	28,300	28,300	18,644	9,656	65.9%
Sub Total		4,159,700	4,096,610	3,466,531	620,424	84.6%
Equipment & Supplies	Materials Budget	496,600	538,968	407,987	130,980	75.7%
	Office Supplies	37,700	37,780	30,981	6,799	82.0%
	Other Materials & Supplies	34,500	47,012	24,081	22,932	51.2%
Sub Total		568,800	623,760	463,049	160,711	74.2%
Services & Charges	Utilities	224,500	229,993	185,610	44,383	80.7%
	Facility Maintenance	39,000	39,381	22,431	16,950	57.0%
	Professional Services/Fees	376,800	435,342	191,776	243,566	44.1%
	Chargebacks	27,300	37,982	29,600	8,382	77.9%
	Service Charges - Other Gov't	7,500	7,300	7,201	99	98.6%
	Telecommunications	21,400	18,831	13,851	4,980	73.6%
	Other Expenses	52,500	60,102	44,990	15,112	74.9%
	Sub Total	749,000	828,931	495,458	333,473	59.8%
TOTAL EXPENSED		5,477,500	5,549,301	4,425,038	1,114,608	79.7%
Community Cash Capital	Computers & Equipment	10,000	10,000	2,107	7,893	21.1%
	Library Furnishings	12,000	12,000	10,909	1,091	90.9%
	Library Facilities	41,000	41,000	3,784	37,216	9.2%
	Library Capital Projects*	40,000				
Cash Capital Total		103,000	63,000	16,800	46,200	26.7%
REVENUE RECEIPTS		390,461	390,461	240,157	150,304	
		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Receipts FISCAL YTD	Outstanding Revenue	
* Projects administered by City DES						

Trust Funds Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024-25						
Fiscal YTD (through June 6, 2025)						
	Allocation	Carry-forward	TOTAL	YTD Expenses	% of Total	
Reynolds Fund - RPL	4229	\$144,857	\$70,945	\$215,802	\$143,904	66.7%
Fenevessy (Central + Branch bal)	4224	\$31,369	\$40,978	\$72,347	\$71,108	98.3%
Kenyon-Jeffries Fund	4233	\$20,191	\$10,806	\$30,997	\$29,500	95.2%
Purton Fund	4231	\$17,007	\$3,716	\$20,723	\$20,533	99.1%
Gleason Fund	4225	\$15,862				
Gleason Fund (FFRPL)	4225	\$12,183	\$15,427	\$43,472	\$22,388	51.5%
Gervickas Fund	4235	\$6,045	\$8,157	\$14,203	\$4,709	33.2%
Taylor Fund	4226	\$3,610	\$4,030	\$7,640	\$6,130	80.2%
Boland Fund	4232	\$1,541	\$1,535	\$3,076	\$572	18.6%
Carnahan Fund	4228	\$1,555	\$0	\$1,555	\$902	58.0%
Poletto Fund	4234	\$1,555	\$0	\$1,555	\$953	61.3%
Beeney Fund (FFRPL)	4227	\$4,878	\$2,829	\$7,707	\$3,041	39.5%
Craig Fund (FFRPL)	4236	\$2,716	\$1,209	\$3,925	\$243	6.2%
Holtzman Fund (FFRPL)	4239	\$1,560	\$1,851	\$3,411	\$2,143	62.8%
Lee Fund (FFRPL)	4237	\$1,475	\$2,581	\$4,056	\$1,022	25.2%
Vietnam Veterans Fund (FFRPL)	4238	\$688	\$2,161	\$2,849	\$176	6.2%
Tummonds Fund (FFRPL)	4241	\$88,391	\$54,141	\$142,532	\$95,269	66.8%
TOTAL		\$355,483	\$220,367	\$575,851	\$402,593	69.9%
Gift Fund Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024-25						
Fiscal YTD (through June 6, 2025)						
Fund	Allocation	Transfer In	TOTAL	YTD Expenses	% of Total	
Gift Fund	4230	\$4,244	\$30,810	\$35,054	\$4,833	13.8%



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TO: RPL Board of Trustees
FROM: Emily Clasper, Director
DATE: June 25, 2025
SUBJECT: Monthly Report—June 2025

Action Items

Trustee Appointments (Benjamin)

The Nominating Committee recommends that Matthew McDermott fulfill the remainder of the term left vacant by trustee Daniel Karin. The partial term ends December 31, 2026. Mr. McDermott is an entrepreneur and executive and has served on several non-profit boards in the area.

The Nominating Committee recommends that Mark Wyand fulfill the remainder of the term left vacant by trustee Alinda Drury. The partial term ends December 31, 2027. Mr. Wyand is a CFA and the founder of Layline Advisors, an investment adviser in Rochester.

Board Action Requested: Appoint Matthew McDermott to the RPL Board effective immediately for a partial term ending December 31, 2026.

Board Action Requested: Appoint Mark Wyand to the RPL Board effective immediately for a partial term ending December 31, 2027.

Officer Election (Benjamin)

The Nominating Committee is recommending that Mark Wyand be elected as the Treasurer for the remainder of 2025.

Board Action Requested: Elect Mark Wyand to the office of Treasurer for the remainder of 2025.

Network Professional Services Agreement (Hasselwander)

The Library has used Don Campbell DBA CampbellNet Solutions to assist, on an as-needed basis, in maintaining library telecommunications equipment, data switches, and network connectivity at remote locations for the past several years. The contractor will bill for services rendered at a rate of \$150 per hour. If there is a need for parts or equipment replacement, RPL will pay state contract pricing, or the actual cost paid by the contractor. The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$3,000 with a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Board Action Requested: Approve a professional services agreement with CampbellNet Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 and a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Computer and Server (IT) Equipment Repair (Hasselwander)

The Library has used the services of Tri-Delta Resources to fix computer equipment on a time and material basis for the past several years. We would like to continue this service in FY26 for both the Branch and Central Libraries. Costs will be based on an hourly rate of \$110 for small equipment (PCs), and \$150 for large equipment

(servers), with equipment costs billed at state contract rates. Total cost of the agreement will not exceed \$3,000 with a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Board Action Requested: Approve a professional services agreement with Tri-Delta Resources for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 and a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Occupancy & Use Agreement, Foodlink Community Café (Hasselwander)

The Community Café has operated out of the Central Library since 2022 under the original agreement, which piloted the partnership between Foodlink and RPL. Instead of a lease, the agreement allowed Foodlink exclusive use of the café space in the Bausch & Lomb building for the estimated annual cost of utilities for the space (\$4,000). The new agreement allows the same use of the café space, but increases the occupancy charge to \$7,000, for a one-year period.

Board Action Requested: Approve the occupancy and use agreement with Foodlink for the Community Café operation at the Central Library for a fee of \$7,000 and a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Vending Services Agreement Amendment (Hasselwander)

Servomation Refreshments, Inc., has provided snack and beverage vending services at the Central Library since 2015 as the awarded vendor through a Request for Proposals process. The original agreement included an option for a five-year renewal that was not utilized until October 2021 due to the building closure in 2020. The extension expires September 30, 2025. Through this extension, Servomation will continue to provide all equipment, products and servicing of beverage and snack machines at the Central Library through September 30, 2030. All public and staff vending sales will be collected by Servomation, with 13.1% of net sales returned to the RPL on a monthly basis. An agreement exists with the MCLS Staff Association to receive the vendor's shared concession revenue to RPL.

Board Action Requested: Approve an agreement extension with Servomation Refreshments, Inc. for the term October 1, 2025–September 30, 2030, and payment to the RPL of 13.1% of net sales.

Library RPL-MCLS Staff Association Vending Agreement (Hasselwander)

Since the advent of vending machines at the Central Library, the Staff Association has monitored the terms and conditions of the contract with the vending company and has managed location, selection, pricing, and customer complaint issues. In return, the Staff Association has received vending commissions up to \$2,500 per year to support Staff Association operations. Funds above that amount will be used to support library programs that are mutually agreed upon by the Library Director and the Staff Association Board. In the past, the Staff Association has provided support for retirement coffee hours, retiree luncheons, and various library programs and events. This agreement will run from July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Board Action Requested: Approve an agreement with the RPL-MCLS Staff Association to receive vending commissions up to \$2,500 from RPL and a term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Library Store Agreement (Hasselwander)

The Friends and Foundation of RPL (FFRPL) manages the Library store per an annual agreement with the Rochester Public Library. For FY26, the terms and conditions for the agreement remain largely the same, however, the agreement is projecting \$25,000 in funding support for the Rochester Public Library which is a \$10,000 decrease from past years due to decreasing sales trends. FFRPL shall continue to provide \$5,000 for Branch Library support but generated from other unrestricted fund sources.

Board Action Requested: Renew the Library Store Agreement with the Friends and Foundation of RPL to receive \$25,000 in funding support for the Rochester Public Library. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

Library Trust Fund Allocations (Hasselwander)

The RPL Board finance policy statement allows for the annual distribution of 5% of the average value of RPL trust funds over the past twenty fiscal quarters. The enclosed spreadsheet includes this proposed draw for FY26, proposed allocation from the Reynolds Board, and transfers of restricted FFRPL-held endowments for materials purchases. The withdrawals were unanimously approved by the RPL Finance Committee at its meeting on June 17, 2025.

Board Action Requested: Approve total Library Trust Fund distributions of \$492,182 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Memorandum of Agreement with the Good Phones Initiative (Scanlon)

The RPL would like to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Good Phones Initiative to host a free public “Good Phone” in the Lyell Branch library. The phone will use an internet connection to operate, and Library Automation Services has confirmed that because this phone will use Spectrum rather than Crown Castle it poses no cyber security threats to the library. The Good Phones Initiative will provide support, maintenance, and service to the phone for one year, at which point it will be donated to the Lyell Library.

