



ISHPEMING CARNEGIE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

***Inspire. Include. Innovate. Ishpeming***

Library Board Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:00pm-8:00pm (ET)

Margaret Dundon Reading Room

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2026 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
  - a. Sustainability Committee
7. Communications
8. Unfinished Business
  - a. Heating system - discuss color of new radiators
9. New Business
10. Public Participation (*limited to 5 minutes*)
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Margaret Dundon Reading Room
12. Adjournment\*  
\*Requires a vote

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes January 15, 2026

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Motion by Elyse Bertucci supported by Darren Boldt to approve the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

Librarian's Report:

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented information, monthly progress report, statistical report and library report for December. A total of 29 programs were offered in December with 564 attendees. Total program attendance in 2025 was 9,355 attendees. A winter reading program is underway as is a puzzle challenge. Unique Management continues to provide significant value and returns many items to the library. Youth and adult outreach programs and other efforts continued and are increasing library resource access.

- Circulation: Attendance in December was just over 2,000 and is in line with past Decembers. Roughly 10% of the total library material was in circulation.
- Calendar of events: draft Calendar of events for January was provided.
- Budget report: The budget for 2026 was provided.
- 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) held a book sale in December and will meet again in March 2026.
- Sustainable Shelves: This service is no longer available and is being replaced by Better World Books.
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided by age group.

Presentations: None.

Committee Reports:

- The Sustainability Committee met several times since the November meeting and provided updates on drafts for revised Township contracts, letters to the township supervisor, township return on investment and statistics. The goal is to increase Township financial participation over time to reach the required 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mill funding level. Motion by Brooke Routhier, second by Elyse Bertucci to present the draft material to City staff for their consideration. Motion passed.

Communications:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. The Meeting Room Policy is with the City Attorney for feedback on the need for an indemnification clause. Board of trustees Bylaws is awaiting feedback from the City. Several other policies will be on upcoming meetings.

- Tousignant donation: A list of potential projects (enhance and enrich: table lights, e readers, more computers for patrons, picture rail, chairs with chargers, reading pod) is still being developed and should be prioritized in 2026. Annual distributions no later than 2028.
- The Children's room redesign (FOL will cover up to \$15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.
- Capital Improvement items submitted for consideration to the City:
  1. Heating system replacement – This item will be removed from the Capital request as the project has been approved for 2026 based on the system failure in late 2025.
  2. Front steps/pillar deterioration repair
  3. Children's room redesign and renovation. The heating work will allow this to proceed.
  4. Computer replacement – budget annual capital replacement at 3 per year.
  5. Glass floor repairs.
  6. Tile floor repairs and carpeting replacement.
  7. Roof replacement fund allocation in preparation for full replacement in 2034 to 2039. The repairs completed in 2024 should provide 10-15 more years of service.

New Business:

A motion was made by Kaylee Reno and seconded by Darren Bold to accept the 2024 State Aid Report as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

Next meeting is February 19, 2026 7:00 PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Elyse Bertucci at 8:01 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier

JANUARY 2026



# Monthly Progress Report

VISIT [HTTPS://ISHPEINGLIBRARY.INFO](https://ishpeinglibrary.info) FOR PAST ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS & UPCOMING PROGRAMS

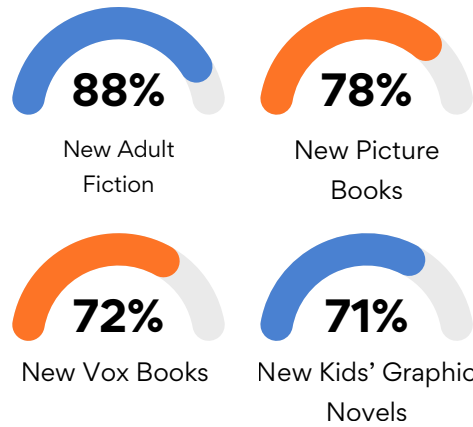
## Programming

Number of, and attendance at, programs for adults & youth

<b>13</b> # Kids Programs	<b>364</b> Attendance at Kids Programs
<b>2</b> # Teen Programs	<b>10</b> Attendance at Teen Programs
<b>19</b> # Adult Programs	<b>188</b> Attendance at Adult Programs
<b>34</b> Total # Programs	<b>562</b> Total Attendance

