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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Enriching our community through access to information and opportunities in a welcoming and inspiring environment.

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Library Board Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2024
7:00pm-8:00pm (ET)
Margaret Dundon Reading Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2024 meeting

4. Public Participation *(limited to 5 minutes)*

5. Librarian's Report
   a. Circulation
   b. Calendar of events
   c. Budget Report
   d. Book Bills
   e. Friends of the Library
   f. Sustainable Shelves
   g. Beanstack

6. Committee Reports

7. Communications
   a. Letter from Dillon Geshel, SLC Director, on township contracts

8. Unfinished Business
   a. Board Ethics & Responsibility Policy Second Reading

9. New Business

10. Public Participation *(limited to 5 minutes)*

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Margaret Dundon Reading Room

12. Adjournment

*Requires a vote

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes June 20, 2024

Present: Darren Boldt, Elyse Bertucci, Kaylee Reno, and Brooke Routhier. Jesse Shirtz, Library Director was present. Absent: Paul Olson; Public: none.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Darren Boldt and seconded by Kaylee Reno to approve the May 16, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

Librarian's Report:

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented the monthly library report for May. Circulation and attendance were slightly down in May compared to April; but were higher than the previous two Mays. In May there were 34 programs with 875 attendees. There were multiple school events at the library. The Teen Book Fair was well attended. Summer reading program theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and the summer events schedule was provided. There are many events scheduled for the Summer Reading Program. A grant was received for the Summer Reading Program from Dollar General Literacy Grant program Outreach continues with multiple school based events and the Senior Center Book Club. Unique Management continues to provide significant value.

- Circulation: Attendance and circulation for May was up from previous years.
- Calendar of events for the Summer reading events was provided.
- Budget report: The budget information was provided and is tracking well on percent spend. The impact of the decrease of $2,700 in program funding and a decrease of $4,500 in circulating items is still being evaluated.
- Book bills: Book invoices were reviewed and signed by the library board.
- Friends of the Library: Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library (FOL) are planning on planting flowers in the floor boxes. They may attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the stairs and pillars. Their summer book sale is scheduled for July 5.
- Sustainable Shelves: some books were sent in for credit.
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided by age group. There are a lot of activities for badges and drawings.

Presentations: None.

Committee Reports: Finance Committee

- First meeting was held on 6/20 at 6PM. The draft budget was discussed.
- The following items will be provided to the City for Capital Project requests with priority as listed.
    - Roof repairs – submitted as a Capital request as highest priority
    - heating system repairs – submitted 2nd priority Capital request
    - Front steps/pillar deterioration repair – submitted 3nd priority Capital request
    - Flooring: Tile and glass floor repairs and carpeting replacement - 4nd priority Capital request

Communications:

- Dillon Geshel, SLC Director, communication on township contracts.

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Unfinished Business:

- Tousignant donation: A list of potential projects was provided but is still being developed. Annual distributions no later than 2028. No update this month.
- The Children's room redesign (Friends will cover up to $15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.
- Future Building maintenance/upgrades for potential 5 year planning: Several items are to be submitted as part of the 2025 budget for Capital.
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    - Front steps/pillar deterioration repair – submitted 3nd priority Capital request
    - Tile and glass floor repairs and carpeting replacement - 4nd priority Capital request
    - Ivy growing on west wall – does it need to be removed?
    - Picture rail for donated art display – more items would be able to be displayed
    - Interior design assistance for the YA reading area
    - potential beautification of the land immediately surrounding the library
- Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. The Ray Leverton Community Room Policy suggested updates are on going following the first reading a few months ago. Upcoming policy review will include Code of Conduct for the Board, inclusion of wording clarifying that the library staff can not act as parents in directing what items children access, and revisit patron conduct policy.

New Business:

- Elect Library Board Officers
    - Motion by Brooke Routhier and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to appoint Paul Olson as President. Motion passed.
    - Motion by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to appoint Brooke Routhier as Secretary. Motion passed.
    - Motion by Kaylee Reno and seconded by Darren Boldt to appoint Elyse Bertucci as Vice President. Motion passed

- First Reading of Code of Trustee Ethics. Discussed wording for clarifying that the library staff can not act as parents in directing what items children access.

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is August 15, 2024 7:00 PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Brooke Routhier and seconded by Elyse Bertucci at 8:15 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier

