

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AGENDA · THURSDAY JULY 9, 2026  
LIBRARY BOARDROOM**

All meetings of the Board are open to anyone who may wish to observe the proceedings. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during Public Forum. Speakers should state their name and purpose and speak for no more than five minutes, unless otherwise permitted by the presiding officer. Please note that no discussion or action on items raised in Public Forum can be undertaken at this meeting, but the speaker(s) may request the item be added to the agenda for a future meeting.

**Trustee Oath – Dennis Reida**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Public Forum**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **June 11, 2026 Minutes**
  - b. **Correspondence** - none
  - c. **Grants** –Vredenburg Foundation Application – Roof and/or *Young Reading Garden*
5. **May 2026 Financial Statements**
6. **July 2026 Claims**
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Lucas County Genealogical Society Agreement (Task Force)
8. **New Business**
  - a. Consideration of ***iH Landscaping*** Estimate for *Young Reading Garden*
9. **Strategic Planning**
  - Finance & Policy Committee
  - Community Relations Committee
  - Building & Grounds Committee
10. **Director’s Report**
11. **Board Comments & Continuing Education**
12. **Agenda Items for Next Month’s (August 13, 2026) Meeting**

**Chariton Public Library Board Meeting**  
**July 9, 2026 at 5:30pm**  
Please join our meeting from your  
computer, tablet or smartphone.  
<https://meet.google.com/cth-ebfp-rrb>

**Adjournment**

# Chariton Free Public Library

## June 11, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on June 11, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Bisgard, Blake, Meyer, Muehlenthaler, Pillsbury-Allen and Sharp were present. Director Murphy was also present.

**The Agenda** was unanimously adopted on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Blake.

**Public Forum:** None

Pillsbury-Allen moved and Sharp seconded for unanimous approval of the **Consent Agenda**.

**May 14, 2026 Minutes**

**Correspondence** - none

**Grants** – Vredenburg Grant Report – Roof repair \$10,000

The **April 2026 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Meyer moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Pillsbury-Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **June 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Blake, seconded by Bisgard.

### **Unfinished Business**

Meyer moved to approve the Mainstay Systems Tech Support contract renewal. Blake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Discussion of the tree removal options resulted in the choice of the \$1,440 quote from C.R. Environmental, due to an insurance issue which prevents Paige Tree Service from working for the City. Blake moved to approve the C.R. Environmental quote, Pillsbury-Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blake will schedule the removal.

Pillsbury-Allen moved for the approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Calendar. Meyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Due to Bisgard's departure, a vice-president had to be elected for the upcoming year. Meyer moved to elect Hunkele vice-president for the second year of Bisgard's term. Sharp seconded and the motion passed unanimously. President Muehlenthaler and Secretary Fredericks will continue their offices.

### **Reports**

**Building & Grounds:** Strategic Plan update attached. Blake also reported he would meet with Revamp Fencing Company on 6/12/26. A third fencing company was suggested as well. Blake and Murphy reported that no response as to quotes or schedules had been received from Hirschy or Wood Roofing. The next step for the basement renovation is contacting Jim Tometich and Mark Devilbiss for input on removal/replacement of the crumbling wall. Murphy will try to coordinate an inspection with Tometich, Devilbiss and Bintner.

**Young Reading Garden:** Pillsbury-Allen has selected a bench type for the Garden. Murphy reported that other donors have also given funds for more benches. Pillsbury-Allen reported that a donor had contacted her about a potential donation of up to \$20,000 towards the Garden, with stipulations to be determined.

**Finance & Policy:** Reviewed the Financial Report. Approved tree removal quote.

**Director's Report:** (attached)

**Board Comments & Continuing Education:**

**Agenda Items for next meeting:** Reida Oath of Office

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Meyer.

Kris Murphy, Library Director

# MAY 2026 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNCOLLECTED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	BALANCE	BALANCE	RECVD	
006-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY \$MARKET	4,500.00	183.02	4,449.06	98.87	50.94
006-410-4470	LIBRARY RURAL FEES	19,716.00	.00	20,887.00	105.94	1,171.00+
006-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	3,300.00	.00	.00	.00	3,300.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS	2,000.00	.00	2,084.15	104.21	84.15+
006-410-4715	REFUND	.00	.00	2,034.11	.00	2,034.11+
006-410-4765	LIBRARY FINES	3,000.00	191.00	3,285.70	109.52	285.70+
006-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	3,500.00	.00	3,693.17	105.52	193.17+
006-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY OPERATIN	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-910-4832	INTERFUND LOAN PAYMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-950-4000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	140,000.00	.00	140,000.00	100.00	.00
	LIBRARY OPERATING TOTAL	176,016.00	374.02	176,433.19	100.24	417.19+