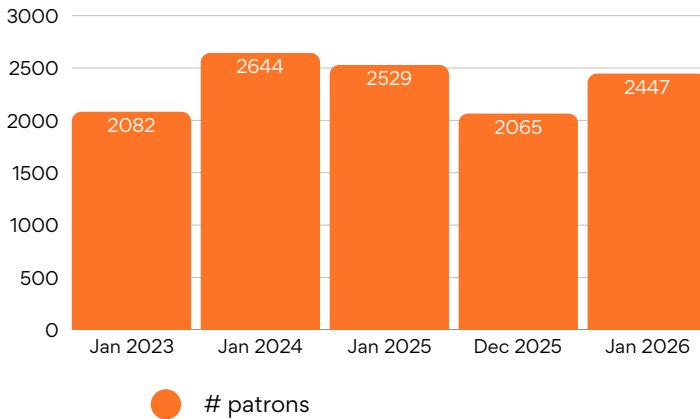
## Highest Circulating Collections

Patrons checked out this percentage of the section this month



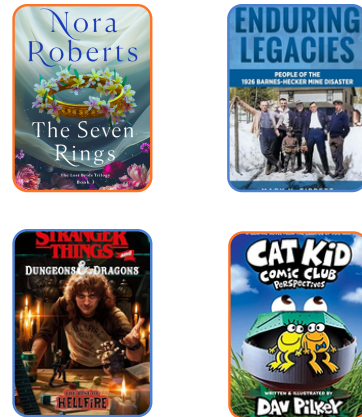
## Visits to the Library

Visits to the library compared to last month and previous years



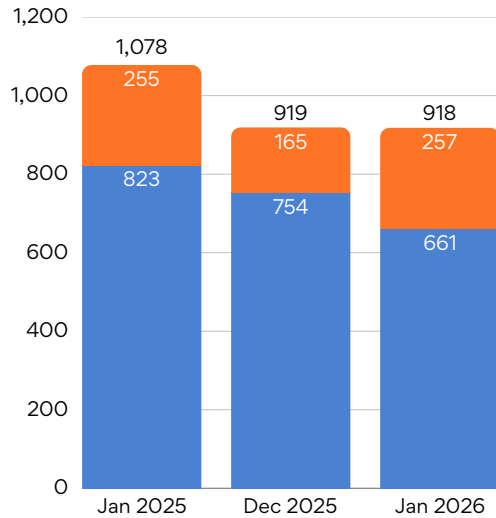
## Most Popular Books

The most checked-out books for Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction, YA, and Kids



## Inter-Library Loan

The number of physical items loaned to and borrowed from other libraries

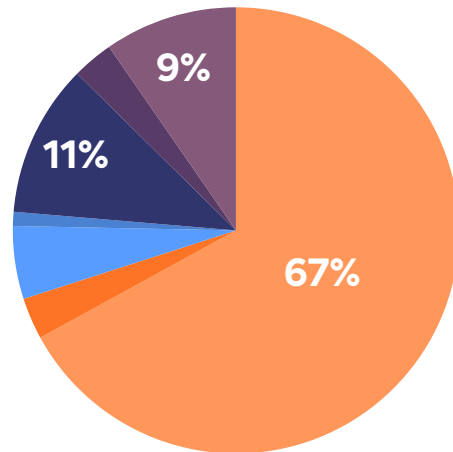


● Loaned ● Borrowed

## Library Cardholders

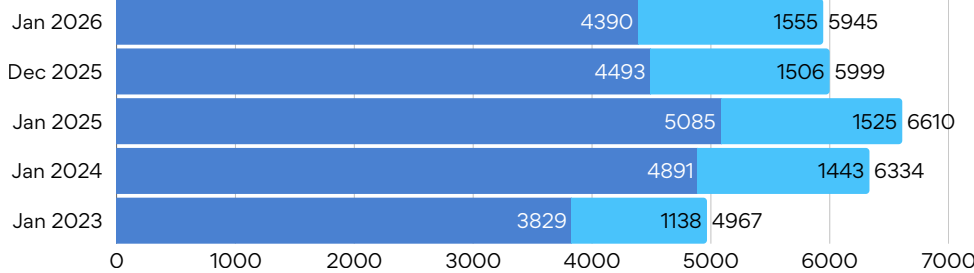
Percentage of cardholders by service area