Board Action Requested: Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Good Phones Initiative to host a free public “Good Phone” in the Lyell Branch and accept the donation of equipment at the end of the agreement. The term of the agreement will be June 2025–June 2026.

Report & Discussion Items

RPL Director Emily Clasper reporting

Recommended Reading

- Man checks out 100 books from Beachwood Library, then burns them in social media post - <https://www.cleveland.com/community/2025/05/man-checks-out-100-books-from-beachwood-library-then-posts-on-social-media-video-of-those-books-burning.html>
- Book bans draw libraries into damaging culture wars that undermine their purpose - https://hechingerreport.org/opinion-book-bans-draw-libraries-into-damaging-culture-wars-that-undermine-their-purpose/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKH-BpleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHldHs7u2YmfebuP52_dxUAQvpoqL5ZNkkGpMI7L-JSq6lwtdvSI62Tcl8nVG_aem_aNrYvOnij6SDorNcUoGE7g
- Book bans cost Utah taxpayers thousands of dollars. Here's how much two school districts spent - <https://www.sltrib.com/news/education/2024/09/14/how-much-do-utah-book-bans-cost/>
- Parks, libraries, museums: here's why Trump is attacking America's best-loved institutions <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jun/02/national-parks-libraries-museums-trump>

Director's Update

- RPL Staff joined a record number of Rochester residents for the City's annual Clean Sweep. Despite the rainy weather, we had a good time picking up trash, shoveling mulch, and helping make our City more beautiful for Spring!
- The Monroe County Department of Human Services (DHS) will begin using space in the Central Library to operate a satellite location every Thursday afternoon. Starting on June 12, DHS examiners will be present on the fourth floor of the Bausch and Lomb building to offer patrons direct access to their services, which include public benefits, child welfare, the office for the aging, and the office of mental health. This is the third partnership DHS has entered into in the past few years to bring their service into the community where they can be more easily accessed.
- Our management team has been hard at work preparing for City Budget hearings. We are happy to report that the hearings on May 30 for the RPL Operational and CIP Budgets went well, with RPL receiving many favorable and supportive comments from the members of City Council.



Director's Site Visits

May

Brighton Memorial Library
Mendon Public Library
Parma Public Library
Pittsford Community Library
Winton Branch Library

Director's Site Visits, continued

April

Ogden Farmers' Library
Irondequoit Public Library
Phillis Wheatley Community Library

February

Charlotte Branch
Maplewood Community Library

March

Penfield Public Library
Henrietta Public Library
Rush Public Library
Sully Branch
Arnett Branch
Chili Public Library

January

Frederick Douglass Community Library
Lyell Branch
Monroe Branch

Central Library

Emily Clasper reporting

- Sarah Lehman, current Branch Manager at the RPL Lincoln Branch Library, will be promoted to the role of Associate Director for the Central Library. After her return from leave in August, she will be helping with the transition of a new Branch Manager at Lincoln and plans to begin at Central on September 8. Until then, RPL Senior Management staff have graciously agreed to assist Clasper in ensuring all Central Staff have the supervision and support they need.
- The Rundel masonry and window project is proceeding on schedule. Several Central staff members have been temporarily displaced from their work areas while windows are removed. These staff have been given alternate places to work and should be back in their regular workspaces soon.

Arts/Literature, Erin Clarke reporting

Programs

- Museum Quality Storage - Jenn Libby from Archival Methods hosted Museum Quality Storage, an informative program for storing and preserving items for the future. Libby presented a framework for thinking about how to store items, how to approach long-term recordkeeping, and how to manage storing items for preservation. This program touched on both the scientific methodology of long-term storage in a safe environment as well as the concept of organizing one's collections for future generations.
- Getting Back on Your Bike: An Introduction to Cycling in Rochester with Jesse Peers - Peers joined Arts & Lit to give an overview of bike riding in Rochester, including maintenance tips and cool places to ride.



Outreach

- Don Hyatt made his monthly visit to Lifespan and provided various mediums including pens, acrylic paint, and color pencils. Attendees get to be creative and make their own paintings, postcards, and bookmarks.

Anecdotes/Other

- Highlights of the Spring/Summer 2025 issue of Rundelania include poetry by local poets Kitty Jospe and Michael Yaworsky; poetry by The New Republic and The Paris Review published poet Michael Tyrell; prose by local author Th. Metzger; a play by local playwright Sara Rubin, whose troupe will perform at Central during the Fringe Festival; photographs by local photographers Donald Hyatt and Elizabeth Spring, and paintings by Buffalo artist and professor Joseph Miller.
- Melissa Manczuk went to pick up a takeout order from the Dinosaur BBQ on a Friday evening. While waiting for the order, the gentleman behind the counter asked if she was all done with work for the week, and she replied that she was scheduled to work on Saturday. He then asked what hours Central was open on the weekends and seemed surprised the libraries were open. He then said that he had heard from a friend that Central lends out "devices that provide Wi-Fi for 2-3 weeks". Manczuk said yes and talked a little bit about the Mi-Fi program. As she was leaving with her order, he said "good night and keep up the good work!"



Business Insight Center (BIC), Jennifer Byrnes, reporting

Programs

- Business First Wednesday – Elevated Benefits: Building a Healthy Business from the Ground Up through Wellness with the Small Business Development Center.
- Start Smart: Protecting Your Business & Understanding Your Customers -National Small Business Week Event. Presented by Melissa Cobo and Tracy Jong, Esq.
- Get Weeding! – The first class of the five-week Cannabis Career Exploration and Worker Rights Certificate began this month.
- It's Your America – Attendees learned about deliberative democracy. It works by bringing a cross-section of the community together to learn about an issue, weighing trade-offs and making recommendations to government decision-makers. Deliberative democracy processes go by a few different names, including civic assembly. Co-sponsors of the program were Civic Genius, YOUNify, and the University of Rochester Democracy Center.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Byrnes attended an Introduction to City-Led Prevention of Hate and Targeted Violence: The Role of Local Libraries in Prevention and Social Cohesion. Sponsored by Strong Cities and the Urban Libraries Council.
- Anthony completed the Libraries as Launchpads Entrepreneurship Librarian Certificate course.
- Byrnes presented to the summer interns at Syracuse University's Innovation Law Center.
- Rich Mangione attended Senior Planet instructor training throughout the month. Senior Planet is an initiative of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). Mangione also attended NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access) training and received NVDA Expert Certification through NV Access.
- Anna Neumaier attended Building Community-Based Wellbeing or "Social Prescribing" in the Library through Niche Academy and New York State's Digital Equity Academy which discussed library marketing.
- Byrnes and Neumaier attended the Role of Local Libraries in Prevention and Social Cohesion through the Urban Libraries Council

Consulting

- Hours of in-depth market research/prior art searching: 52
- The Carlson Center for Intellectual Property assisted:
 - In person: 1
 - Email: 24
 - Mail: 1
 - Phone: 2
 - Zoom: 6
- 3D Printer: 13
- Requests Outside Greater Rochester Area: 26
- Referrals to Tracy Jong (Intellectual Property Attorney): 4
- Referrals to Davis Bassett (Patent Agent): 2

Database Usage Statistics

- Frost & Sullivan - Page views: 13 Value: \$40,800
- IBISWorld - Page views: 63 Value: \$39,515
- InnovationQ - Logins: 32 Searches: 114
- Mintel - Sessions: 36 Page Views: 24 Downloads: 22
- PitchBook - Logins: 22

- Statista - Page views: 30 Downloads: 15
- Foundation Directory - Searches: 67 Views: 135

Wired for Opportunity Program

- Wired for Opportunity web page has gone live on the RPL website. <https://roccitylibrary.org/wired-for-opportunity/>
- The team has started scheduling classes with libraries and community partners around the county.
- Mi-Fis (as of 6/1/2025)
 - 891 current Mi-Fi(s) circulating
 - 943 Mi-Fi circulations
 - 827 Holds
 - Holds breakdown: 87.50% Central Library, 09.25% Branches, 03.25% Town Libraries

Anecdotes/Other

- An attendee of It's Your America said this about the program:
"I was very pleased to see a cross section of the population show up ready to take positive action to improve our democracy. It was especially encouraging to see so many young people there. The discussion at my table was lively, informative, and respectful even when we didn't agree - which wasn't a lot because we found more common ground than differences of opinion!"
- We received this email from a client who utilized the services of the Carlson Center for Intellectual Property:
"I am celebrating a win today - the USPTO packet is submitted! This was a major paperwork lift! Woohoo! Thank you to everyone who helped me struggle through this mess over the last several months."
- Cobo received the Linda Halliburton friend of Rochester Professional Consultants Network (RPCN) award. This award recognizes any non-RPCN member whose dedication helped to increase visibility, grow membership, or promote the principles of RPCN to the community. It is named for Linda Halliburton, former member of the Business Division at the Rochester Central Library, who voluntarily recommended RPCN to library clients by citing our benefits, providing organization materials, and attaching our contact information to the library's books about consulting.

Children's Center, Tonia Burton reporting

Programs

- Chelsea Arnold hosted ABC Home for a garden themed storytime followed by the opportunity to explore the Children's Center and play.
- Miranda Hazen led a Memorial Day Poppy Pin Craft and LEGO Lab with a flowers theme.



