



Librarian Report

February 10, 2026

Building Maintenance:

- Easter Fence has installed the new fencing above the basement stairs.
- New shelving for the children's area that was picked out by Annette before she left arrived on February 6th.
- DOPW temporarily removed the wall toy in the children's room to make room for new shelving. We will reassess our layout once the new shelving is installed.
- Our elevator was inspected on January 14th. A FAID test, which is required every 5 years, was performed on February 10th. The recall and smoke detector were found in need of repair. I am currently scheduling those repairs.
- Sidebarr will be replacing Anna's computer. This expense was in the budget.
- KONE estimates it will cost us \$27,000 for the elevator door lock monitoring system. We have the money to cover this expense in our Building Fund, and I plan to budget for it in the coming year.

Collection

- Anna has begun reviewing sections of the nonfiction collection to identify books that are out of date.

Community

- I attended an America's 250th Anniversary Committee meeting in Waterloo.
- I attended the Friends of the Library 75th Anniversary Committee meeting on February 2nd. Crystal and Stephanie attended as well.
- I attended the regular Friends of the Library meeting on February 2nd.
- I set up for and attended a Women's Club meeting here at the library.
- Hosted Shawn Williamson at the American Legion Senior Club. He discussed tax strategies for seniors.
- I attended a Rotary Club meeting.
- Crystal and I attended a Chamber presentation on AI.
- Stephanie attended a CROWN meeting.

75th Anniversary

- The mayor will be giving a proclamation recognizing the library's 75th anniversary at the February 17th City Council meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30 and is on the 3rd floor of the city building. You are all invited.
- The 75th Anniversary Kickoff event will be held from 9am-1pm on Saturday, February 21st. We will have raffles, prizes, a scavenger hunt, games, food and drinks.

IMRF

- The City has requested an exemption regarding the pending IMRF shortage of \$29,860.23. I will let the board know as soon as we receive a decision from IMRF.

Programming

- Our Take Your Child to the Library day went well with 89 people in attendance.

Training

- I watched a webinar on the 2026 IPLAR changes. IPLAR is a lengthy statistical report we are required to file with the state each year.

Statistics:

	January	December	November	October	September	August
Physical Items Circulated	5,765	5,176	5,643	5,912	5,729	5,780
Physical Items Circulated 24/25	5,383	5,198	5,013	5,742	5,742	6,171
Online Items Circulated	2,512	2,340	2,253	2,290	2,389	2,308
Online Items Circulated 24/25	2,498	2,022	1,987	2,049	2,038	2,274
Online Newspapers	2,336	2,240	2,723	3,262	2,460	2,407
Online Newspapers 24/25	2,355	2,193	2,401	2,105	2,105	N/A
New Items Added to Collection	303	271	173	269	267	282
Library Website Visits	3,549	3,047	4,272	2,938	2,966	3,357
New Patrons	19	27	17	29	31	38
New Patrons 24/25	32	32	25	38	38	37
Program Attendance	381	634	570	916	484	135
Notary Service	22	16	14	33	32	20
Door Count	2,882	3,131	2,643	3,693	3,356	3,423