

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA · THURSDAY JULY 10, 2025
LIBRARY BOARDROOM**

All meetings of the Board are open to anyone who may wish to observe the proceedings. Members of the public who wish to address the Board will be given the opportunity in the Public Forum. Please alert the Library Director.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Public Forum**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. June 12, 2025 Minutes**
 - b. Correspondence - none**
 - c. May 2025 Financial Statements**
 - d. Grants – Vredenburg Grant Report (C&D Masonry)**
- 5. July 2025 Claims**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Strategic Planning**
 - b. Community-Led Programming**
 - c. Genealogy Agreement**
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Southwest Basement Corner Room Drywall & Paint**
- 8. Reports**
 - Building & Grounds
 - Community Relations
 - Finance & Policy
 - Director's Report
- 9. Board Comments & Continuing Education**
- 10. Agenda Items for Next Month's (August 14, 2025) Meeting**

Adjournment

Chariton Free Public Library

June 12, 2025

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on June 12, 2025 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, Miller, Pillsbury-Allen and Seuferer were present. Director Murphy was also present.

The Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Seuferer, seconded by Miller.

Public Forum: None

Consent Agenda: Bisgard moved and Pillsbury-Allen seconded for unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda.

May 8, 2025 Minutes

Correspondence – Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement, Mainstay Tech Support Contract Renewal

April 2025 Financial Statements

Grants – none

The June 2025 Claims were unanimously approved on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Seuferer.

Unfinished Business

A meeting to present the Strategic Plan to our Focus Group Participants and other members of the public was scheduled for July 15, 2025 from 5:30 to 6:30. Group coordinators will invite their participants.

Several applications for Community-Led Programming have been received. The Community Relations Committee will address them at a future committee meeting.

New Business

\$10,272.17 has been incorrectly transferred, without approval from the Library Board, in FY24 and again in FY25, from the Library Operating Fund (006) and into the Library Endowment Fund (167). The dollar amount matches the Judd bequest which was expended in FY22 on capital projects. The Judd fund no longer exists.

At the beginning of each fiscal year the Library Board transfers any remaining operating funds from the previous fiscal year to the endowment account. No funds may be transferred from the Library Operating Fund unless directed by the Library Board.

To resolve the issue, Seuferer moved to approve Library Resolution 6122025 to transfer \$10,272.17 from the Library Endowment Fund (167) back into the Library Operating Fund (006). Bisgard seconded. Roll was called:

Vote: Present: Bisgard: Aye Blake: Aye Meyer: Aye Miller: Aye Pillsbury-Allen: Aye Seuferer: Aye
Absent: Fredericks, McGee, Sharp

The motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion of the unsigned Genealogy Agreement approved by the Library Board on June 9, 2022.

Board Officers: Miller moved to approve Seuferer as President, Bisgard as Vice-President and Fredericks as Secretary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. Blake seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Seuferer thanked Miller for her service on the Board. We're sorry to lose her.

Reports

Building & Grounds: 5/20/25 minutes attached.

Director's Report (attached)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Seuferer.

Kris Murphy, Library Director

MAY 2025 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025 91.6%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT RECVD	UNCOLLECTED
006-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY \$MARKET	5,000.00	180.53	4,060.78	81.22	939.22
006-410-4440	STATE GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-4470	LIBRARY RURAL FEES	26,000.00	20,167.00	20,167.00	77.57	5,833.00
006-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	20,000.00	.00	.00	.00	20,000.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS	5,000.00	50.00	2,252.29	45.05	2,747.71
006-410-4707	DONATIONS/BLDG RENOVATION	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-4715	REFUND	.00	.00	1,652.75	.00	1,652.75
006-410-4765	LIBRARY FINES	3,000.00	232.89	3,374.60	112.49	374.60
006-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	5,000.00	.00	3,846.86	76.94	1,153.14
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		204,000.00	20,630.42	175,354.28	85.96	28,645.72