- Hazen's Mindful May Yoga program taught some energetic little ones some healthy stretching and breathing exercises modeled on plants, insects, and animals in nature.
- Several spring storytimes and crafts were enjoyed by patrons and pre-k classes with one from School #15 and three from Baden Street Settlement.
- Nadia Morales collaborated with the business department to host a 'Think Money' program in the form of a farm simulation game, where children had to run a financially successful farm.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Cheryl Johnson was joined by Sarah Ngo and Amanda Madigan (Pittsford) at the Red Wings Education Day to promote Monroe County Library System services. They offered games and prizes for the children.
- Arnold gave a presentation on Talking is Teaching in collaboration with QualityStars for home based childcare providers. The providers were enthusiastic to hear about what libraries can offer to support their work, and they enjoyed touring the Lincoln Library.
- Burton attended the Nazareth University RISE (Rochester Interprofessional Scholars of Early Intervention) Scholar meeting. RISE is committed to COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP to prepare the rising workforce. Through clinical and community-focused work students learn about the early childhood community and are better able to connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations.
- The MCLS Children's Services Annual Retreat was held at Central Library. Thirty-six staff from around the library system attended. Tyana Valezquez Smith from Sensational Inclusion presented two sessions Healing Play: The Power of Trauma-Informed Care and Literacy Lift—Supporting Students to Become Lifelong Readers.

Attendee Feedback included:

"The presenter was phenomenal and also accommodated our unique needs, not only supporting us but also modeling how we can support others."

"This was the most in-depth presentation on this topic that I have ever been a part of. Tiana gave SO MANY specific examples about how she has used play of various types in situations she is familiar with and challenged us to start the thinking process for what else we can do. The breadth and variety of her answers was larger than I often see. She clearly answered the question "what can that look like?" She also offered opportunities to discuss so that we can learn, grow, and create together. Beyond that, every time she spoke, she emanated respect and care for human beings and the realities that can be a part of their lives. She brought so much wisdom about trauma and helped us to be specific about what we see and could see within our libraries so that we can recognize when we can be helpful and strive to present a safe space all of the time. Each moment, she brought with her an awareness about the differences of each human's experience and a desire to bring growth of understanding and empathy to us so that we can share it with others. It was just a joy to spend a day with her and in such meaningful

"I loved how dynamic the presenter was, and she was so knowledgeable, had many examples of things for us to try and implement at our libraries, she had handouts for us, she was very approachable, and I loved the activities we did -it was great to get out of our seats!"

"I liked learning how to tie in what we already do in the library to make it better for ALL patrons. I also like how she encouraged us to work with what we have without reinventing the wheel."

"Loved the amount of movement built in, as well as the insights shared about the at times ableist language participants used. The presenter was amazing at offering these necessary critiques in a nonjudgmental but

educational manner.”

Overall, it was one of the best received retreats we have offered. FFRPL supported the event by providing refreshments. The cost of the presenter was provided by the MCLS training budget.

On the survey 74% of the respondents said they strongly agreed that what was learned will help improve their library services to the public, 21% agreed and 5% were neutral. When asked if they were confident about using what they learned, 21% strongly agreed and 79% agreed. Several respondents requested additional training around the science of reading. Results will be used to develop future professional development opportunities.

Raising a Reader

RAR staff wrapped up storytimes for sites and focused on organizing items and completing inventory of RAR items. Johnson, Antonienko and Burton worked on completing parent and teacher surveys for feedback on how to better support our families and classrooms. Johnson and Chaves have also been working with sites on scheduling end of year celebrations to further engage with families and share information about Raising A Reader. Chaves attended a community event at RCSD #12 with other librarians from Douglas. Chaves was able to meet and engage with families and teachers about the RAR program. Some surveys were also completed by Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) families.



Circulation/Information, Chad Cunningham reporting

Statistics

- Curbside Pickup Appointments- 2
- New Borrowers- 421
- RRLC Access Cards Issued- 7
- Notarial Acts- 229

Local History & Genealogy, Shalis Worthy reporting

Programs

- Shalis Worthy screened the first of four movies in our LGBTQIA+ Archival Film Series. This film series is a partnership between the Local History & Genealogy Division, ImageOut, and the Friends and Foundation of Rochester Public Library. Attendees enjoyed movie theatre concession style snacks! This program has allowed us to strengthen our connections in the LGBTQ+ community.
- Emily Morry gave the “Washington Square Neighborhood,” walking tour to an enthusiastic group of 38 people. Library patron and walking tour enthusiast Hal Schuler informed Morry, “*this is one of the best tours I’ve ever been on.*”
- Worthy hosted the presentation “A Movie Trip Through Film Land” by Mike Champlin. Champlin screened a film created by Kodak that he preserved. He also presented contextual information about the film and Kodak’s operations at the time the film was created. The presentation generated a lively discussion among attendees.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Antoine McDonald was invited to take part in the Toward Freedom & Fairness Walking Tour as part of a special focus group hosted by the Genesee Country Village & Museum. McDonald was invited to participate on the tour and to actively give feedback in an effort to ensure the information provided on the tour was culturally sensitive and factually accurate.
- Christopher Brennan represented the Local History & Genealogy Division at the Rochester Genealogical Society's annual conference. He was able to attend the event for free and share information with other attendees about the library during breaks.

Anecdotes/Other

Work on the 2024-2025 Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) grant was completed in May. Contractor Ron Martin-Dent completed processing and finding aids on all six collections from the Shoulders To Stand On archival material.

Reynolds Media Center, Joseph Born reporting

Reference

RMC handled 597 reference questions and 404 non-reference transactions for a total of 1001.

RMC Circulation

- RMC loaned 5 pieces of equipment and 843 Mi-Fi units in addition to the regular collection, for a total of 4,103 items. Total circulation of RMC materials, including those that occurred at other libraries was 11,656.
 - RMC materials accounted for 40% of the overall Central Library circulation (before renewals).
 - At the end of May there were 817 holds on Mi-Fi units and 891 units with a “current” status circulating. RMC just received word that Monroe County Purchasing have finally approved the Mi-Fi case order, so they will be adding more units to the circulating pool very soon.

Programs

- First Friday Film: *A Complete Unknown*
- See it First Matinee: *Paddington in Peru*
- Brown Bag Book discussion: *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig.

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Circulation

- Audiobooks – 2079
- Binge Pass – 58
- Comics – 161
- eBooks – 452
- Movies/TV – 523
- Music – 102
- Total Circulation – 3375

Users

- New users – 72
- Patrons using all 7 borrows – 181 (18%)
- Total users – 1001

Cost

- Total - \$7827.53
- Per item – \$2.32

Science and History, Gabe Pellegrino reporting

Programs

- Nancy E. Lynch presented the REAL Women [Veterans] of Vietnam. This is a follow up to her previous Vietnam Mailbag book talk, in which young Delaware reporter Lynch received letters from Vietnam Veterans for her newspaper and promised to eventually publish them all in a book, which she did, albeit decades later. After reading the 2025 best-seller by Kristin Hannah, a fictional account of women who served as nurses and Donut Dollies during the Vietnam war, Lynch decided to create a talk about the REAL women who served. She read many letters and shared photographs of the women in their various service capacities. She is still in touch with some of them after 50 years. The talk was very engaging, and many questions were asked.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

LROC (Library Resource Outreach Center) visitors numbered about 45 people seen in May. These numbers also include visits to Legal Assistance of Western New York, who assist with various legal and housing issues.

Anecdotes/Other

- Matt Sherman continues his work on shifting of the Science Division's open shelf circulating collection. At month's end, about half of the work has been completed, along with new Dewey range endcap signs. Patrons have been enjoying the new periodical space as they are all facing out again.
- Pellegrino participated in a team with Emily Clasper and Katy Hasselwander for the Rochester Regional Library Council's (RRLC) Trivia Night at Rising Storm Brewery. The RPL team placed third, but the top three teams were only one point apart from each other. The event was a terrific opportunity for networking among the various libraries which include educational and private libraries as well as public.
- Pellegrino created a book display for Speech-Language-Hearing Month. This was a request from HLAA, and also recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Michael Callari created a book display called The History Behind SINNERS, a collection of books related to subjects covered in the 2025 film, including post-World War I African American musicians, crime, hoodoo, vampirism, and the Jim Crow era South. Callari also produced a list for further reading including books found in the Business Insight Center and the Arts and Literature Division. These books were inspired by the African American Intellectual History Society's movie syllabus. Other topics covered in the display include slavery and America's ethnic groups in history.



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Technology Center, Jay Osborne Reporting

Programs

- Cy Shropshire's coding club is developing into an increasingly engrossing combination of technology education and conversations about technology. Recent purchases of a variety of technology teaching tools and hardware were made possible through the generosity of the John Lovenheim family. These tools have allowed Shropshire to create varied learning experiences for program participants. Patrons of all ages have joined and enjoyed the technology lessons and the social exchanges. This program is still new and establishing a steady audience, but the progress Shropshire has made, and the caliber of the learning experience is very impressive.
- Trevor Johnson's "Zoom Room" program has had consistent attendance. In this class, which is specifically intended for seniors, patrons have learned everything from what is a browser to strategies for saving a contact in the cloud to maintain contact with family in the event of a disaster. Even simple tasks like going to a new store or visiting family members in a new home present potential problems for some of the people in the classes. For example, an older patron who is a recent stroke victim wanted to use Google maps to look up hours of operation of a new business. Johnson used the question to show the class how to use Google Maps and Street view to find hours or business and to see pictures of stairs or ramps. Knowing how building looks ahead of time and if it is really accessible, genuinely makes our elderly patrons safer and more confident in the choices they make every day.



Anecdotes/Other

The newest member of the Technology Center Team, Josh Tomaszewski, joined in May. Tomaszewski is originally from Rochester. After serving in the U. S. Navy, he returned to Rochester where he spent several years working in social services. He then spent many years in government service with increasing levels of responsibility. Tomaszewski brings an elevated level of technical skills and years of experience of management with the Social Security Administration. Before his first day ended, Tomaszewski was making plans with his coworkers for innovative programming.