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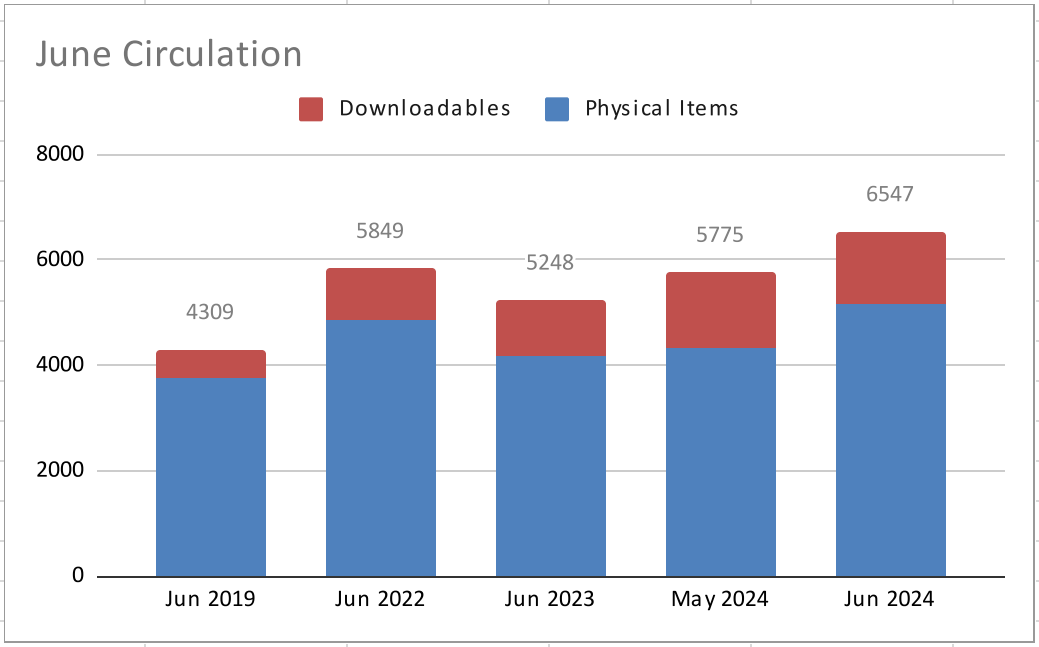
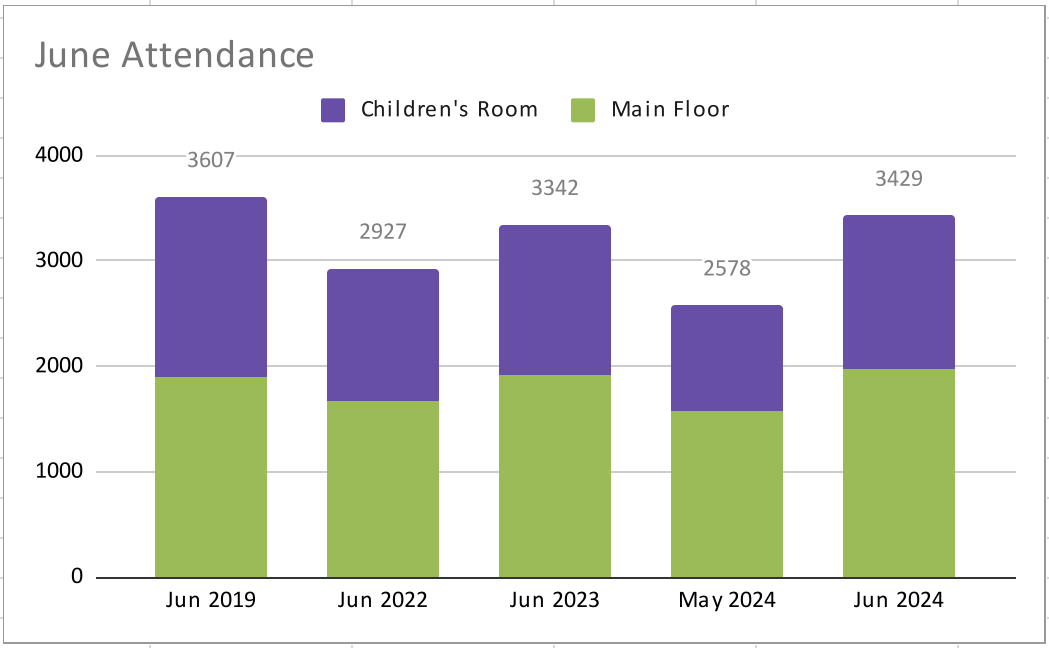
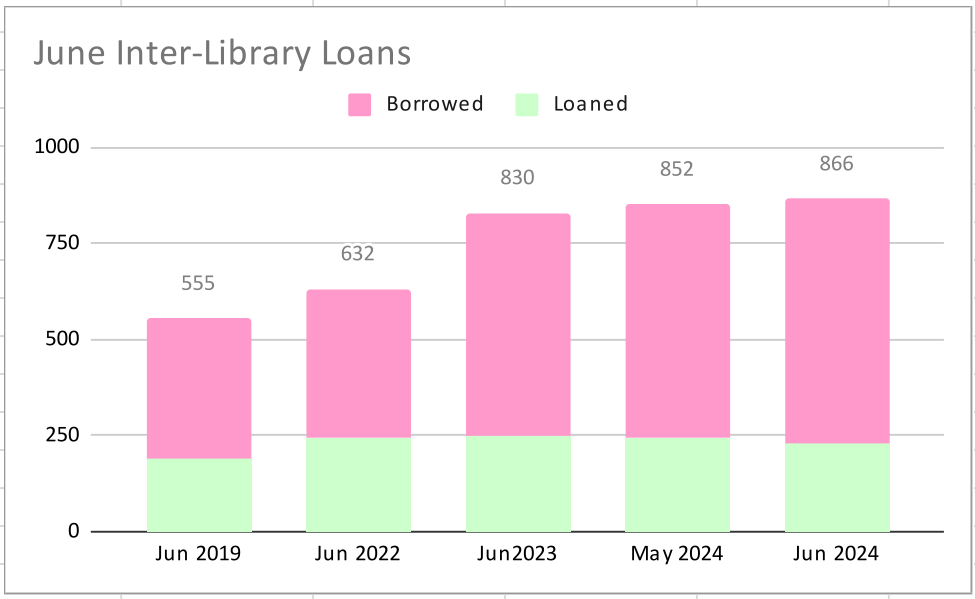
Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Monthly Report