- Ishpeming City ● Champion Twp
- Ely Twp ● Humboldt Twp
- Ishpeming Twp ● Tilden Twp
- Other



## Items Checked Out

- Physical ● Digital



The number of physical and digital items checked out by our patrons

**Percentage of total physical collection circulated:**

**9.81%**

## Upcoming Programs

FEBRUARY & MARCH

**Life Drawing**  
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Life drawing is the practice of drawing people and objects from observation. Basic drawing materials are provided, but students are welcome to bring their own. This is a "drop in" class—there is no registration. No experience is necessary. All models for the class will be volunteers from the community. Intended for ages 12+.

Every Saturday from  
Feb. 7 - Mar. 14  
11 am - 1 pm  
Instructor: Paul Olson

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FEBRUARY & MARCH

**Italian Lessons: Casual Conversation**

Jan. 21  
Feb. 18  
Feb. 25  
Mar. 18  
Mar. 25

Fluency Conversa will be at the library to teach Italian in a casual conversation format. This class is perfect for beginners or those who want to practice speaking Italian with others. This class will meet in our Ray Levens Community Room.

All classes are from 4pm-5pm

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MARCH 7

**Barnes-Hecker Digitization Day**

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MARCH 21

**PAPERCRAFTING: HEDGEHOGS**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 1PM

Join us at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library to make a hedgeshog craft with Ashley from "Becomes the Sage". Using pages from discarded books, we will fold and glue pages to create a cute hedgehog! All supplies are provided. For adults and kids ages 8+. Registration is required—please call the library at 906-866-4881 to register.

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MARCH 26

**You have the power to outsmart the scammers**

You're Invited  
Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
2:00pm  
Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library  
317 N Main St  
Ishpeming, MI 49850

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## January 2026 Statistical Report

### **January Circulation Stats**

We circulated 5,945 items (4,390 physical items; 1,555 ebooks and eaudiobooks) in the month of January!

- We had 48 new people register for library cards in the month of January.
- 661 items were borrowed on interlibrary loan.
- Collections that have the highest percentage of circulation:
  - NEWFIC (new adult fiction) - 88%
  - NEWJEASY (new picture books) - 78%
  - NEWJAUDIO (Vox books) - 72%
  - NEWJGRAPH (new children's graphic novels) - 71%

### **January Programming Stats**

34 programs were offered throughout the month of January with 562 attendees.

- 13 programs for kids with 364 attendees
  - 43 people attended Homeschool Hangout on January 23rd.
- 19 programs for adults with 188 attendees
  - Nicole attended the Beat the Winter Blues Resource Fair at Westwood High School where 77 people stopped by the library booth!
- 2 programs for teens with 10 attendees
  - 7 teens attended Graphic Novel Book Club on January 15th.

A busy start to the year for sure!

Thanks!