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025 91.6%

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
006-410-6010	SALARIES	151,400.00	15,043.59	114,288.47	75.49	37,111.53
006-410-6210	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	110.98	1,664.30	83.22	335.70
006-410-6230	TRAVEL, TRAINING, & DUES	400.00	.00	20.00	5.00	380.00
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	59.45	3,010.67	100.36	10.67
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	13,000.00	880.27	14,786.59	113.74	1,786.59
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING & LEGAL PUBLICATIO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6405	RECORDING FEES	500.00	.00	500.00	100.00	.00
006-410-6408	INSURANCE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.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	6,000.00	203.24	1,625.94	27.10	4,374.06
006-410-6502	BOOKS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6505	NEW EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	.00	3,049.83	152.49	1,049.83
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,000.00	62.35	802.38	40.12	1,197.62
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	100.00	.00	296.25	296.25	196.25
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS	6,000.00	430.91	5,687.54	94.79	312.46
006-410-6523	AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS	3,000.00	73.85	1,021.52	34.05	1,978.48
006-410-6524	AUDIO VISUAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPORT	8,000.00	301.34	7,969.54	99.62	30.46
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	1,000.00	100.40	516.29	51.63	483.71
006-410-6751	CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LIBRARY TOTAL		198,400.00	17,266.38	155,239.32	78.25	43,160.68

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
010-410-6408	LIABILITY & PROP INS LEVY TOTA	17,900.00	.00	17,847.09	99.70	52.91
112-410	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	33,417.00	3,180.63	26,104.99	78.12	7,312.01
TOTAL EXPENSES		51,317.00	3,180.63	43,952.08	85.65	7,364.92

MAY 2025 **ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL FUND** REPORT

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025 91.6%						
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ESTIMATE	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT RECVD	UNCOLLECTED
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4471	LOCAL GRANTS	20,000.00	7,000.00	17,000.00	85.00	3,000.00
167-410-4705	DONATIONS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS/BLDG RENOVATION	20,000.00	.00	16,665.00	83.33	3,335.00
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
167-910-4830	TRANSFER IN - LIBRARY ENDOW	256,518.69	.00	256,518.69	100.00	.00
167-910-4832	INTERFUND LOAN PAYMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL		296,518.69	7,000.00	290,183.69	97.86	6,335.00

REVENUE REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025 91.6%						
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
167-410-6751	CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	40,000.00	.00	22,061.06	55.15	17,938.94
167-910-6910	TRANSFER OUT - LIBRARY ENDOWME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TOTAL		40,000.00	.00	22,061.06	55.15	17,938.94

MAY 2025 **MONEY MARKET** REPORT

BANK CASH REPORT 2025

FUND GL	BANK NAME	APRIL CASH BALANCE	MAY RECEIPTS	MAY DISBURSMENTS	MAY CASH BALANCE	OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS	MAY BANK BALANCE
BANK 006	MIDWEST HERITAGE LIB MM BK#4 LIBRARY MM ACCOUNT	154,582.81	180.53	0.00	154,763.34	0.00	154,763.34

MAY 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

BUDGET REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025 91.6%

ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET	MTD BALANCE	YTD BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
LIBRARY TOTAL	289,717.00	20,447.01	221,252.46	76.37	68,464.54

TREASURER'S REPORT CALENDAR 5/2025, FISCAL 11/2025

ACCOUNT TITLE	LAST MONTH END BALANCE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE
006 LIBRARY OPERATING	6,682.72	20,630.42	17,266.38	.00	10,046.76
167 LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	346,784.81	7,000.00	.00	.00	353,784.81

CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FY2025 BUDGET

MAY 2025

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		CITY BUDGETED	PLANNED BUDGET	05/2025	BALANCE
BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2024					\$0.00
006-410-4300	INTEREST MONEY MARKET & BEQUESTS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$180.53	\$4,060.78
006-410-4470	RURAL FEES	\$26,000.00	\$19,716.00	\$20,167.00	\$20,167.00
006-410-4471	GRANTS	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4550	MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-4705	DONATIONS (usually spent on 6522 & 6523)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$50.00	\$2,252.29
006-410-4715	REFUND (Insurance Refund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,652.75
006-410-4765	LIBRARY INCOME	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$232.89	\$3,374.60
006-410-4799	OTHER STATE LIBRARY ENRICH IOWA PAYMENT	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,846.86
006-910-4830	TRANSFER INTO LIBRARY OPERATING FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-950-4000	CITY PROPERTY TAXES	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,000.00
		\$204,000.00	\$187,716.00	\$20,630.42	\$175,354.28
006-410-6010	GROSS SALARIES	\$151,400.00	\$140,000.00	(\$15,043.59)	(\$114,288.47)
006-410-6210	SUBSCRIPTIONS/LICENSES	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$110.98)	(\$1,664.30)
006-410-6230	TRAVEL/TRAINING/DUES	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$20.00)
006-410-6310	BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$59.45)	(\$3,010.67)
006-410-6371	UTILITIES	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	(\$880.27)	(\$14,786.59)
006-410-6402	ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410- 6405	AUDITOR RECORDING FEES	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
006-410-6411	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6497	MISC. EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
006-410-6498	PROGRAMMING	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	(\$203.24)	(\$1,625.94)
006-410-6505	NEW FURNITURE/EQUIP (FY24 FIRST AID GRANT)	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,049.83)
006-410-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$62.35)	(\$802.38)
006-410-6508	POSTAGE	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$296.25)
006-410-6522	PRINTED MATERIALS (167 interest)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	(\$430.91)	(\$5,687.54)
006-410-6523	AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS (167 interest)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$73.85)	(\$1,021.52)
006-410-6525	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPT	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$301.34)	(\$7,969.54)
006-410-6526	JANITOR SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$100.40)	(\$516.29)
		\$198,400.00	\$181,700.00	(\$17,266.38)	(\$155,239.32)
(Cash on hand: Petty Cash \$60, Income Cash Drawers \$75)				BALANCE	\$20,114.96