August 2024



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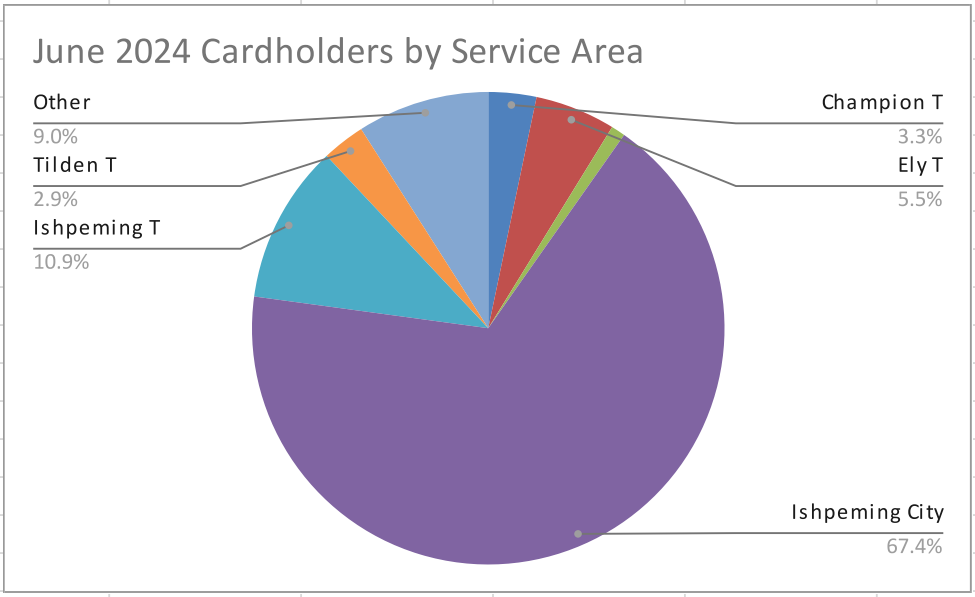
June 2024 Cardholders by Service Area
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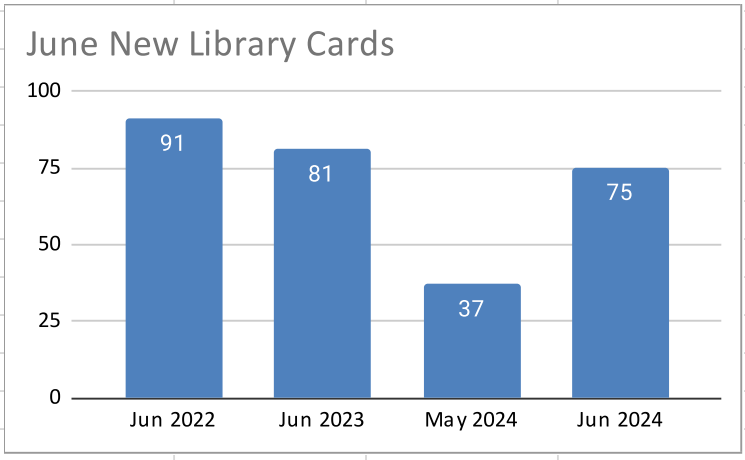
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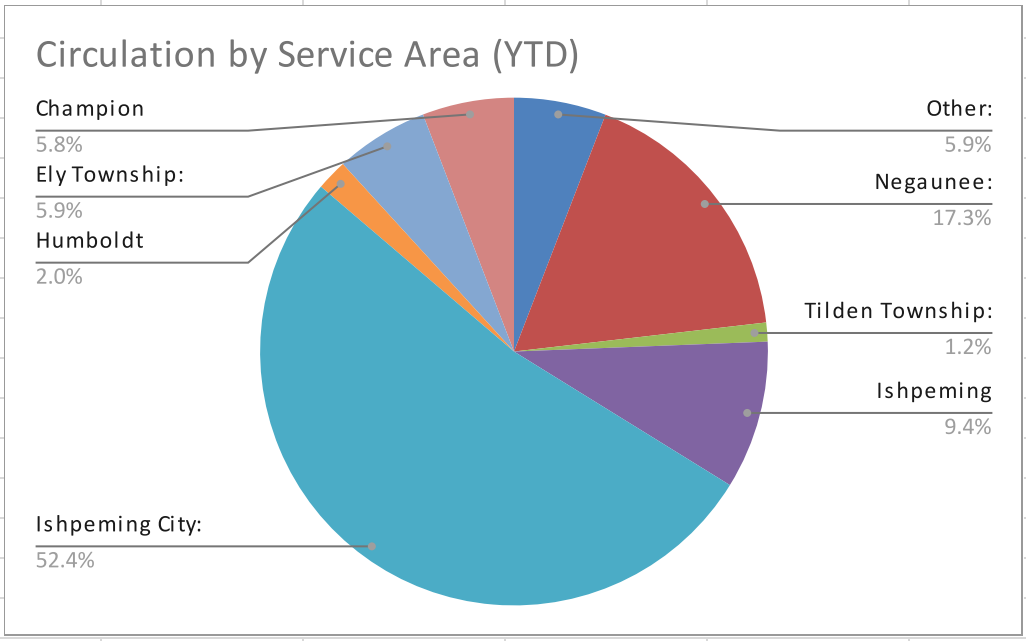
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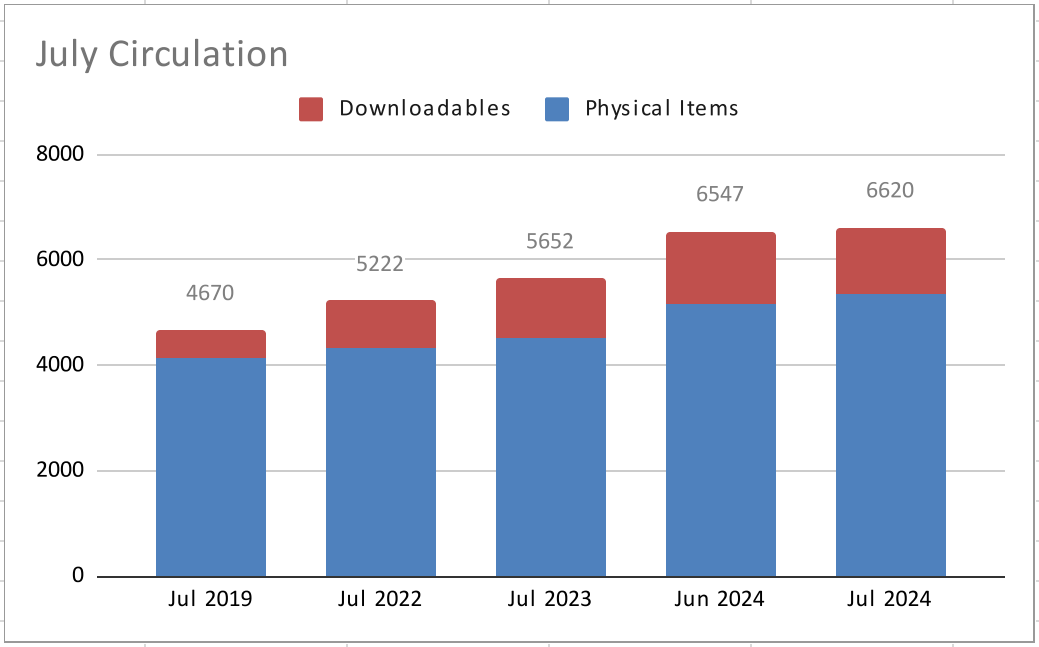