Nicole

Nicole Johnson

Librarian

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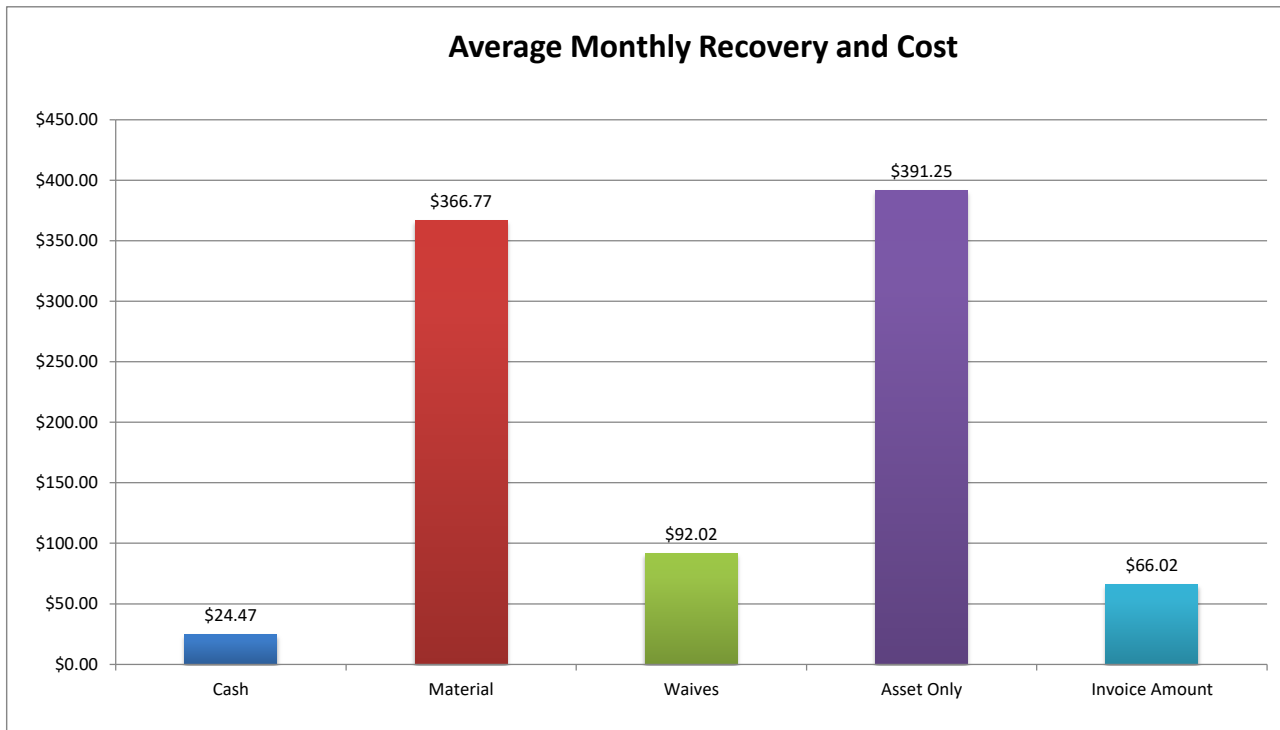
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## Monthly Recovery Statistics: Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

2/2025 Through 1/2026

Month	Cash	Material	Waives	Total	Assets Only	Invoice Amount
January-26	\$0.00	\$297.89	\$23.30	\$321.19	<b>\$297.89</b>	\$69.90
December-25	\$19.00	\$210.94	\$54.60	\$284.54	<b>\$229.94</b>	\$81.55
November-25	\$10.00	\$334.99	\$100.40	\$445.39	<b>\$344.99</b>	\$58.25
October-25	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$116.31	\$426.31	<b>\$310.00</b>	\$116.50
September-25	\$15.00	\$375.85	\$39.70	\$430.55	<b>\$390.85</b>	\$23.30
August-25	\$0.00	\$228.00	\$110.90	\$338.90	<b>\$228.00</b>	\$58.25
July-25	\$59.00	\$140.00	\$40.20	\$239.20	<b>\$199.00</b>	\$93.20
June-25	\$2.00	\$562.94	\$162.70	\$727.64	<b>\$564.94</b>	\$58.25
May-25	\$0.00	\$178.98	\$52.00	\$230.98	<b>\$178.98</b>	\$46.60
April-25	\$121.99	\$406.96	\$144.40	\$673.35	<b>\$528.95</b>	\$46.60
March-25	\$10.00	\$1,016.83	\$110.90	\$1,137.73	<b>\$1,026.83</b>	\$46.60
February-25	\$56.70	\$337.91	\$148.79	\$543.40	<b>\$394.61</b>	\$93.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$293.69</b>	<b>\$4,401.29</b>	<b>\$1,104.20</b>	<b>\$5,799.18</b>	<b>\$4,694.98</b>	<b>\$792.20</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$24.47</b>	<b>\$366.77</b>	<b>\$92.02</b>	<b>\$483.27</b>	<b>\$391.25</b>	<b>\$66.02</b>
<b>Total ROI: \$7:1</b>						



## Winter Reading Challenge

January 1st - February 28th

People of all ages are invited to participate by logging their reading and/or submitting book reviews. Individuals can use Beanstack to track their reading online by downloading the Beanstack app or visiting [ishpeminglibrary.beanstack.org](http://ishpeminglibrary.beanstack.org). Additionally, participants can submit book reviews either via Beanstack or by turning in paper review slips to the library. Paper reading logs are also available! Participants who log reading or submit reviews during the Winter Reading Challenge will be entered to win prizes!