ENDOWMENT/CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED		05/2025	BALANCE
BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/2024 (including restricted \$75,390.01 & 7/24 Transfer from Op Fund)					\$331,908.70
167-410-4300	INTEREST - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4471	GRANTS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$20,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$17,000.00
167-410-4705	DONATIONS - LIBRARY ENDOWMENT	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-4707	DONATIONS - LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$16,665.00
167-410-4799	OTHER REVENUES - CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
167-410-6751	CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION (HVAC, Stone, Floors)	\$40,000.00		\$0.00	(\$22,061.06)
Subtotal					\$343,512.64
RESTRICTED	Restricted Memorial Bequests for Collection Purchases				(\$75,390.01)
BALANCE					\$268,122.63

**CHARITON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHARITON, IOWA
JULY 2025 CLAIMS**

OPERATING FUND CLAIMS		BUDGET LINE	V#	PAYMENT
Access Systems	Copier Contract	006-410-6525	5321	\$164.92
Alliant Energy		006-410-6371	131	\$612.67
Amazon Capital Services	Programming	006-410-6498	5265	\$204.89
	Operating Supplies	006-410-6507		\$42.49
	Printed Materials	006-410-6522		\$266.88
	AV Materials	006-410-6523		\$158.29
American Alarms	Annual Test	006-410-6310	5145	\$817.05
Baker & Taylor	Printed Materials	006-410-6522	34	\$278.71
Cash	Vent Deflectors	006-410-6508	68	\$29.97
	Postage	006-410-6508		\$4.40
Chariton Water Department		006-410-6371	80	\$27.54
Elite Pest Control		006-410-6310	1079	\$187.25
Mainstay Systems Inc.	Quarterly Tech Spt.	006-410-6525	5351	\$714.00
Murphy, Kris	Key Blanks	006-410-6310	1324	\$18.14
	Standing Desks	006-410-6505		\$219.98
OverDrive Inc. (Annual Bridges Subscription)		006-410-6210	1987	\$1,306.32
Sims, Eric	3-D Print Demo	006-410-6498		\$135.00
True Value	Shop Vac	006-410-6505	40	\$99.99
Windstream		006-410-6371	858	\$285.84
TOTAL OPERATING FUND CLAIMS PAID JULY 2025				\$5,574.33

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

_____, President of the Chariton Free Public Library Board of Trustees
Susan Seufferer

**Chariton Free Public Library
Director Report
July 10, 2025**

I have submitted our annual *Open Access & Direct State Aid Fund* Reports to the State. The first one reports all of the in-state out-of-county circulations which we get reimbursement for. The second attributes expenses we've paid to the state funds we received, to demonstrate how they were used and that those funds supplemented but did not replace funds from our regular funding. Both are a result of our participation in the *Enrich Iowa* program. Our *Annual Survey Report* to the State is due by the end of October.

I have prepped our materials for the annual Auditor visit, which usually occurs in July.

The roof project is underway. Weather has made it a bit difficult as the workers didn't want to remove materials when rain threatened, but they're making slow and steady progress.

Dave Ripperger came Monday morning and removed both of the old radiators attached to the walls in the south basement rooms, as well as the pipes that once led to them, which had been left behind in the walls. He took the metal for scrap and requires no payment.