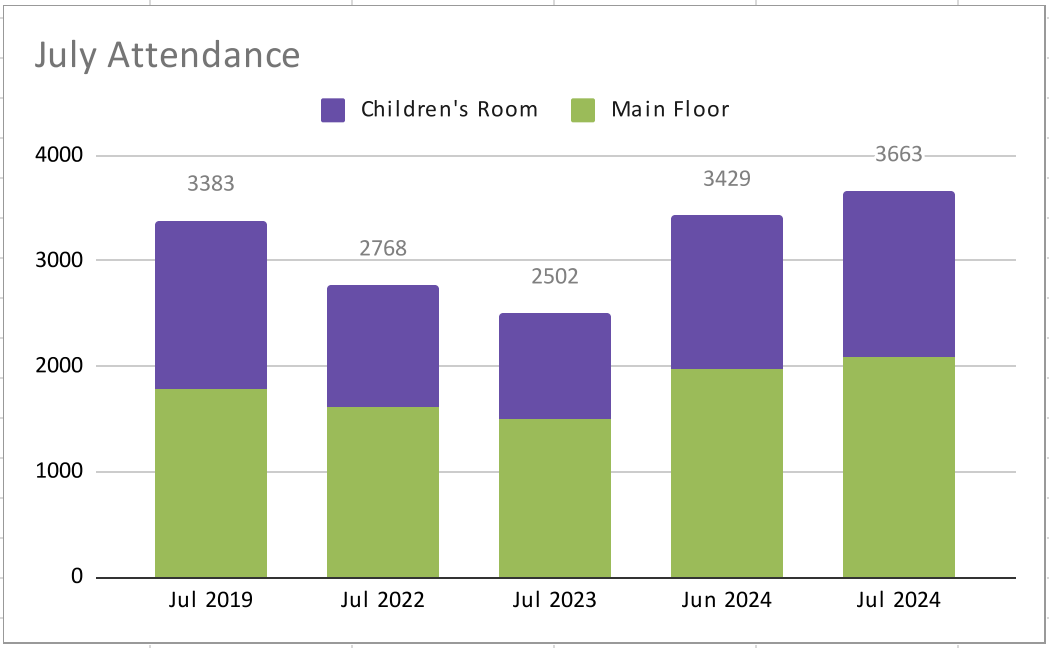

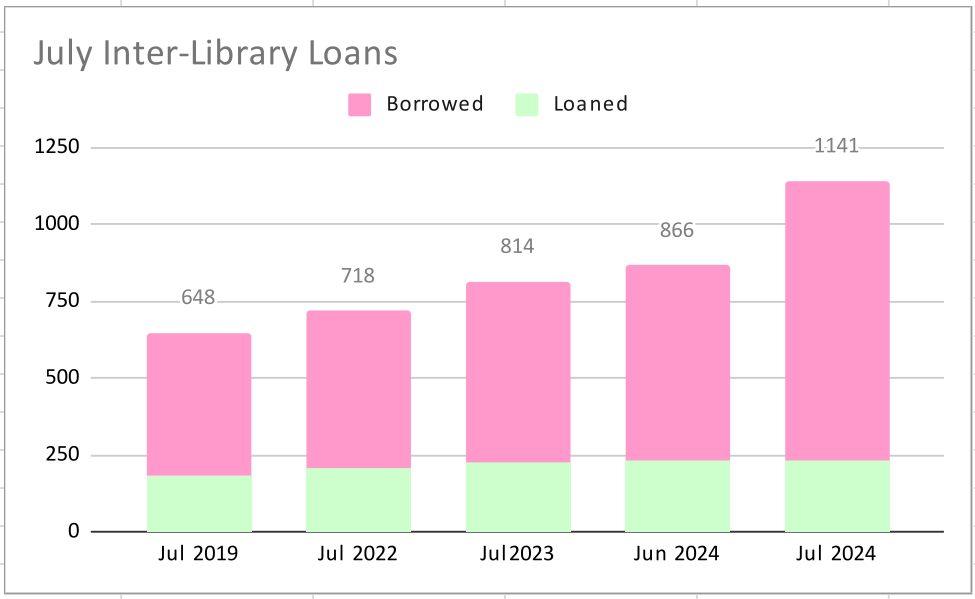
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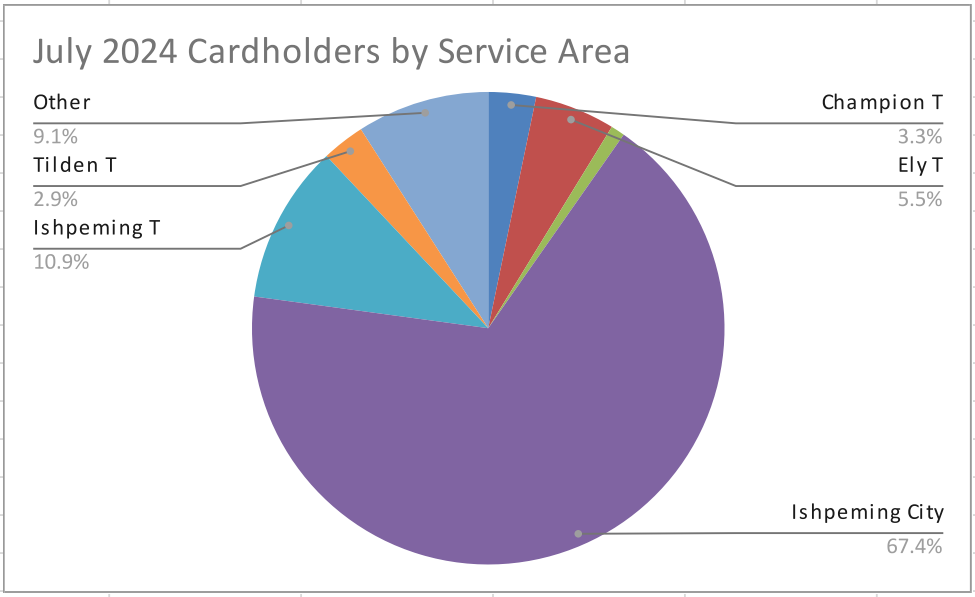
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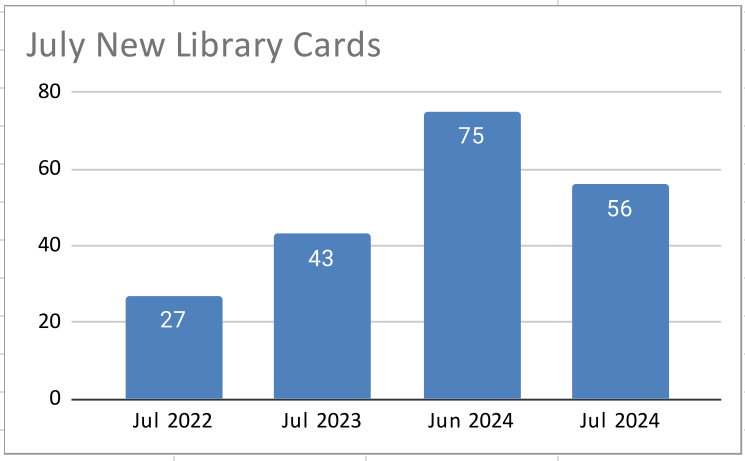
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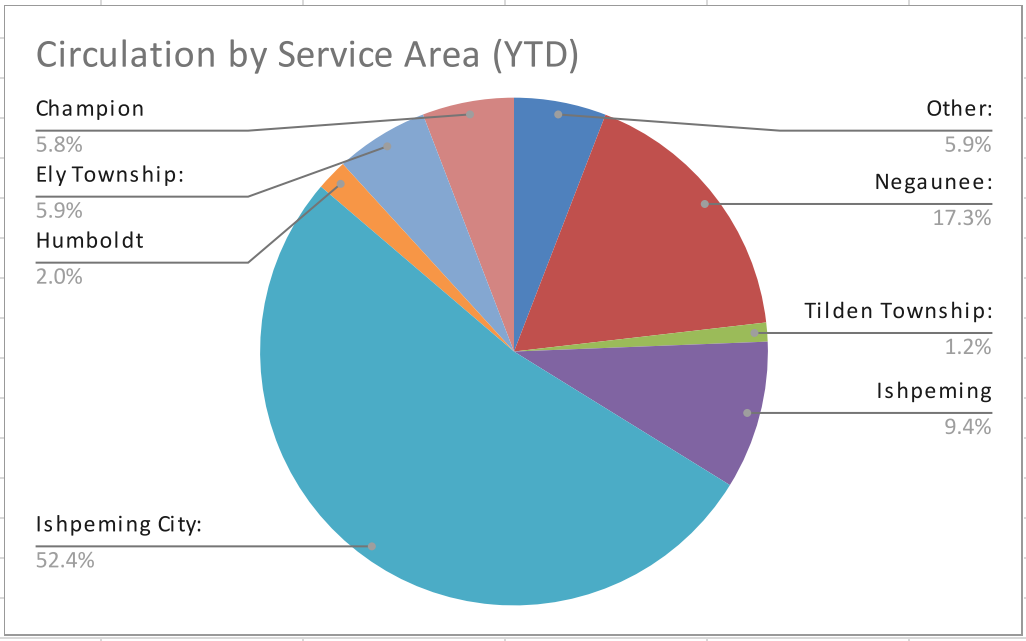
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June & July 2024 Statistical Report

June Circulation Stats

We circulated 6,547 items (5,176 physical items; 1,371 ebooks and eaudiobooks) in the month of June (our highest circulating month of 2024 so far).