Teen Central, Shetora Banks and Jeff Bostic reporting

Programs

- The inaugural Comic Empowerment Awards took place this month. Nearly 70 comics were judged by former Library Director Patty Uttaro. The Mayor spoke to attendees, and presenters gave away trophies and gift cards to kids in the categories of Best Comic, Best Artwork, Best World, and most inspirational character. This was the culmination of a year of empowering teens to tell their stories. Through this program, teens learned about visual literacy, artificial intelligence, and some even worked for the company learning graphic design. It was wonderful to see the pride



the teens took in their work and the way they supported one another. You can see the news coverage of the event [here](#).

- The teen public art installation was designed to create an accessible art space for everyone. This shared community space allowed teens to express their creativity and messages on a larger scale, giving them a platform to display their artistic vision and collaborate with others. When someone added to the collage, staff took the opportunity to talk with them about their inspiration. Some teens added elements that built on what was already there, while others created independent pieces meant to inspire. The project served as a fitting example of the idea, "it's not how you start but how you finish."
- On a quieter afternoon, staff introduced a group of socially anxious teens to a valuable community resource: The Strong Museum. While most had passed by the museum, few remembered ever going inside. After the visit, they felt more confident sharing their experience with friends and family and learned how to use available discounts for affordable access. They enjoyed connecting with one another, playing nostalgic video games, and exploring the history of toys that have led to major inventions.
- Anime continues to be a favorite among both teens and adults. Watching anime often sparks conversations about Japanese culture and the challenges of international travel, with some teens even suggesting future trips. At the most recent Anime program, participants shared their favorite manga titles and watched a few adaptations that had been turned into films. The event also featured anime-inspired snacks like shrimp chips and ramen, adding to the cultural experience.
- One of Central Library's Liberator Esports Team, Victor, became the NASEF Spring 2024 Mario Kart 8 Worldwide Time Trials Undeclared Champion. Victor won all 8 regular season races and all 3 playoff races. He defeated over 750 participants from 10 different countries and 88 different organizations. The esports team brings kids together to not only have fun and compete, but to learn the business of esports and possibly make it into a career. Victor has launched his own YouTube channel featuring all of the NASEF Time Trials.



NASEF Worldwide Mario Kart 8

FINAL STANDINGS INDIVIDUALS

No	Name	School	Grand Total
1	IYOU-001Vic!	Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County	1100
2	GCA-MrEvman	Georgia Cyber Academy	994

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NASEF WORLDWIDE MARIO KART TIME TRIALS: RESULTS

Send chat

Community Libraries

BJ Scanlon reporting

- June kicked off the New Patron Library Card Raffle, each month throughout the summer one patron who signs up for a new library card at the Branches will be selected to receive a free piece of media valued at \$30 or less, and the library where they got their card will also get that item.
- Scanlon has represented the Branches on the website review team, a team that is generating recommendations to create practices and procedures to increase updates to the website and ensure that content is reviewed regularly.
- Scanlon is joining with LAS to do a review of City Branch libraries security cameras and increase the number of cameras where they are most needed. This serves a dual purpose of allowing staff to be able to monitor areas of the library without adequate site lines, and to have a record if incidents occur in the libraries.
- Scanlon will join Brie Harrison to conduct community outreach on the new Northeast Branch Library. The first feedback session will be on June 11 at the Gantt R-Center, mailed notices were sent to individuals living near the Fernwood location, and are available at adjacent libraries.
- RPL GO! continues to receive a lot of interest; requests for information from community groups and media outlets are increasing. Efforts will focus on supporting Lyell Branch staff in getting into the NW neighborhoods, while still connecting with other partners to fulfill community requests for festivals and events.
- Scanlon is part of the second cohort of managers undergoing Supervisor Boot Camp and is out of the office one day a week for a five-week program, where department managers from across the City are brought together for training in leadership and internal city processes.
- As the Thomas Ryan R-Center begins to close down for the summer, the library is working with the City of Rochester Security team to ensure ongoing security support at the Sully Branch library. Given that the only public bathroom on site is outside of the branch, and no library staff can monitor it, and with the splashpad and fields open this summer, the library is meeting with City Security to make sure there is an appropriate summer plan.

Branch Administration, Amy Discenza reporting

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- City of Rochester Opioid Team Update: Discenza attended the May Opioid Steering Committee meeting, which was held in the Kusler-Cox Auditorium. Staff from RIT, the city's research partner, reviewed the data collected from the community input sessions and opioid survey and discussed efforts to align overdose data.
- Substitute Branch Librarian Update: Discenza organized a meet-up for branch substitute librarians. Five out of eight subs were able to attend. The meet-up provided subs with an opportunity to get to know one another—and the branch administration team—better and to share best practices unique to the sub experience. Discenza provided each attendee with a sub survival guide (a folder containing a collection of training documents and other essentials to have on hand during a shift) and a pen lanyard; shared branch updates; safety and security tips, including a PITS incident reporting refresher; demonstrated how to access sub files on Teams; and offered tips on accessing Microsoft apps on shared computers. It was a successful session, and Discenza plans to offer sub meetups quarterly, rotating the day and time to accommodate a wide variety of schedules. Discenza sent out notes following the session, and subs who weren't able to attend the first meet-up were encouraged to schedule a one-on-one with Discenza if they had questions about anything covered in the notes. Discenza is hoping to grow the team of subs and interviewed four candidates this month.

Anecdotes/Other

Discenza visited the Lincoln, Winton, and Lyell Branches, and made a quick trip to the Lilac Festival to see RPL GO! in action. She also attended a presentation by News 10 Meteorologist Glenn Johnson at the Sully Branch. Johnson reminisced about memorable snow, wind, and ice storms in western New York, displayed a variety of meteorological tools that help build a weather forecast, and discussed how he got into meteorology with a group of teens, including a class from School No. 33. He encouraged attendees to explore their passions, stressing that it's important to start as a young person. He also offered a behind-the-scenes video tour of the newsroom, featuring Stacey Pendergast, and highlighting green screen technology, Doppler radar, and the News 10 sky deck. Thanks to George Carter and the team at Sully for encouraging young people in our community to dream big and explore all diverse types of professions.



Arnett Branch Library, Ginger Brewer reporting

Programs

- May brought a wonderful mix of creativity, connection, and curiosity to the Arnett Branch Library. The LEGO Club welcomed a new family of three who recently moved into the neighborhood. It was their first visit to the library, and the children were fully immersed in building their creations. Meanwhile, their mother was excited to learn about upcoming library programs and events—a warm welcome into the Arnett community.
- Teens tapped into their artistic side with several hands-on activities this month. In celebration of Mother's Day, they painted ceramic shells, transforming them into bright and imaginative keepsakes for the mother figure in their life.
- Another creative favorite was a window cling activity, offered twice in May. Teens took their time coloring intricate patterns onto the clings, carefully choosing colors that complemented one another. When the sun shines through them, they will be a remarkable sight.
- The monthly Teen Taste Test took a sour turn—by design. Building on a previous session featuring peelable gummy candies, the teens sampled a new batch of sour treats: Sour Patch Kids, Trolli Brite Crawlers, Trolli Electric Brite Crawlers, Airhead X-Treme, and SHAQ-A-LICIOUS XL Sour Gummies. The group delved into a discussion about how the brain and body respond to sour foods, encompassing everything from salivation to sensory anticipation. The consensus? While Sour Patch Kids were deemed the sourest, all the candies had their merits. Even those that didn't make the favorites list were still appreciated because, as the teens put it, they'd never turn down sour gummies if offered.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Ginger Brewer met with representatives from New Life Community Church and Foodlink to explore future partnerships.
- Kate Peck attended the Children's Services Retreat, which focused on trauma-informed care and supporting autistic students as readers.
- Colleen Murray participated in a training on gender-inclusive language and the use of personal pronouns.

Anecdotes/Other

This month, the Arnett Branch honors the memory of a cherished community member, Richmond Futch, Jr. Mr. Futch was a gifted artist whose talent left a lasting impression on the library and its visitors. He created the beloved murals that adorn the exterior of the building, with themes inspired by classics such as *James and the Giant Peach* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. His vibrant artwork also fills the children's area and welcomes guests with a stunning painting just inside the entrance.

Mr. Futch was known not just for his art but for his warmth and willingness to share his passion with others. His presence brought joy to staff and patrons alike, and his legacy will continue to inspire all who walk through Arnett's doors. The library community salutes Richmond Futch, Jr., for a life well lived and a spirit beautifully expressed through art. May he rest in peace.



Charlotte Branch Library, Cathy Kyle reporting

Programs

- The Charlotte Branch offered a variety of enriching and creative programs for all ages, including Artwork for the Soul: Thinking Outside the Box, led by Rachel Ortiz. Participants were invited to use boxes as the foundation for creating unexpected works of art. It drew an enthusiastic crowd.
- Storytime continues to grow, slowly but steadily. Parents have expressed appreciation for the cozy, low-key atmosphere. One young regular, who had previously been shy and quiet, surprised everyone by responding to the music for the first time. It was a small but heartwarming milestone.
- The Food for Thought book club discussed *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin. Participants met via Zoom to share their thoughts on the title and other books they've recently enjoyed.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Cathy Kyle and Jennifer Cherelin attended the annual Children's Services Retreat, which focused on understanding childhood trauma and supporting children with Autism.
- Kyle attended a concert at School No. 42, where she distributed information about the library's summer reading program while enjoying a few outstanding student performances.

Anecdotes/Other

Charlotte staff had a productive staff development day. They organized the basement, relocated the local history collection—a big but satisfying project—and enjoyed one another's company while learning a new skill: tie-dye. Kyle supplied the indigo dye and the expertise, allowing members of the Charlotte team to tie-dye an item of their choosing. One staff member tie-dyed an adorable onesie for her new niece. They also celebrated a staff birthday.