Kris Murphy
July 10, 2025

FISCAL YEAR STATISTICS	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	FY25	FY24	FY23
Days Open	24	26	24	26	22	24	25	22	26	24	25	24	292	289	289
Visitor Count	2,941	2,021	1,869	1,812	1,760	1,643	1,702	1,598	1,798	1,602	1,921	2,762	23,429	32,519	25,993
Cards Issued	12	19	19	16	12	9	12	20	21	25	24	22	211	196	185
Cards Weeded	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	298	5	310	803	34
Meeting Room Uses	13	13	10	16	13	9	9	6	12	9	17	11	138	185	201
Total Circulation (w/o SILO ILLs)	2,298	1,895	1,820	1,933	1,580	1,544	1,612	1,588	2,422	1,973	2,028	2,238	22,931	22,989	24,783
BRIDGES Registrations	1	6	2	0	4	5	1	2	12	2	2	7	44	54	75
BRIDGES Active Individuals	127	116	111	115	117	121	126	118	137	122	118	124	1,452	1,488	1,319
BRIDGES Items Circulated	736	768	691	690	608	679	740	657	749	722	747	756	8,543	9,421	7,503
Website Visits	566	503	376	494	465	526	679	433	635	436	550	564	6,227	5,175	4,718
Website Actions	1,472	1,238	1,033	1,139	1,062	992	1,304	1,106	1,410	1,088	1,530	1,493	14,867	13,489	13,057
WI-FI Sessions	690	704	599	669	781	709	718	719	924	840	883	952	9,188	9,951	8,076
Unique WI-FI Visitors	146	162	143	160	142	128	137	131	163	145	145	152	1,754	1,797	1,679
PC & Chromebox Uses	720	754	582	718	612	510	579	566	701	648	623	695	7,708	6,808	3,972
Programs Offered	22	9	9	1	1	1	1	0	8	7	7	23	89	106	128
Program Attendance	206	94	66	9	10	4	35	0	117	47	46	241	875	666	660

CATEGORY CIRCULATIONS	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	FY25	Copies	FY24	FY23
Adult Fiction	475	421	440	411	373	357	393	357	404	390	369	414	4,804	5,039	5,038	5,274
Large Print	114	81	102	110	74	79	76	104	103	98	96	92	1,129	877	777	832
Adult Nonfiction	109	93	98	103	59	56	88	108	175	111	87	79	1,166	1,569	1,139	1,570
Adult Audiobooks	17	27	6	9	10	12	10	10	9	12	8	12	142	645	191	209
Adult Video	292	249	183	209	148	141	158	183	288	207	243	216	2,517	3,348	3,393	3,079
Picture Books	269	205	251	314	231	206	198	223	316	263	290	301	3,067	1,857	2,623	2,970
Beginner Readers	132	117	121	82	40	71	66	67	143	99	89	130	1,157	974	1,266	1,740
Juvenile Fiction	393	380	285	302	253	262	343	243	449	323	341	415	3,989	2,466	3,406	3,734
Juvenile Nonfiction	101	69	37	76	75	46	40	24	71	67	49	61	716	899	687	798
Juvenile Audiobooks	10	9	4	4	11	3	3	6	9	8	15	14	96	113	130	94
Juvenile Videos	234	159	189	225	203	235	149	205	320	255	261	260	2,695	1,669	2,835	3,160
Young Adult Books	131	68	79	39	72	50	45	41	107	80	139	201	1,052	1,165	1,091	983
YA Anime Video	10	11	12	34	22	21	36	5	21	31	24	33	260	266	268	244
Games	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	26	3	10
Puzzles	5	2	7	9	5	4	4	7	5	23	13	3	87	138	36	46
Bin Books (alone)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,465	0	0
Educational Bins	4	3	5	4	2	0	2	1	1	4	3	4	33	65	52	13
Maker Bins	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	3	17	25	13	7
Local Interlibrary Loans	35	55	43	48	31	24	34	30	35	34	33	28	430	0	516	366
	2,333	1,950	1,863	1,981	1,612	1,568	1,646	1,618	2,457	2,007	2,061	2,266	23,362	22,606	23,464	25,129

Fiction Book Circulations

FICTION BOOKS	FY25	Percent	FY24	FY23
ADULT FICTION	5,841	24.94%	5,694	5,926
YA FIC & GRAPHIC NOVELS	1,017	4.30%	1,044	930
JUV FIC & GRAPHIC NOVELS	4,239	18.15%	3,755	4,205
BEGINNER BOOKS	1,133	4.74%	1,186	1,457
PICTURE BOOKS	2,804	12.05%	2,447	2,867
BOARD BOOKS	290	1.26%	227	185

Books by the numbers:

Item circulation statistics are recorded by different options in our ILS (Integrated Library System) software.