- We had 75 new people register for library cards in the month of June!
- 636 items were borrowed on interlibrary loan.
- Collections that have the highest percentage of circulation:
    - NEWFIC (new adult fiction) - 101.43%
    - NEWJEASY (new picture books) - 90.53%
    - NEWJGRAPH (new kid's graphic novels) - 83.11%
    - NEWLP (new large print books) - 75.00%
    - NEWJAUDIO (new VOX books) - 73.68%
    - NEWJNF (new kid's nonfiction) - 66.29%
    - NEWAWEST (new adult westerns) - 58.82%

June Programming Stats

24 programs were offered throughout the month of June with 888 attendees

- 11 programs for kids with 566 attendees
    - 217 kids registered for our Summer Reading Program on kickoff day
    - 139 people attended the PaleoJoe program
- 10 programs for adults with 291 attendees
    - 127 people attended the Adult Summer Reading Program kickoff
    - Senior Center Book Club continues to grow with 13 attendees in June
    - Foraging 101 with Partridge Creek Farm had 36 attendees
- 2 teen programs with 41 attendees
    - 38 teens registered for Summer Reading on kickoff day

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July Circulation Stats

We circulated 6,620 items (5,349 physical items; 1,271 ebooks and eaudiobooks) in the month of July (our highest circulating month of 2024 so far + 968 more items than July 2023).

- We had 56 new people register for library cards in the month of June!
- 908 items were borrowed on interlibrary loan (highest ever - record setting month).

- Collections that have the highest percentage of circulation:
    - NEWFIC (new adult fiction) - 103.23%
    - NEWJGRAPH (new kid's graphic novels) - 95.54%
    - NEWAWEST (new adult westerns) - 83.33%
    - NEWJAUDIO (new VOX books) - 72.55%
    - NEWJEASY (new picture books) - 66.67%
    - NEWLP (new large print books) - 60.27%

July Programming Stats

30 programs were offered throughout the month of July with 777 attendees

- 16 programs for kids with 551 attendees
    - 67 attendees at our Papa Crow Children's Concert
    - 65 attendees at The Alans Magic Show
- 12 programs for adults with 216 attendees
    - 51 attendees met Olympic gold -medalist, Nick Baumgartner
    - 40 attendees at Legends and Lore with Jack Deo
    - Crochet Club continues to bring in a steady crowd of 10-15 people each month
- 2 teen programs with 10 attendees
    - 10 attendees at Cooking with Chef Ming Louie

Summer Reading Program Stats

60 total programs over 8 weeks of Summer Reading (averages to be almost 8 programs per week!)

- 34 kids + teen programs with 1,238 attendees
    - 2 more programs and 380 more attendees than 2023!
- 26 adult programs with 560 attendees
    - 4 more programs and 290 more attendees than 2023!

Nicole Johnson

Librarian

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Monthly Recovery Statistics: Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

8/2023 Through 7/2024

Month	Cash	Material	Waives	Total	Assets Only	Invoice Amount
July-24	$74.80	$269.89	$111.40	$456.09	**$344.69**	$186.40
June-24	$0.00	$208.95	$121.00	$329.95	**$208.95**	$93.20
May-24	$100.00	$0.00	$72.50	$172.50	**$100.00**	$23.30
April-24	$60.00	$287.95	$122.10	$470.05	**$347.95**	$0.00
March-24	$147.90	$73.99	$190.27	$412.16	**$221.89**	$58.25
February-24	$45.40	$253.92	$39.00	$338.32	**$299.32**	$69.90
January-24	$33.95	$503.64	$35.70	$573.29	**$537.59**	$69.90
December-23	$15.00	$123.91	$0.00	$138.91	**$138.91**	$81.55
November-23	$19.40	$349.98	$88.20	$457.58	**$369.38**	$58.25
October-23	$0.00	$115.89	$70.33	$186.22	**$115.89**	$81.55
September-23	$0.00	$342.07	$112.62	$454.69	**$342.07**	$46.60
August-23	$0.00	$324.81	$117.30	$442.11	**$324.81**	$104.85
Total	$496.45	$2,855.00	$1,080.42	$4,431.87	**$3,351.45**	$873.75
Average	$41.37	$237.92	$90.04	$369.32	**$279.29**	$72.81
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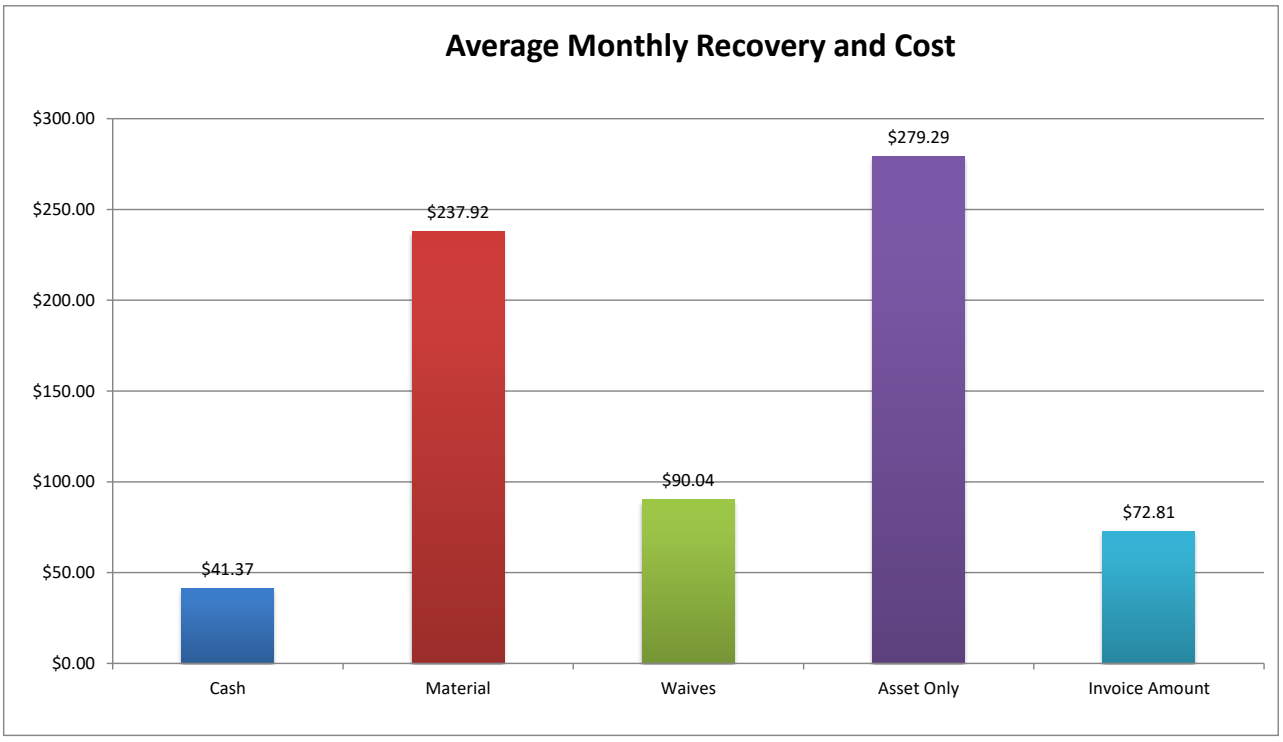

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SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Check out our lineup of programs at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library!