Frederick Douglass Community Library, Evanna DiSalvo reporting

Programs

- The library hosted a felting workshop led by staff from the Monroe County Cooperative Extension. Participants learned about the origins of textile fibers and gained hands-on experience using alpaca fiber from a local farm in a water felting activity.
- On National Pizza Party Day, library staff enjoyed pizza from Little Venice Pizzeria and donut holes from Dunkin' Donuts to celebrate. The treats were generously provided by the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library using funds designated as gifts to the Frederick Douglass Community Library.
- Capitalizing on the foot traffic of the Lilac Festival, the library hosted a spring book sale. The timing paid off—this year's sale brought in four times the usual profit, making it the most successful to date. After the event, the remaining books didn't go to waste. Many were offered for free to the community, and even local construction workers were spotted browsing during their lunch breaks. Some of the leftover books, including children's titles and cookbooks, were sent to Lyell to support RPL GO!, while boxes of large-print books were donated to St. John's Home to enrich their in-house collection.
- In recognition of National Rescue Dog Day, staff from Lollypop Farm presented Dogs 101. Participants learned how dogs express their emotions and needs. A gentle golden retriever therapy dog charmed the crowd, and two oversized stuffed dogs engaged younger visitors.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Jen Dupre and Isaac Lewis attended the annual Children's Services retreat at the Central Library.
- Dupre, Lillian Kent, and Margarita Chavez from the Central Library attended a project-based learning event, "Celebrating the Life Around Us," at Anna Murray Douglass Academy School No. 12 to share information about library programs and promote summer reading. The event showcased student exhibits and community partners across three floors and included a generous buffet meal donated by Wegmans. The turnout from families was impressive, and the atmosphere reflected genuine community engagement.



Anecdotes/Other

- One memorable moment this month came during a visit from RocDog. A new, much larger dog made its debut alongside Egon, the familiar little white fluffy regular. A brief mix-up between the two pups stirred some drama but it was quickly resolved, and everyone, human and canine, went on to enjoy the visit.
- An English learner arrived at just the right time—staff were able to connect her with Maplewood's Zoom-based conversation class, which was starting within the hour. Evanna DiSalvo helped her navigate the tech and even notified instructor Brian DiNitto that a new student would be joining. It was a perfect example of being in the right place at the right time.
- This month's *Thwacky Thursday* took a humorous twist with a surprise "Roarke edition." Staff playfully dressed in the distinctive style of one of their colleagues, prompting plenty of laughter and they even got him to join the fun.



Lincoln Branch Library, Vera Haygood reporting

Programs

- Children enjoyed a lively musical storytime with Henry Padron from Hippocampo Books. During the session, young attendees helped craft an original story while learning to play basic rhythms on drums. The experience blended imagination, music, and collaboration in a way that was both accessible and fun.
- Matt Seidel launched a new chess club for children and teens, with older participants assuming a leadership role by serving as coaches and mentors. Plans are underway for a maze drawing club and music lessons to begin in the fall.
- Teens participated in a Mother's Day craft. They designed cards for their mother figure and planted live greenery in containers, wrapping them in festive paper to take home.
- The Father Tracy Advocacy Center provided vital support to the community with weekly visits. Every Wednesday, representatives set up an information table and offer on-site social service guidance to patrons in need.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Vera Haygood coordinated with staff from Action for a Better Community's PROWD (Providing Real Opportunities with Dedication) camp to host a session at Lincoln this summer. She also collaborated with an RCSD School Social Worker to organize a parent field trip to the Toy Library, and with the Instructional Designer/Technology Coordinator from the Wired for Opportunity Program to schedule technology instruction at Lincoln. Haygood has been adjusting to her new role as Interim Branch Manager, taking on a variety of new logistical and operational responsibilities in Sarah Lehman's absence.
- Matt Seidel met with Reconnect Rochester to finalize plans for the Complete Streets Makeover event, which was rescheduled for June.

Anecdotes/Other

- Haygood received special recognition as a "teacher beyond the classroom" from the Rochester City Council in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. Lincoln Library youth nominated her.
- Matthew Seidel started work at Lincoln in May and is thriving in his role as part-time Children's Librarian. He spent the month familiarizing himself with the Children's area operations and refreshing his knowledge of the Toy Library. He also took on some additional responsibilities, such as processing new adult material arrivals, to help out in Lehman's absence.
- Lincoln has extended an offer of employment to a security guard candidate.



Lyell Branch Library, Dennis Williams reporting

Programs

- The Fun Zone Club continued to inspire creativity and curiosity among young participants. One session began with a spin of the "mystical wheel," which landed on puzzles and maps. The group assembled an ocean-themed floor puzzle and worked together on coloring a multi-page map of the United States. Later in the month, kids had fun making slime, a favorite hands-on activity that led to plenty of laughs.
- In celebration of Mother's Day, young adults gathered for a joyful afternoon of crafting. Participants painted flower vases with bright colors and imaginative patterns, turning each one into a one-of-a-kind gift. The group also made flowers using cupcake liners, tissue paper, and construction paper. The event was filled with laughter, creativity, and thoughtful expression.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- RPL GO! and the Lyell team contributed to a successful outreach effort at the Lilac Festival. Festivalgoers had the opportunity to sign up for library cards, choose a free book, and enjoy browsing or reading on-site.



- Caleb Paul visited School No. 5, helping families register for library cards and sharing information about the upcoming summer reading program.
- Artemis Markakis attended a professional development online seminar, Libraries Working with Vulnerable Patrons: Trauma-Informed Approaches in Libraries, presented by the New York State Education Department.

Anecdotes/Other

- Dennis Williams assisted a Spanish-speaking patron in successfully completing the hiring process for a local bus company and guided him through the complexities of refinancing his mortgage.
- Williams also helped a returning library patron finalize the self-publication of her second book. After several days of refining and formatting, they uploaded the title via the Kindle Direct Publishing platform, and her book went live.

Maplewood Community Library, Johanna Buran reporting

Programs

- Maplewood Community Library hosted a health information pop-up in collaboration with the Office of Adult and Career Education Services (OACES) Literacy Zone. This event brought together representatives from His Branches Community Center, local insurance providers, and the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Its goal was to connect community members with vital health resources, providing attendees with meaningful and practical information.
- One particularly rainy day, the children's area buzzed with activity during an engaging craft program. Using a kit featuring twelve different paper plate animal designs, which a member of the Maplewood team donated, the children carefully pieced together their creatures with tiny foam tape cutouts. While the double-sided

tape posed a potential sticky challenge, the kids managed it like pros, showing patience and fine motor skills as they brought their animals to life.

Anecdotes/Other

- A Fulbright Scholar from the University of Essex in England interviewed Brian DiNitto. The student is creating a report on citizenship education in Western New York and was interested in DiNitto's perspective.
- Staff provided one-on-one assistance to several patrons with everyday needs. One Arabic-speaking visitor stopped in for assistance filling out a USPS change-of-address form. Thanks to the support of security guard Zachariah Ibrahim, who speaks Arabic fluently, the interaction went smoothly. Ibrahim even walked the patron next door to deliver the completed form to the post office.
- In another instance, staff helped an older patron navigate her new Android phone, patiently explaining how to respond to messages and emails. She left feeling confident and deeply appreciative of the personalized support.



Monroe Branch Library, Mary Clare Scheg reporting

Programs

- The Dungeons and Dragons Club has a loyal and enthusiastic following; they met four times this month. Moving forward, the group plans to expand its offerings to include additional tabletop games and will rebrand itself as the Tabletop Gaming Club.
- Kassady Lewis hosted four storytime programs for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Both the morning and afternoon sessions experienced a significant increase in attendance compared to previous months.
- Annette's Seed Library has been quite popular among visitors. The flower packets were claimed quickly, but a selection of vegetable seeds is still available.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Lewis made two outreach visits to St. Paul's Daycare. She offered a total of six storytimes, engaging classes of 2, 3, and 4-year-olds.
- Monroe staff hosted a successful video game outreach program at the Center for Youth.
- A Pre-K class from School No. 23 visited the library. Students enjoyed a storytime, decorated bookmarks, and engaged in play, exploring the toys in the children's department.

Anecdotes/Other

Monroe's homework help program, launched by Mary Clare Scheg in March, has struggled to attract students despite available tutors, leading to an "on-call" system. One day, Scheg assisted a patron in finding phonics readers for her 6-year-old daughter, who was struggling with reading. She connected the mother with a tutor, and they now meet weekly.

Phillis Wheatley Community Library, Lori Frankunas reporting

Programs

- The Rochester Museum and Science Center delivered two exciting and educational programs for children: How Energy Works and Polymers. During the energy session, kids explored the mechanics of a combustible engine and became part of a giant electric circuit by holding fluorescent light bulbs while a Tesla Coil lit them up—an unforgettable way to learn about electricity. During the polymer session, participants learned how everyday items like plastic bags and foam are manufactured. The highlight? Making and taking home their very own blue slime.
- Artist Becky Miller visited to teach teens the art of drawing anime-style characters. The session was a hit, especially for the many manga fans who were eager to bring their favorite characters to life on paper.
- Local artist Susan Micciche hosted a Starry Nights-inspired guided painting workshop. Participants followed step-by-step instructions to create their masterpiece, adding their unique interpretations along the way. An American Sign Language interpreter was present, enabling deaf patrons to fully participate and connect, thereby demonstrating the library's ongoing commitment to inclusive programming for all community members.