One way we track is by Category, which you see on the previous page. Categories are determined by us and must be added to each individual copy during cataloging. The categories correspond to those reported in our annual state survey, but they're also a useful way of evaluating collection success. Success is demonstrated by a category that has fewer volumes, but gets lots of circulations.

Dewey/Call Number reports are also available and are determined by the Call Number, which is also added to each copy as it is cataloged. It has been several years since we dropped the Dewey in favor of BISAC subject headings like bookstores use. Many libraries our size have given up on the specifics of the Dewey Decimal System, which separate subject headings too much for our collection sizes. For example, the Dewey would carry the same subject in separate sections if the material was deemed to be a sociological take or a practical take on the content.

To the right is the breakdown of our nonfiction collection, grouped roughly as we have it on the shelves. Our adult and juvenile nonfiction are interfiled, although baskets often hold the thin juvenile books on the bottom shelves, so that patrons can easily flip through them. We also snuck a bunch of fiction that wouldn't fit in the fiction section into the "classics" section.

Looking at the circulation percentages, our nonfiction section might seem a disappointment, but keep in mind the number of volumes is only 11% of the total collection. It is a section we struggle to gauge and purchase for.

As with movies and shows, we focus on ordering what is requested, and with consideration of the digital content available online and through streaming apps.

Nonfiction Book Circulations

SUBJECT	FY25	Percent	FY24	FY23
ANCIENT HISTORY	30	0.13%	32	65
ARCHAEOLOGY	6	0.03%	6	9
BIO	142	0.59%	130	147
HISTORY	37	0.16%	13	41
HOLOCAUST	11	0.05%	13	15
IOWA HISTORY	46	0.20%	42	73
U.S. HISTORY	122	0.52%	134	168
WORLD HISTORY	28	0.12%	16	24
VEHICLES	26	0.11%	12	16
WARFARE	38	0.16%	37	50
WEAPONS	2	0.01%	2	0
ANIMALS	65	0.28%	64	97
BIRDS	8	0.03%	18	10
DINOSAUR	34	0.15%	32	35
ECOLOGY	14	0.06%	5	10
HABITAT	9	0.04%	7	3
INSECTS	25	0.11%	16	22
LAND	13	0.06%	4	19
TECTONICS	7	0.03%	0	1
SCIENCE	15	0.06%	11	7
SPACE	8	0.03%	5	21
WATER	38	0.16%	23	17
WEATHER	4	0.02%	1	2
UNKNOWN	40	0.17%	71	73
ANTIQUES	10	0.04%	0	14
ART	1	0.00%	4	1
ARTISTS	41	0.18%	75	28
BOOKS	22	0.09%	4	5
CLAY	0	0.00%	0	0
CRAFTS	11	0.05%	16	18
FIBER ARTS	53	0.23%	37	13
GLASS	12	0.05%	0	0
JEWELRY	15	0.06%	7	3
MUSIC	10	0.04%	12	19
PAPERCRAFT	4	0.02%	4	5
WOODWORKING	7	0.03%	2	8
WRITING	0	0.00%	2	0
BODY	15	0.06%	21	38
HEALTH	10	0.04%	9	28
MENTAL HEALTH	36	0.15%	16	22
SELF-HELP	55	0.24%	45	61
DIET	67	0.29%	44	83
COOK	84	0.36%	131	119
ENTERTAINING	9	0.04%	30	24
FARM	20	0.09%	21	34
GARDEN	26	0.11%	58	48
HOME	30	0.13%	38	95
HOUSE	9	0.04%	11	9
LIVESTOCK	48	0.21%	34	91
PETS	30	0.13%	24	34
YARD	10	0.04%	3	16
CLASSICS	108	0.46%	144	190
COMMUNITY	11	0.05%	12	3
CRIME	22	0.09%	20	47
ECONOMICS	5	0.02%	8	16
FAITH	74	0.32%	89	82
PHILOSOPHY	3	0.01%	6	9
ISSUES	7	0.03%	15	13
LANGUAGE	50	0.21%	59	71
LEARN	30	0.13%	19	33
FACTS	18	0.08%	25	32
PARENT	31	0.13%	9	28
GAMES	18	0.08%	18	4
JUST4FUN	19	0.08%	11	15
OUTDOOR	45	0.19%	30	59
SPORTS	8	0.03%	0	6