All events are free and open to the public!

TUES - 9AM - 5PM
WEDS - 9AM - 7PM
THURS - 9AM - 7PM
FRI - 9AM - 5PM
SAT - 10AM - 4PM
SUN & MON - CLOSED

Tot Tuesday Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, September 3 at 11am
Tuesday, September 10 at 11am
Tuesday, September 17 at 11am
Tuesday, September 24 at 11am

Join us for stories, songs, movement activities followed by an optional craft and playtime. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers.

Carnegie Libraries in Michigan Presentation

Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30pm

Join Dianna from Promote Michigan for a presentation about Carnegie Libraries throughout Michigan! In Michigan, 61 of these libraries were built throughout both peninsulas in the early 1900s, and you are invited to come learn about their impact on the communities in which they were built.

Book Club at the Ishpeming Senior Center

Thursday, September 5 at 11am at the Senior Center

The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library is hosting a monthly book club at the Ishpeming Senior Center (121 Greenwood St., Ishpeming)! This month's selection is *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin. Copies are available for checkout at the library. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

October Selection: *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins

Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4-8)

Thursday, September 5 at 4pm
"Wingbearer" by Marjorie Liu
Thursday, September 19 at 4pm
"Bad Sister" by Charise Mericle Harper

Our current Book Club attendees have requested that we meet twice per month! New members are always welcome! Join us for discussion of the book and snacks. Copies of the books will be available.

Silent Book Club

Saturday, September 7 at 2pm

Come to the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library for a time to read together with fellow bookworms! Bring your own book or pick your next read out at the library. Read silently for 1 hour followed by time to socialize and talk about books. Snacks provided.

Crochet Club

Wednesday, September 11 at 5pm - 7pm
Thursday, September 19 at 2pm - 4pm

Gather together with fellow crafters to socialize while you work on a project of your choice. Beginning supplies and instruction will be provided to learn how to crochet.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 12 at 7pm

The Friends of the Library meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library for their monthly meeting. New members are welcome to attend and join!

Homeschool Hangout

Friday, September 13th at 10am - 12pm
Friday, September 27th at 10am - 12pm

Homeschooling families are invited to visit the library and hangout with both old and new homeschooling friends. During your visit network with library staff and learn about library resources that are available for your family, share ideas for future programs, and sign up for library cards.

Books and Badges Storytime

Saturday, September 14 at 11am

Join us for a storytime event featuring special guest, Chief Radabaugh of the Ishpeming Police Department. Join us for a reading of "If You Give a Pig a Party" by Laura Numeroff and participate in party festivities! Children in attendance will receive a free copy of the book.

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SUN & MON - CLOSED

Adult Book Club

Tuesday, September 17 at 2pm
Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm
Join us for adult book club! Copies of *Whalefall* by Daniel Kraus are available for check out. Meetings are held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library.

Great Lakes Great Books Club (Grades 4-5)

Thursday, September 19 at 5pm
Join us for discussion and snacks. Our September book club pick is a collection of funny children's poetry, *My Head Has a Bellyache: And More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups* by Chris Harris. Copies of the book will be available for check out.

Needle Felting *Event is FULL*

Saturday, September 19 at 11am - 1:30pm
Learn to needle felt a Sunrise Over Lake Superior Heart! You'll learn how to form a 3-dimensional shape out of wool and design your own details using reference photos of a sunrise on our beautiful lake. *This event is full but stay tuned for future events like this!*

Tai Chi Class

Friday, September 20 at 2pm
Certified instructor Irina Tarbeeva will lead an hour-long Tai Chi class for beginning and intermediate levels of practice. If you've never tried Tai Chi before, this is the class for you! This class is for adults.

Adult Horror Book Club

Wednesday, September 25 at 6pm
Join us for adult book club! Copies of *Boys in the Valley* by Philip Fracasi are available for check out. Meetings are held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Library cards for the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library are available for free to residents living within the City of Ishpeming and surrounding townships including: Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, and Tilden townships. Also, if you are a Negaunee resident with a Negaunee Library Card, you are eligible to sign up for an Ishpeming card as well.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF ISHPEMING

PERIOD ENDING 07/31/2024

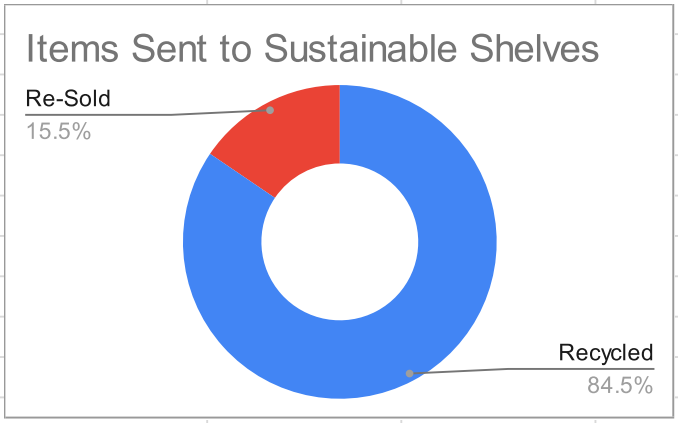
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2024 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 07/31/2024 INCREASE (DECREASE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND						
Dept 790 - LIBRARY						
101-790-702.000	SALARIES	157,600.00	91,337.46	12,668.01	66,262.54	57.96
101-790-707.000	PART-TIME SALARIES	34,500.00	19,378.83	2,283.12	15,121.17	56.17
101-790-708.000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	31.00	26.03	0.45	4.97	83.97
101-790-709.000	FICA	14,700.00	8,659.53	1,158.14	6,040.47	58.91
101-790-712.000	INSURANCE OPT-OUT	4,800.00	2,799.98	400.00	2,000.02	58.33
101-790-713.000	OVERTIME	1,200.00	680.62	0.00	519.38	56.72
101-790-714.000	LONGEVITY PAY	941.00	0.00	0.00	941.00	0.00
101-790-716.000	RETIREMENT- DEFINED BENEFIT	13,147.00	10,102.28	1,607.71	3,044.72	76.84
101-790-717.000	MERS - DC	3,773.00	2,794.30	378.60	978.70	74.06
101-790-719.000	POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN	2,000.00	1,560.86	211.51	439.14	78.04
101-790-721.000	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	309.00	327.00	0.00	(18.00)	105.83
101-790-726.000	ACCRUED LEAVE RESERVE	333.00	253.71	0.00	79.29	76.19
101-790-727.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,924.13	252.12	1,075.87	64.14
101-790-727.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES-SPEC PROG	2,000.00	2,054.18	0.00	(54.18)	102.71
101-790-740.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,300.00	1,641.74	600.12	(341.74)	126.29
101-790-775.000	REPAIR/MAINT. SUPPLIES	520.00	409.51	25.01	110.49	78.75
101-790-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,500.00	4,797.61	0.00	(1,297.61)	137.07
101-790-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	1,442.00	2,292.10	418.07	(850.10)	158.95
101-790-920.000	UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	6,900.00	4,316.05	625.35	2,583.95	62.55
101-790-921.000	UTILITIES - WATER/SEWER	1,000.00	567.16	95.53	432.84	56.72
101-790-922.000	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS	6,800.00	2,774.41	166.95	4,025.59	40.80
101-790-930.000	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	4,120.00	5,595.17	0.00	(1,475.17)	135.81
101-790-945.000	VEHICLE RENTALS	400.00	1,012.56	80.64	(612.56)	253.14
101-790-957.000	TRAINING	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
101-790-980.000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	567.00	0.00	0.00	567.00	0.00
101-790-982.000	BOOKS	0.00	152.75	0.00	(152.75)	100.00
101-790-982.001	PERIODICALS	0.00	157.99	0.00	(157.99)	100.00
101-790-982.002	DVD'S	0.00	(19.96)	0.00	19.96	100.00
Net - Dept 790 - LIBRARY		(265,383.00)	(165,596.00)	(20,971.33)	(99,787.00)	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		265,383.00	165,596.00	20,971.33	99,787.00	62.40
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(265,383.00)	(165,596.00)	(20,971.33)	(99,787.00)	62.40