Anecdotes/Other

- A young Phillis Wheatley regular couldn't hide his enthusiasm for *The Invincibles* graphic novel. Not only did he dive right into the story, but he also paused to freehand draw the artwork from the back cover, a reflection of how inspiring these stories are to him. He participated in the anime drawing program, sharing that his favorite activity at the library is reading manga and graphic novels.
- The Get Caught Reading raffle encouraged teens to embrace books in a fun and rewarding way. Teens spotted reading in the library or checking out books earned up to five raffle entries. One teen, who usually spent his time online, made a deliberate effort to read during his visits. He planned out breaks from the computer just to fit in reading time and maximize his raffle chances. His dedication didn't go unnoticed, and it was a great example of how a little motivation can spark a new habit.
- The Urban Fiction Book Club explored *The City We Became* by N. K. Jemisin. After finishing the novel, Heather Ahearn posted a thoughtful review on Goodreads. That review caught the attention of a producer from the BBC World Book Club podcast, who reached out to invite Ahearn to contribute a question for their

upcoming episode with Jemisin. Ahearn asked about the author's research process in portraying Lenape culture and the early colonization of the island Manhattan.

Sully Branch Library, Maria Heeks-Heinlein reporting

Programs

- George Carter welcomed a special guest to talk to young people enrolled in the Aviation Station program: Glenn Johnson from Channel 10 News. Johnson spoke to participants about the critical role weather plays in aviation, offering a behind-the-scenes look at meteorology as both a science and a career path. The session was interactive, with attendees, including a class from School No. 33, asking questions about weather patterns, aviation safety, and broadcasting. The event sparked curiosity but helped connect real-world applications to career possibilities.
- The Rochester Regional Health Mobile Mammography unit visited Sully, providing vital breast cancer screening services right in the community. Many appreciate this convenient access, and the library is honored to collaborate with Rochester Regional Health to enhance the well-being of local residents.



Community Outreach/Meeting/Training

Carmen Gonzalez and Maria Heeks-Heinlein participated in Senator Samra Brouk's community baby shower. They connected with families, caregivers, and other attendees to share information about the wide range of library services available.



Anecdotes/Other

- Carter's Aviation Station program continues to be a highlight for many. One parent stopped in to share how thrilled her daughter had been after attending a session, mentioning that she had never seen her so energized and inspired.
- A new patron exploring the library's manga section expressed their excitement to Jacob Bigelow, saying, "You have everything here! Everything that people love to read!" That sentiment is echoed by many, and manga remains one of the branch's most popular collections, drawing readers of all ages from across the county.



Winton Branch Library, Kathy Wolf reporting

Programs

- The Winton Comic Club was filled with laughter, fun, and...worms. The tweens read *Scoreline*, a graphic novel featuring cryptids and other fantastical creatures. Honoring the book's wild and outlandish animals, the tweens devised their own game of balloon keep-up, where players tried to keep a balloon in the air while battling a giant worm (a fellow tween in a tunnel). While it was not the initial activity Emily Quevedo Smith had planned for the club, she admired the tweens' creativity and was amenable to the change in plans. The tweens took turns assuming the role of the dastardly worm, attempting to gobble the balloon that passed from player to player. The kids erupted in laughter and displayed many impressive balloon-saving techniques, but what made Smith the happiest was how well the tweens took turns, communicated strategies, and encouraged one another. Between rounds, the tweens snacked and discussed *Pokémon* and *Avatar* graphic novels, two previous Comic Club reads. Common ground was found over a shared love of Mario games, and soon a friendship formed that made the tweens even more powerful against their worm foe. For the final round, Quevedo Smith decided to take on the role of the worm, to which one of the tweens screamed in delight, "*We are so cooked!*" While the tweens were unable to defeat Quevedo Smith, they each told her they had a fun time.
- First Amendment rights, freedom of the press, and the decline of local journalism are significant concerns in Winton's community. An overflow crowd showed up to meet a panel of Rochester Democrat and Chronicle journalists: Robert Bell, Community News and Outreach Editor; Justice Marbury, Neighborhood Reporter; Kayla Canne, Community Safety Reporter; Emily Barnes, Consumer Advocate Reporter; Madison Scott, Finger Lakes Reporter; and Mike Kilian, executive editor. The audience had many questions for the reporters and enjoyed learning more about how the newspaper is produced. What was supposed to be an hour-long program expanded to an hour and a half, and journalists stayed at least another half hour afterwards to meet people on a less formal basis.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

Quevedo Smith attended the annual children's retreat at the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County. She learned about the benefits of play-based learning for children, especially those with trauma or who are on the autism spectrum.

Anecdotes/Other

- Quevedo Smith was gifted a lovely piece of frog-themed art from one of her comic club kids. The piece features Comic Club's unofficial mascot, BestGuy, a soggy froggy who sometimes wields swords and hearts.
- A patron came into the library while talking on his phone. While conversing with his wife, he stopped to pick up May's grab-and-go craft. As he did so, he told Quevedo Smith his kids loved her monthly crafts. Then he chuckled and held the phone out to Quevedo Smith so his wife could let her know she really enjoys the crafts too!
- A young patron ran up to Quevedo Smith, waving her arms, crying, "*Help! Help!*" She was distraught because she could not find *Princess Super Kitty*, a book she uses for speech therapy. Quevedo Smith showed this patron how she looked the book up using the catalog, and how she scanned the shelves for it. With some careful searching, Quevedo Smith was able to find the book. When she handed it to her the young girl said, "*You saved my life! You're my hero.*" Quevedo Smith couldn't help but smile. The right book can be a life-saving thing, and she was happy to have helped this patron find it.