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNEXPENDED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	BALANCE	BALANCE	EXPENDED	
006-410-6010	SALARIES	144,000.00	15,496.32	118,108.59	82.02	25,891.41
006-410-6210	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,500.00	.00	1,816.32	121.09	316.32-
006-410-6230	TRAVEL, TRAINING, & DUES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	.00	1,516.04	5,148.38	.00	5,148.38-
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	11,000.00	934.35	15,781.49	143.47	4,781.49-
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING & LEGAL PUBLICATIO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6405	RECORDING FEES	500.00	.00	1,042.00	208.40	542.00-
006-410-6411	LEGAL EXPENSES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6497	MISC EXPENSE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6498	PROGRAMMING	3,000.00	340.67	3,686.62	122.89	686.62-
006-410-6505	NEW EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	846.87	.00	846.87-
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	600.00	51.16	544.44	90.74	55.56
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	300.00	5.67	147.40	49.13	152.60
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS	5,000.00	198.42	4,810.44	96.21	189.56
006-410-6523	AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS	1,000.00	108.25	741.82	74.18	258.18
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPORT	8,500.00	286.88	8,693.31	102.27	193.31-
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	500.00	.00	565.67	113.13	65.67-
	LIBRARY OPERATING TOTAL	176,000.00	18,937.76	161,933.35	92.01	14,066.65

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNEXPENDED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	BALANCE	BALANCE	EXPENDED	
010-410-6408	LIABILITY & PROP INS LEVY TOTA	13,000.00	.00	599.76	4.61	12,400.24
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	33,422.00	3,311.73	28,261.13	84.56	5,160.87
	TOTAL EXPENSES	46,422.00	3,311.73	28,860.89	62.17	17,561.11

# MAY 2026 ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL FUND REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNCOLLECTED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	BALANCE	BALANCE	RECVD	
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	20,000.00	.00	30,000.00	150.00	10,000.00+
167-410-4705	DONATIONS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS/BLDG RENOVATION	20,000.00	570.00	18,806.69	94.03	1,193.31
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY ENDOW	6,502.34-	.00	6,502.34-	100.00	.00
167-910-4832	INTERFUND LOAN PAYMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL	46,502.34	570.00	55,309.03	118.94	8,806.69+

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNEXPENDED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	BALANCE	BALANCE	EXPENDED	
167-410-6751	CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	75,000.00	.00	44,992.68	59.99	30,007.32
167-910-6910	TRANSFER OUT - LIBRARY ENDOWME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL	75,000.00	.00	44,992.68	59.99	30,007.32

# MAY 2026 MONEY MARKET REPORT

## BANK CASH REPORT 2026

BANK NAME	APRIL	MAY	MAY	MAY	OUTSTANDING	MAY BANK
FUND GL NAME	CASH BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSMENTS	CASH BALANCE	TRANSACTIONS	BALANCE
BANK MIDWEST HERITAGE LIB MM BK#4	156,721.77	183.02	0.00	156,904.79	0.00	156,904.79
006 LIBRARY MM ACCOUNT						

# MAY 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2029, FISCAL 11/2029 91.6%			MTD	YTD	PERCENT	UNEXPENDED
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	BALANCE	BALANCE	EXPENDED	
	LIBRARY TOTAL	284,750.00	.00	.00	.00	284,750.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT CALENDAR 5/2026, FISCAL 11/2026

ACCOUNT TITLE	LAST MONTH	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CHANGE IN	ENDING
	END BALANCE			LIABILITY	BALANCE
006 LIBRARY OPERATING	33,198.58	374.02	18,937.76	.00	14,634.84
167 LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	329,190.99	570.00	.00	.00	329,760.99

# CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FY2026 BUDGET

MAY 2026

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED	05/2026	BALANCE
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2025 (Cash on hand \$135.00)</b>				<b>\$135.00</b>
006-410-4300	INTEREST MONEY MARKET	\$4,500.00	\$183.02	\$4,449.06
006-410-4470	RURAL FEES (Salaries & Utilities)	\$19,716.00	\$0.00	\$20,887.00
006-410-4471	GRANTS	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,084.15
006-410-4715	REFUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,034.11
006-410-4765	LIBRARY INCOME	\$3,000.00	\$191.00	\$3,285.70
006-410-4799	OTHER STATE LIBRARY ENRICH IOWA PAYMENT	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,693.17
006-910-4830	TRANSFER INTO LIBRARY OPERATING FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-950-4000	CITY PROPERTY TAXES (Salaries)	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$176,016.00</b>	<b>\$374.02</b>	<b>\$176,433.19</b>
006-410-6010	GROSS SALARIES	\$144,000.00	(\$15,496.32)	(\$118,108.59)
006-410-6210	SUBSCRIPTIONS/LICENSES	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	(\$1,816.32)
006-410-6230	TRAVEL/TRAINING/DUES	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS (budgeted \$0)	\$0.00	(\$1,516.04)	(\$5,148.38)
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$11,000.00	(\$934.35)	(\$15,781.49)
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6405	AUDITOR RECORDING FEES	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$1,042.00)
006-410-6411	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6497	MISC. EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6498	PROGRAMMING	\$3,000.00	(\$340.67)	(\$3,686.62)
006-410-6505	NEW FURNITURE/EQUIP (budgeted \$0)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$846.87)
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$600.00	(\$51.16)	(\$544.44)
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	\$300.00	(\$5.67)	(\$147.40)
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS	\$5,000.00	(\$198.42)	(\$4,810.44)
006-410-6523	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	\$1,000.00	(\$108.25)	(\$741.82)
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPT	\$8,500.00	(\$286.88)	(\$8,693.31)
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$565.67)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$176,000.00</b>	<b>(\$18,937.76)</b>	<b>(\$161,933.35)</b>
<b>(Cash on hand: Petty Cash \$60, Income Cash Drawers \$75)</b>			<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$14,634.84</b>

ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED	05/2026	BALANCE
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2025</b>				<b>\$319,444.64</b>
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4471	GRANTS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
167-410-4705	DONATIONS - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME (Benches)	\$20,000.00	\$570.00	\$18,806.69
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES - CAPITAL PROJECTS INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
167-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,502.34
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>	<b>\$55,309.03</b>
167-410-6751	CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	(\$44,992.68)
				<b>\$329,760.99</b>
RESTRICTED	Restricted Memorial Bequests for Collection Purchases			(\$75,390.01)
<b>CAPITAL FUND BALANCE</b>				<b>\$254,370.98</b>

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CHARITON, IOWA  
JULY 2026 CLAIMS**

<b>OPERATING FUND CLAIMS</b>		<b>BUDGET LINE</b>	<b>V#</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>
Access Systems	Copier Contract AND TRANSITION TO NEW MACHINE FEES	006-410-6525	5321	\$949.26
Alliant Energy	Monthly Electric	006-410-6371	131	\$711.63
Amazon Capital Services	Programming	006-410-6498	5265	\$136.14
	Operating Supplies	006-410-6507		\$38.06
	Printed Materials	006-410-6522		\$93.67
	AV Materials	006-410-6523		\$34.92
	Custodial	006-410-6526		\$220.04
American Alarms	Annual Test	006-410-6310	5145	\$655.20
Chariton Newspapers	3 yr Subscription	006-410-6210	78	\$180.00
Chariton Water Department	Monthly Water	006-410-6371	80	\$50.36
City of Chariton	Property Insurance	<b>010</b> -410-6408	67	\$7,405.12
EMC Insurance	Work Comp Renew	<b>112</b> -410-6160		\$226.47
Elite Pest Control	Quarterly Contract	006-410-6310	1079	\$220.00
Ingram	Printed Materials	006-410-6522	5599	\$182.24
Mainstay Systems Inc.	Quarterly IT Contract	006-410-6525	5351	\$714.00
Petty Cash	Postage	006-410-6508	68	\$13.46
	Custodial	006-410-6526		\$6.42
Riley Heating & Cooling	Repair drain line	006-410-6310	1965	\$301.00
Windstream	Monthly Phone/Int	006-410-6371	858	\$295.13
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND CLAIMS PAID JULY 2026</b>				<b>\$12,433.12</b>

I hereby empower the treasurer of the City of Chariton, Iowa to pay the above amounts.

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\_\_\_\_\_ of the Chariton Free Public Library Board of Trustees



# iH Landscaping

49813 State Highway 14  
Chariton, Iowa 50049

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ihlandscaping.com

# Estimate

Name/Address
Chariton Library

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with the following specifications. Payment is to made as follows: 50% down 50% upon completion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature

Date	Estimate No.
06/29/26	1206

**NOTE: THIS IS AN ESTIMATE ONLY, THE PRICES IN THIS PROPOSAL ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**

Item	Description	Total
EDGING MATERIAL	120 feet of bordo edging from front steps around the corner and past the a/c units to the building corner on both sides rock base under edging for stability.  Bordo edging is a concrete product made to look like natural limestone, it is about 4 inches wide and 18-24 inches long.  There are many other options of edging if you do not like this one.	5,000.00
PLANT MATERIALS	14 plants for up around building, and two trees. boxwood, spirea, potential, weigela are a few options. maybe some ornamental grasses.  one river birch one red bud  plants will need to be kept watered, and the stone from the building will tend to cook the plants you put there.  pricing depends on the plant type and size.	4,800.00
BROWN MULCH COLORED	brown colored mulch for around building and labor to install the mulch 100 bags	1,350.00

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.  
iH Landscaping is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

**Total**

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date



**Chariton Free Public Library  
Director's Report  
July 9, 2026**

There will be a more detailed fiscal year report in pamphlet format later, but for now, here's some numbers:

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2026</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Days Open	25	25	25	27	21	23	25	24	26	24	24	25	294
Visitor Count	2,962	2,230	1,962	1,954	1,992	1,943	1,922	1,981	1,953	1,834	1,902	2,612	25,247
Cards Issued	27	25	13	18	9	13	13	21	18	15	4	12	188
Cards Weeded	4	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	4	0	0	18
Meeting Room Uses	7	7	15	20	19	12	6	11	11	12	13	13	146
Total Circulation (w/o SILO ILLs)	2,514	2,395	2,167	2,197	1,823	1,771	1,971	1,820	1,986	1,691	1,606	2,097	24,038
BRIDGES Registrations	6	11	12	3	5	7	7	4	7	6	4	4	76
BRIDGES Active Individuals	134	133	140	139	145	143	150	141	144	136	138	139	1,682
BRIDGES Items Circulated	800	797	805	791	795	811	926	833	901	815	787	831	9,892
Website Visits	540	509	401	574	514	474	531	497	584	529	455	600	6,208
Website Actions	1,607	1,289	1,033	2,155	1,649	1,058	1,311	1,295	1,552	1,557	1,262	1,629	17,397
WI-FI Sessions	616	627	636	774	691	721	711	870	825	607	612	829	8,519
Unique WI-FI Visitors	146	151	141	161	157	153	158	136	146	119	109	127	1,704
PC & Chromebox Uses	707	688	594	626	515	488	489	540	590	436	517	537	6,727
Programs Offered	27	11	12	11	11	8	7	8	18	8	10	15	146
Program Attendance	123	65	21	168	49	28	19	20	66	30	58	129	776

**Comparison to previous fiscal years.**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>
Days Open	296	291	295	246	291	292	289	289	292	294
Visitor Count	38,361	40,563	37,063	25,377	15,120	25,248	25,993	32,519	23,429	25,247
Meeting Room Uses	33	203	124	95	2	43	201	185	138	146
Total Circulation (w/o SILO ILLs)	41,533	41,925	42,036	30,795	24,856	25,931	24,783	22,989	22,931	24,038
BRIDGES Registrations	53	65	62	71	47	50	75	54	44	76
BRIDGES Active Individuals	113	658	843	958	969	1,047	1,319	1,488	1,452	1,682
BRIDGES Items Circulated	2,069	2,818	4,075	5,135	5,640	6,647	7,503	9,421	8,543	9,892
Website Visits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,838	4,427	4,718	5,175	6,227	6,208
Website Actions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,766	12,297	13,057	13,489	14,867	17,397
PC & Chromebox Uses	10,200	9,573	7,716	4,930	3,218	2,592	3,972	6,808	7,708	6,727
WI-FI Sessions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,748	8,076	9,951	9,188	8,519
Unique WI-FI Visitors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	721	1,679	1,797	1,754	1,704
Programs Offered	109	148	136	234	117	74	128	106	89	146
Program Attendance	1,277	2,491	2,165	2,683	3,591	3,752	660	666	875	776
	Janelle Armstong	Janelle Armstong	Dawn Morgan	DM HERE & ONLINE	DM ONLINE & ELSEWHERE	DM ONLINE & SCHOOL	NO PRO LIB	NO PRO LIB	NO PRO LIB	NO PRO LIB

It is amazing how hard Covid hit us. Circulation looks to be rebounding a bit, but it doesn't look like we'll ever get back to those pre-covid numbers. We've also lost many voracious readers in the intervening years as they aged and passed. We can't show that specifically here, but this staff notices when regulars stop coming in and several of our heavy hitters have passed. Are there fewer readers in the younger generations? When they reach retirement age will reading be a pastime of choice? Are they the ones knocking those BRIDGES numbers out of the park? We have no way to gauge this. For many years we've noticed the lag in reading that creeps in after middle school. The number of readers has always shrunk at this stage. I wish we could get more specifics from our system and from BRIDGES, but they're just not configured that kind of information.