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2024 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 07/31/2024 INCREASE (DECREASE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 268 - CARNEGIE LIBRARY SPEC FD						
Dept 790 - LIBRARY						
268-790-727.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,700.00	11,074.46	2,089.20	(8,374.46)	410.17
268-790-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Net - Dept 790 - LIBRARY		(17,700.00)	(11,074.46)	(2,089.20)	(6,625.54)	
Fund 268 - CARNEGIE LIBRARY SPEC FD:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		17,700.00	11,074.46	2,089.20	6,625.54	62.57
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(17,700.00)	(11,074.46)	(2,089.20)	(6,625.54)	62.57

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2024 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 07/31/2024 INCREASE (DECREASE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 271 - LIBRARY STATE AID						
Dept 790 - LIBRARY						
271-790-965.000	LIBRARY SYSTEM	18,850.00	13,424.42	1,599.36	5,425.58	71.22
Net - Dept 790 - LIBRARY		(18,850.00)	(13,424.42)	(1,599.36)	(5,425.58)	
Fund 271 - LIBRARY STATE AID:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		18,850.00	13,424.42	1,599.36	5,425.58	71.22
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(18,850.00)	(13,424.42)	(1,599.36)	(5,425.58)	71.22

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2024 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 07/31/2024 INCREASE (DECREASE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND						
Dept 790 - LIBRARY						
401-790-980.007	COMPUTER WORKSTATION	0.00	243.14	0.00	(243.14)	100.00
401-790-982.000	BOOKS	17,500.00	12,784.08	2,128.29	4,715.92	73.05
401-790-982.001	PERIODICALS	1,800.00	872.25	752.25	927.75	48.46
401-790-982.002	VIDEO CASSETTES	1,500.00	821.71	134.29	678.29	54.78
401-790-982.003	RECORDS/AUDIO CASSETTES	3,200.00	1,718.31	633.91	1,481.69	53.70
Net - Dept 790 - LIBRARY		(24,000.00)	(16,439.49)	(3,648.74)	(7,560.51)	
Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		24,000.00	16,439.49	3,648.74	7,560.51	68.50
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(24,000.00)	(16,439.49)	(3,648.74)	(7,560.51)	68.50
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS		325,933.00	206,534.37	28,308.63	119,398.63	63.37
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(325,933.00)	(206,534.37)	(28,308.63)	(119,398.63)	63.37

Sustainable Shelves				
List Date	**Total # books**	**# recycled**	**# re-sold**	**$ credit earned**
4/7/2021	15	15	0	$0.50
6/16/2021	91	80	11	$18.80
7/12/2021	175	152	23	$32.84
8/5/2021	133	109	24	$26.93
10/8/2021	111	97	14	$17.52
11/9/2021	141	132	9	$16.95
1/13/2022	178	156	22	$19.37
2/10/2022	379	360	19	$24.98
3/10/2022	521	489	32	$40.08
4/11/2022	432	424	8	$22.58
5/5/2022	281	262	19	$34.98
6/9/2022	520	503	17	$28.14
8/3/2022	118	106	12	$2.72
10/6/2022	180	156	24	$10.63
3/9/2023	211	96	115	$52.40
4/5/2023	161	115	46	$15.20
5/11/2023	113	98	15	$9.94
7/17/2023	384		45	$17.91
9/19/2023	156		16	$5.21
11/14/2023	124		39	$8.71
12/8/2023	228		57	$11.81
1/15/2024	203		31	$8.84
6/6/2024	201		7	13.66
8/10/2024	190		10	15.1
TOTAL:	**5246**	**3350**	**615**	**$455.80**



*No longer accepting books for recycling (beg. June 2023)

Beanstack - August 2024

Beanstack Monthly Registration & Participation Totals

Month	New Accounts	New Readers	Completed Activities	Completed Activity Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes
July 2024	20	20	401	572	1,503	125,303
June 2024	56	56	280	246	1,640	85,495
May 2024	6	6	8	8	1,227	26,802
April 2024	0	0	0	0	1,524	25,690
March 2024	2	2	24	9	1,971	29,096
February 2024	5	5	14	9	2,182	48,613
January 2024	23	23	39	22	2,215	60,663
December 2023	11	11	2	2	1,918	27,158
November 2023	0	0	9	3	2,271	24,621
October 2023	2	2	36	24	2,074	28,165
September 2023	4	4	19	12	2,019	26,961
August 2023	32	32	2	1	2,524	86,793
July 2023	1	1	99	76	1,887	132,246
TOTAL:	**162**	**162**	**933**	**984**	**24,955**	**727,606**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Local Area Participation Totals (since January 2023)

Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions	Total Earned Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes*
City of Ishpeming	40	4	2,891	13,134	0
Champion Township	1	0	82	526	0
Ely Township	8	0	256	2,306	0
Humboldt Township	0	0	0	0	0
Ishpeming Township	9	2	937	4,878	0
Tilden Township	7	2	234	2,011	0
Negaunee	17	0	551	2,791	0
Other	3	0	47	116	0
No Local Area	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	**85**	**8**	**4,998**	**25,762**	**0**

*This challenge only counted books read, not minutes.

January 18 - November 28, 2024: Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions	Total Earned Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes*
City of Ishpeming	17	0	5,761	4,477	0
Champion Township	0	0	0	0	0
Ely Township	3	1	479	68	0
Humboldt Township	0	0	0	0	0
Ishpeming Township	4	0	760	688	0
Tilden Township	0	0	0	0	0
Negaunee	4	0	278	97	0

Other	1	1		129	37	0
No Local Area	0	0		0	0	0
TOTAL:	**29**	**2**		**7,407**	**5,367**	**0**
*This challenge only counted books read, not minutes.						