2025-26 Trust Fund Budgets

Reynolds Fund	2024-2025	2025-2026
FFRPL-Designated Funds	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
RPL-Designated Funds	\$ 144,857	\$ 148,267
Director's Discretionary Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 209,857	\$ 213,267
RPL Managed Trust Funds		
Boland Fund	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,589
Carnahan Fund	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,604
Fenyvessy-Central	\$ 26,310	\$ 27,139
Fenyvessy-Branches	\$ 31,709	\$ 32,709
Fenyvessy-NE Branches	\$ 21,350	\$ 22,023
Gervickas Fund	\$ 6,045	\$ 6,236
Gleason Fund	\$ 15,862	\$ 16,362
Kenyon-Jefferies Fund	\$ 20,191	\$ 20,827
Poletto Fund	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,604
Purton Fund	\$ 17,007	\$ 17,543
Taylor Fund	\$ 3,610	\$ 3,723
Total	\$ 146,735	\$ 151,361
FFRPL Managed Trust Funds - Restricted for RPL*		
Beeney Fund	\$ 4,878	\$5,042
Craig Fund	\$ 2,716	\$2,803
Gleason Fund	\$ 12,183	\$12,572
Holtzman Fund	\$ 1,560	\$1,604
Lee Fund	\$ 1,475	\$1,524
Vietnam Veterans Fund	\$ 688	\$701
Tummonds Fund**	\$ 88,391	\$ 103,307
Total	\$ 111,891	\$ 127,553
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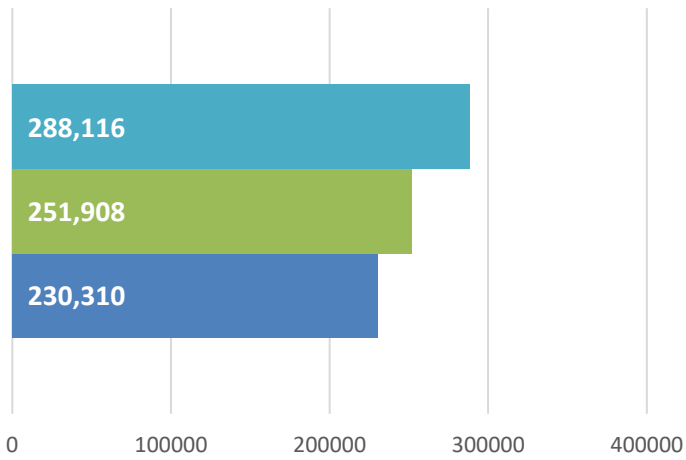
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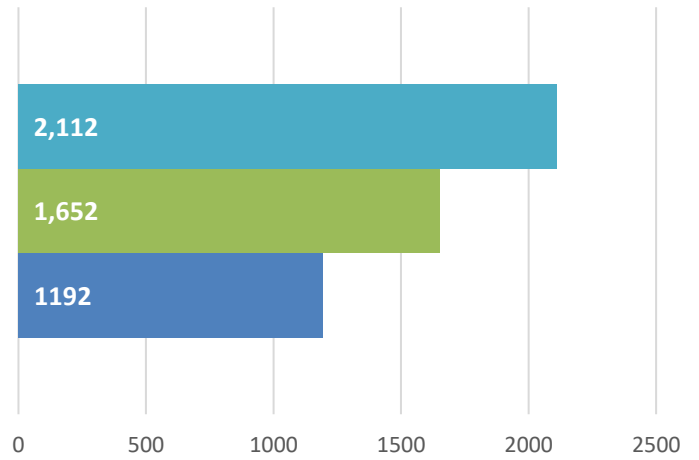
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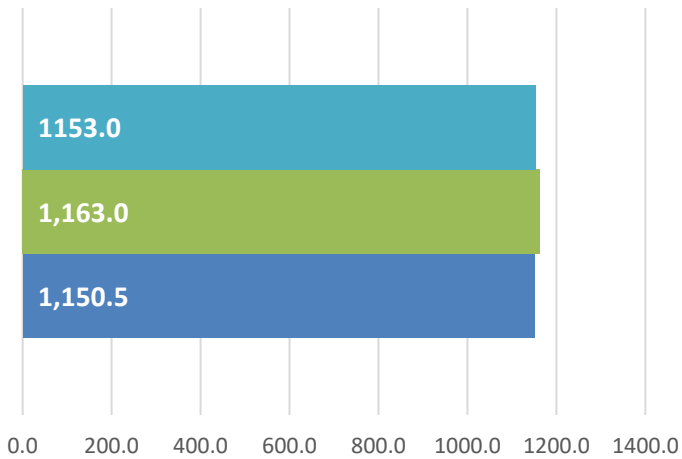
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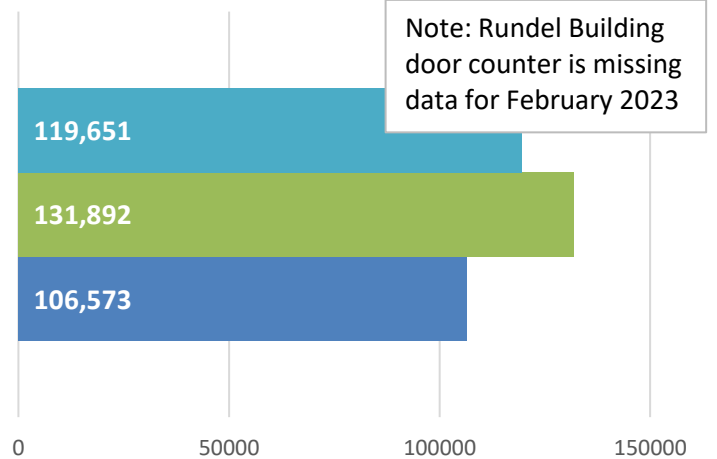
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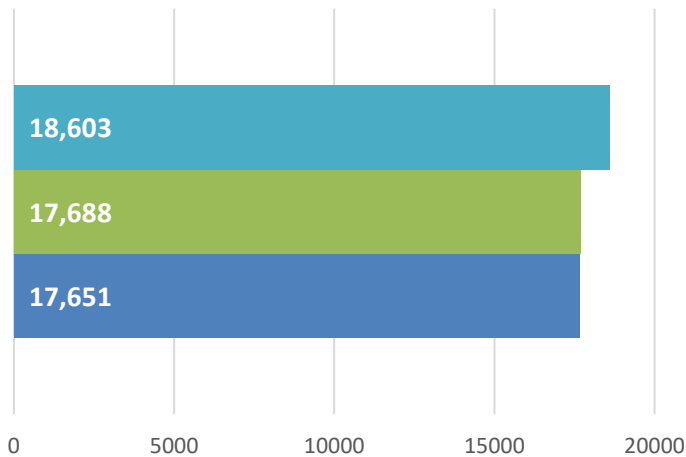