Computer/Chromebox use is on the rise again. Kids still come in and spend entire summer days in online games. Other folks come in just to sit and print a label. The majority of our desk income comes from people coming in to print because their phone or tablet have become their only online access and printers aren't worth having. Faxing is still a thing too and we might be the only place in town still offering it.

CIRCULATION BY CATEGORY	Circs	# of Copies
Adult Fiction	4,835	5,281
Large Print	994	881
Adult Nonfiction	1,018	1,619
Adult Audiobooks	43	65
Adult Video	3,399	3,377
Picture Books	3,298	1,967
Beginner Readers	1,265	976
Juvenile Fiction	3,699	2,594
Juvenile Nonfiction	795	914
Juvenile Audiobooks	96	113
Juvenile Videos	2,544	1,724
Young Adult Books	1,581	1,214
YA Anime Video	293	267
Games	11	26
Puzzles	72	135
Bin Books *	3	1,476
Educational Bins	57	70
Maker Bins	35	28
Local Interlibrary Loans	401	73
	<b>24,439</b>	<b>22,800</b>

CIRCULATION BY PATRON TYPE	Circs	# of Patrons
Chariton Adult	13,344	1,714
Chariton Child	3,732	603
Rural Adult	4,099	639
Rural Child	756	164
Russell Adult	783	130
Russell Child	208	49
Lucas Adult	372	74
Lucas Child	18	16
Williamson Adult	10	20
Williamson Child	0	4
Derby Adult	216	26
Derby Child	0	0
Out Of County	641	140
Institutional	259	28
	<b>24,438</b>	<b>3,607</b>

Institutional Cards include in-house Library cards like Programming and Interlibrary Loan – used to track items in use, as well as local service providers like the nursing home and childcare providers, and classroom cards set up by some of the teachers.

Bin Books \* These items are located in the Kit bags/bins. Although cataloged and barcoded, they aren't meant to circulate individually, but occasionally exceptions are made to meet patron needs. Can't do the whole kit, but that book...

It's amazing what plummeted after Covid. Look at those DVDs. We've really cut back on buying them. We've considered for years whether or not we can afford more online audiovisual content for our patrons, but that's a big budget item and we keep waiting for more affordable options to become available. We used to budget thousands of dollars for AV items. Now we budget \$500 just for the stuff people request. The Allender fund is paying for the chunk of our BRIDGES subscription that is audiobooks now. We no longer purchase CD audio and don't even add CD audio when they're donated.

Category Circulations	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Adult Fiction	8,220	7,793	6,898	5,590	4,459	4,800	5,274	5,038	4,804	<b>4,835</b>
Large Print	1,292	1,501	1,293	1,083	928	650	828	777	1,129	<b>994</b>
Adult Nonfiction	2,024	2,082	2,595	1,795	1,666	1,790	1,572	1,139	1,166	<b>1,018</b>
Adult Audiobooks	1,618	1,257	855	895	560	393	209	191	142	<b>43</b>
Adult Video	10,271	11,243	11,072	6,659	3,738	3,581	3,082	3,393	2,517	<b>3,399</b>
Picture Books	3,598	3,069	4,128	2,218	1,585	3,429	2,974	2,623	3,067	<b>3,298</b>
Beginner Readers	2,188	1,990	2,066	2,057	1,811	1,696	1,742	1,266	1,157	<b>1,265</b>
Juvenile Fiction	2,593	2,463	3,020	2,935	3,713	3,564	3,729	3,406	3,989	<b>3,699</b>
Juvenile Nonfiction	682	820	985	1,121	1,124	1,075	799	687	716	<b>795</b>
Juvenile Audiobooks	45	158	223	143	130	68	94	130	96	<b>96</b>
Juvenile Videos	5,438	6,569	5,807	3,945	2,803	3,113	3,161	2,835	2,695	<b>2,544</b>
Young Adult Books	2,509	1,767	1,782	2,030	1,564	1,409	980	1,091	1,052	<b>1,581</b>
YA Anime Video	757	659	547	311	375	226	241	268	260	<b>293</b>
Games						6	10	3	5	<b>11</b>
Puzzles					10	29	46	36	87	<b>72</b>
Educational Bins					16	10	14	52	33	<b>57</b>
Maker Bins							7	13	17	<b>35</b>
	<b>41,235</b>	<b>41,371</b>	<b>41,271</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>24,482</b>	<b>25,839</b>	<b>24,762</b>	<b>22,948</b>	<b>22,932</b>	<b>24,035</b>