2024 (year-long): The Great Escape

Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions		Total Earned Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes*
City of Ishpeming	33	12		6,460	5,192	0
Champion Township	0	0		0	0	0
Ely Township	8	0		1,329	204	0
Humboldt Township	2	1		261	122	0
Ishpeming Township	9	3		909	849	0
Tilden Township	0	0		0	0	0
Negaunee	5	0		307	98	0
Other	1	0		129	37	0
No Local Area	0	0		0	0	0
TOTAL:	**58**	**16**		**9,395**	**6,502**	**0**
*This challenge only counted books read, not minutes.						

ISHPEMING CARNEGIE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Written Report for the August 15, 2024 Meeting

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director

City News

City Manager Craig Cugini was fired at the June 27, 2024 Special Council Meeting. Finance Director, Grant Getschow, has been named Interim City Manager until a replacement is hired.

Staff

Our new Library Clerk, Lorissa Laitinen, is out on maternity leave until mid-November. We have hired a temporary part-time clerk, Arwen Luttonton-Hamel, to work 20 hours/week during her absence.

Outreach

Nicole continues to hold the Senior Center Book Club monthly at the Ishpeming Senior Center. Heather held storytimes at several township parks during Summer Reading.

Policy Manual

Second Reading of Board Ethics & Responsibility Policy. The Ray Leverton Community Room Policy, RLCR Application, and Patron Code of Conduct require further research and will be on a future agenda.

Library Repairs

DPW are investigating an area where the glass floor appears to be separating from the wall (no update; DPW General Foreman on medical leave until July 1). I have submitted the RFP to replace the steam heating system for the library to the Interim City Manager for approval.

At their 8/7 regular meeting City Council approved the library roof repairs by G & S Roofing for $9,984 to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund. The repairs will include re-sealing the rubber sections of the roof and retrofitting the roof drain above the office. Once these repairs are completed we will move forward with repairing the interior walls/ceiling of the office.

Upcoming Events

Please see attached September Calendar of Events; flyer is not final.

MDHHS Library OTC COVID-19 Test Distribution Program

This voluntary program aims to increase access to at-home COVID-19 test kits. We have distributed 693 test kits (1,386 tests) since October 2023.

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May 9, 2024

Jesse,

I am following up on your request for information regarding fee schedules for contracted municipalities and other related considerations. I hope this information helps the library board and all your municipal partners navigate the need for fair and meaningful library funding in Ishpeming.

Public libraries in Michigan are required to levy 3/10ths of a mill in local funding (or its equivalent) to ensure eligibility for state aid. As part of the annual reporting process for public libraries in Michigan, libraries include information on local income in their state aid application, and that information is reviewed by the Library of Michigan, the entity that certifies and distributes state aid. The most recent data we have on local income reporting for the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library (published on the Library of Michigan's website) is for the fiscal year 2021, and that information details how the library meets the 3/10th of a mill requirement.

The attached state aid computation form for the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library highlights a substantial discrepancy in local income between the City of Ishpeming and the contracting townships. For the reporting year, to qualify for full state aid, the library needed at least $114,358 in local funds between the City of Ishpeming and all contracted townships. The City of Ishpeming provided $363,754 in local income. The combined contribution from your contracted municipalities was $20,724. As you can see, taxpayers in the City of Ishpeming contributed more than three times the required 3/10th of a mill equivalent, while the contracted municipalities paid just 18% of the required minimum. It's also worth noting that over 50% of the total residents served by your library reside in the contracted service areas.

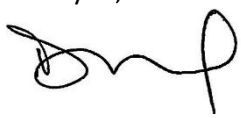
The Library of Michigan looks to the total local income between all municipalities served to determine if the library receives enough local funding to qualify for state aid. Thanks to the support from the City of Ishpeming, the library easily meets that funding requirement. However, the minimal funding provided by the contracted municipalities does present an issue – those townships are not paying their fair share for library services, and the City of Ishpeming taxpayers are making up the difference.

While not uncommon in Michigan, these unfair contracts for library services can cause problems for everyone involved. For example, the City of Ishpeming may take issue with the fact that they pay much more per capita for their residents to access the same library services. For libraries with dedicated millages, taxpayers may be less willing to support the library at the ballot box if they view their support as subsidizing use for outlying municipalities. City leaders that determine appropriations for the library may also share that view. In a situation like this, we strongly encourage the library, the City of Ishpeming and the townships to renegotiate contracts that are more equitable and that ensure continued access to library resources across your service area.

I also want to note that while service contracts often dictate that the library will receive state aid and penal fines on behalf of the municipality, those funds are not direct contributions from the contracted townships. Penal fines are only made available when a Township has a local library, or an agreement with a local library to provide services. If some of your contracted townships were unserved by the library, penal fines would accrue annually in perpetuity, in an escrow account that could not be drawn on by the Township. I share this information to highlight the need for contracting entities to provide meaningful support beyond penal fines and state aid. State aid and penal fines are also meant to help supplement library funding, not replace it.

I hope this information helps highlight the importance of working with all your municipal stakeholders to ensure fair contracts and continued library access for your entire service area. Please feel free to share this letter, or information from this letter, with your board, city, contracted townships, etc. In the meantime, I will work on a follow up letter that highlights how other libraries have navigated the question of fair service contracts.

Thank you,



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STATE AID COMPUTATION FORM

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library - Ishpeming, Marquette

Fiscal Year: 2023 (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021) Taxable Value Year: 2020

Cooperative: Superiorland Library Class: 4

Municipality Served	County	Percent	Legal Population	Contract Population	Counted Population	Taxable Value	3/10 Mill.	Local Income	Other Local Op. Income	Incl. ?
Champion Township	Marquette	100.00	0	250	250	21,490,343	6,447	792.00	0.00	Yes
Ely Township	Marquette	100.00	0	1,900	1,900	61,942,373	18,583	5,732.00	0.00	Yes
Humboldt Township	Marquette	79.40	0	328	328	24,286,312	7,286	999.00	0.00	Yes
Ishpeming City	Marquette	100.00	6,140	0	6,140	125,409,487	37,623	363,754.00	13,014.00	Yes
Ishpeming Township	Marquette	100.00	0	3,392	3,392	114,173,338	34,252	10,161.00	0.00	Yes
Tilden Township	Marquette	100.00	0	1,045	1,045	33,890,611	10,167	3,040.00	0.00	Yes
Total			**6,140**	**6,915**	**13,055**		**114,358**	**384,478.00**	**13,014.00**	

	Required	Reported		Met?
Hours	0	Main 0	Branch 0	Yes
Director	II	I		Yes
Dir Hrs	0	0		Yes
Support	1 more staff person, excluding director with, at least level IV certifiation	II,III		Yes
Eligibility Status	Approved	3/15/2023		

	Rate	Population	Amount	Payment Date
16(2)a	0.251739	13,055	$3,286.45	03/21/2023
16(4)a	0.251739	13,055	$3,286.45	03/21/2023
Total First Payment:			$6,572.90	
16(2)b	0.255297	13,055	$3,332.90	08/01/2023
16(4)b	0.255297	13,055	$3,332.90	08/01/2023
Total Second Payment:			$6,665.80	