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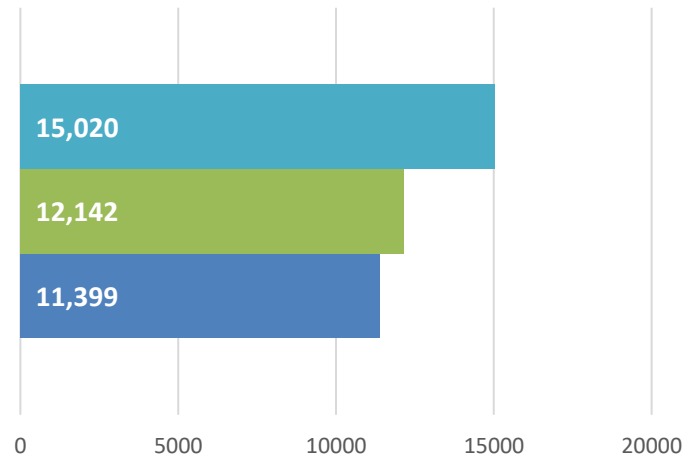
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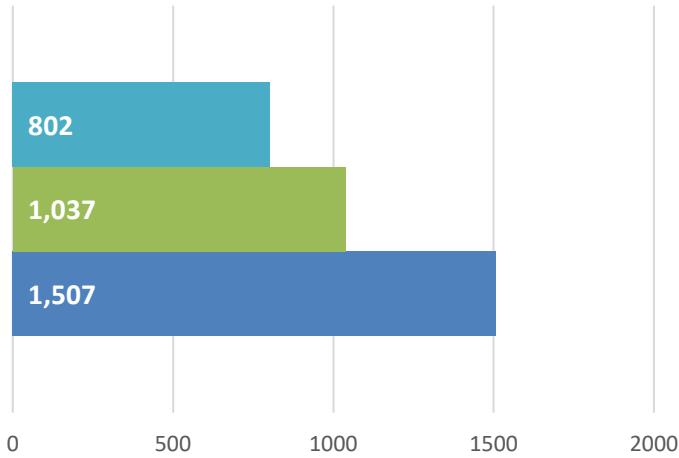
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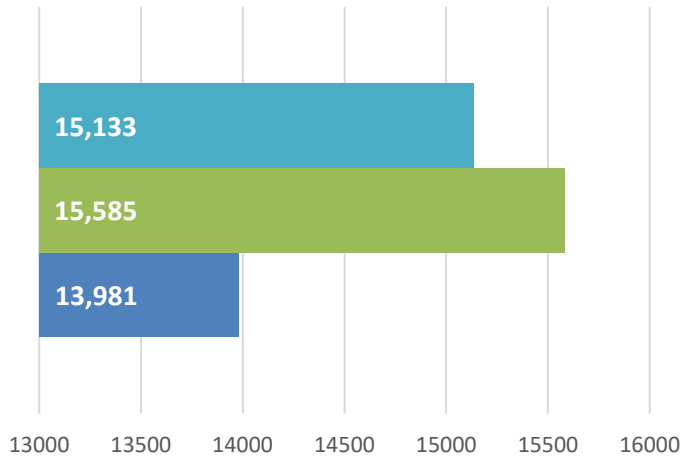
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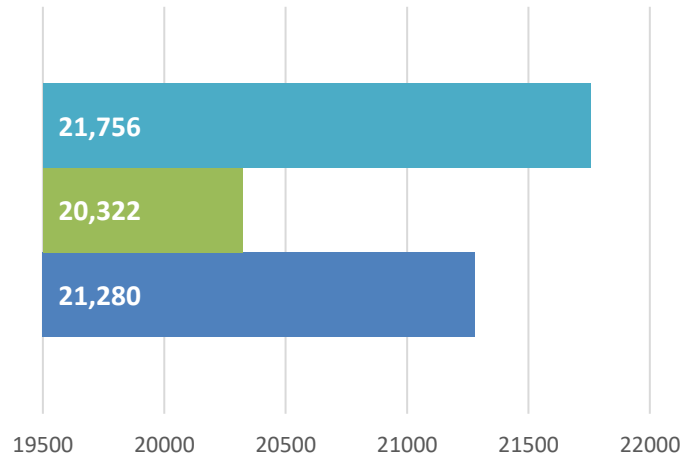
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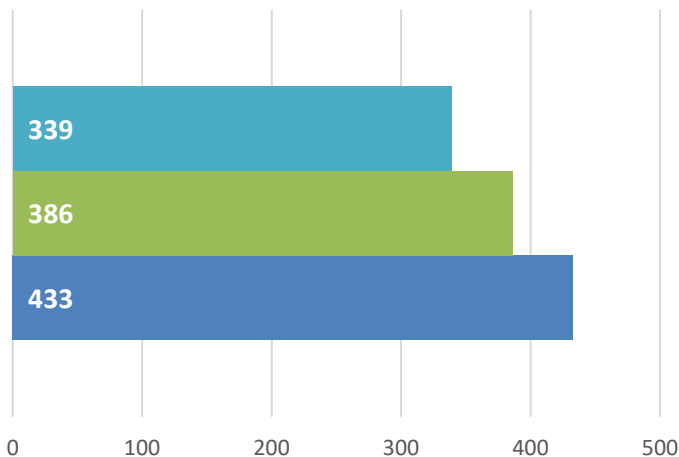
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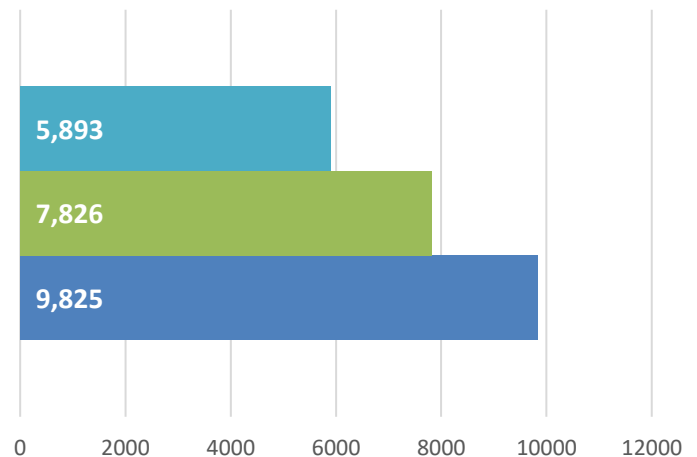
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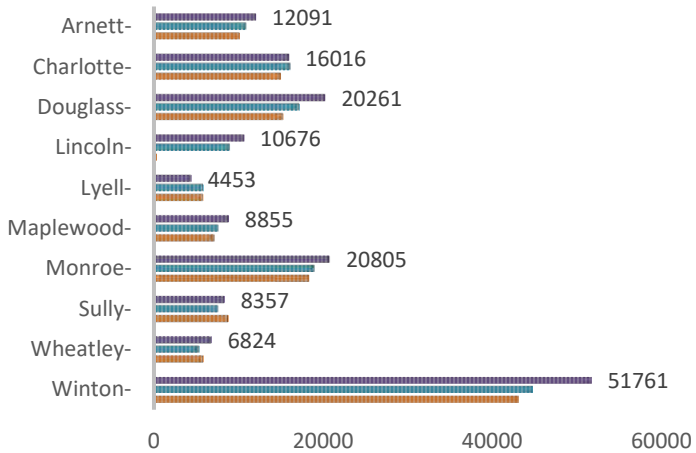
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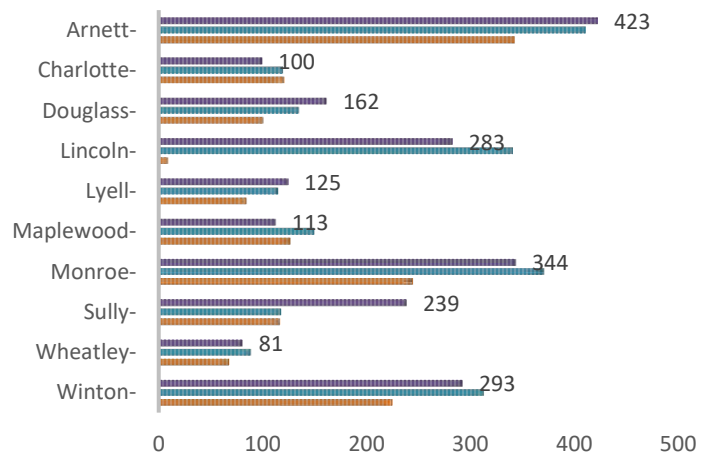
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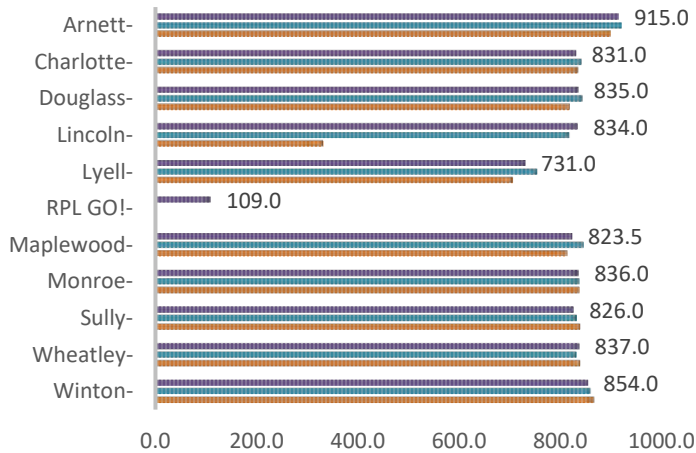
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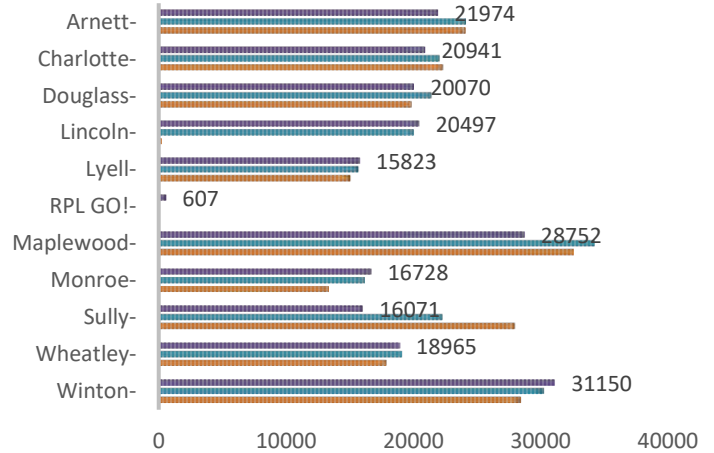
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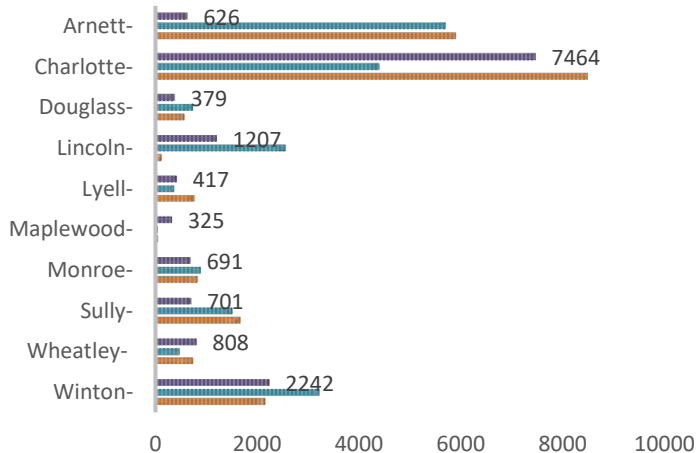
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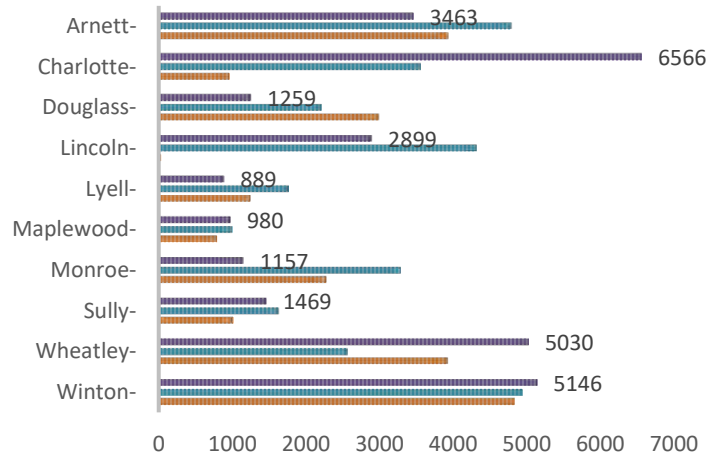
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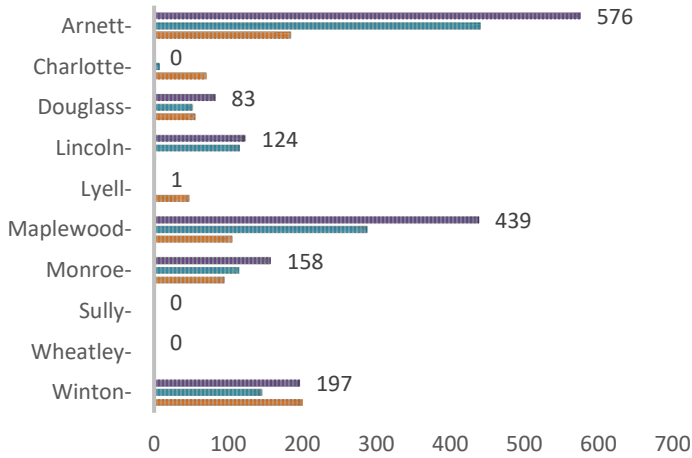
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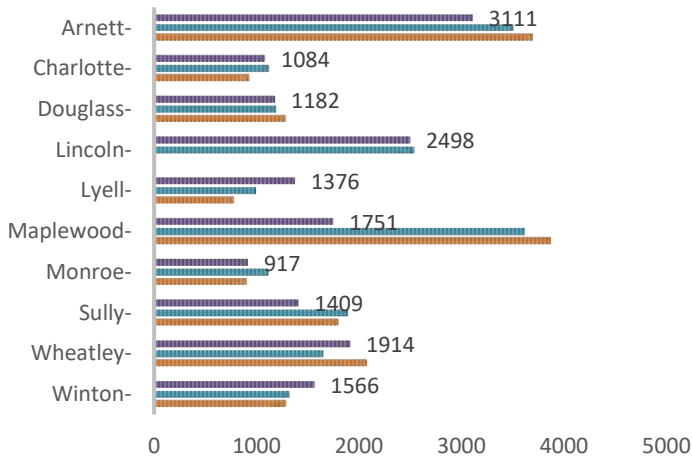
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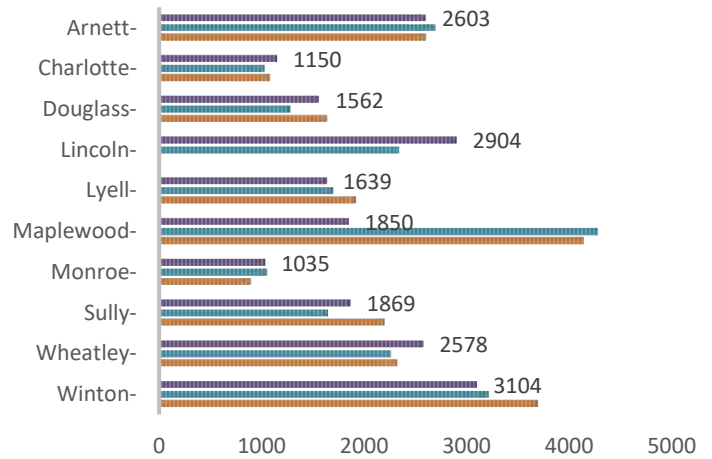
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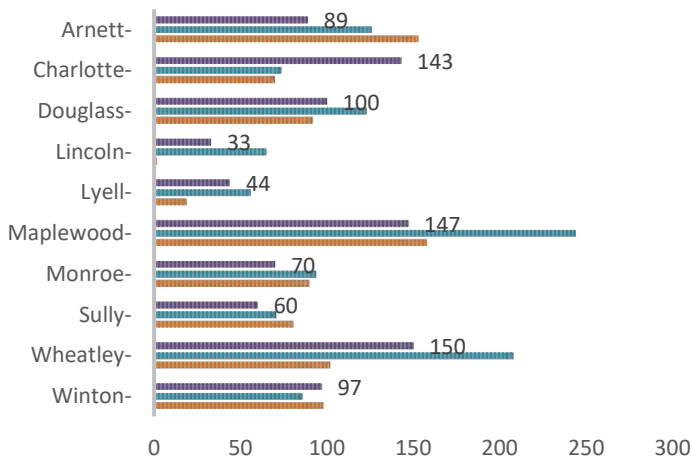
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