## Puzzle Challenge

January 1st - February 28th

We are celebrating two years of our puzzle library! Throughout January and February, you can log each puzzle that you complete as an entry to win a Puzzle Board! Completing your own puzzles or puzzles from our library count towards entries. There is a jar to submit your entries next to our puzzle library.

## Tot Tuesday Preschool Storytime

Every Tuesday in February at 11am

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

## Project Linus: Fiber Artists Meetup

Tuesday, February 3 at 2pm

Calling all fibers artists including knitters, crocheters, quilters, and other fiber crafters! Gather together to work on blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates homemade blankets to children in need. Bring your own project to work on for the cause. Also, yarn will be provided to make blankets to donate.



## All Hands on Deck: Recently Discovered Maritime Photos with Jack Deo

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm

Jack Deo will be back at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library with another one of his famous local history presentations! This time he is bringing recently discovered local maritime photos and stories!

## Great Start's West End Playgroup

Every Thursday in February at 10:30am

Join us for open-ended free play and a snack.

## Book Club at the Ishpeming Senior Center

Thursday, February 5 at 11am

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 *Pearce Oysters* by Joselyn Takacs. Copies are available for checkout at the library. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Drop-In and Draw Club

Thursday, February 5 at 4pm

Join us for a casual gathering where you bring your own supplies/project to work on while you socialize with others. For tweens, teens, and adults ages 10+. Class is suitable for all levels from beginners to those more experienced. Located in the Ray Leverton Community Room.

## Baby Play Day

Friday, February 6 at 10am

Friday, February 20 at 10am

A special day for babies to play! Intended for littles under 2, this program will include a brief storytime with lots of cuddles, bounces and songs; then stay for a chance to play with infant-friendly toys and socialize with other babies and caregivers.

## Genealogy Club

Friday, February 6 at 2pm-4pm

Friday, February 20 at 2pm-4pm

Work on your family history research, use our resources, or ask for assistance with a brick wall. For internet-based research you may bring your own device. For adults and interested youth aged 10+.

## Life Drawing with Paul Olson

Every Saturday in February at 11am-1pm

Life drawing is the practice of drawing people and objects from observation. Basic drawing materials are provided, but students are welcome to bring their own. This is a "drop in" class--there is no registration. No experience is necessary. All models for the class will be volunteers from the community.

Intended for ages 12+.

## Bingo for Adults

Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30pm

Adults are invited to join us for Bingo at the library! Join us for a few rounds of Bingo fun with the chance to win gift cards. Registration is required. Call the library at 906-486-4381 to register.

## Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4-7)

Thursday, February 12 at 4pm

Thursday, February 26 at 4pm

Join us for discussion and snacks. Copies of the book will be available to checkout at the library ahead of time. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Author Visit: Jessie Garcia

Thursday, February 12 at 6pm

Wisconsin author Jessie Garcia will be at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library for an author presentation and book signing, featuring her new thriller, *The Fair Weather Friend*! Snowbound Books will also be onsite selling copies of Garcia's books!

## Homeschool Hangout

Friday, February 13 from 10am-12pm - Valentine/Marbled Cards Craft

Friday, February 27 from 10am-12pm - Explore World Cultures: Morocco

\*Special guest presentations begin at 10:30am\*

Homeschooling families are invited to visit the library and hangout with both old and new homeschooling friends.

## Adult Book Club

Tuesday, February 17 at 2pm

Wednesday, February 18 at 6pm

Join us for adult book club! Copies of *My Name is Emilia Del Valle* by Isabel Allende are available for check out.

Meetings are held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library.

## Italian Lessons: Casual Conversation

Wednesday, February 18 at 4pm

Wednesday, February 25 at 4pm

Marilena Corradino will be at the library to teach Italian in a casual conversation format. This class is perfect for beginners or those who want to practice speaking Italian with others.

## Crochet Club

Thursday, February 19 at 2pm

Thursday, February 26 at 2pm

Gather together with fellow crafters to socialize while you work on a project of your choice. Beginning supplies and instruction will be provided if you'd like to learn how to crochet! This event is for kids, teens, and adults.

## Adult Horror Book Club

Wednesday, February 25 at 6pm

Join us for adult book club! Copies of *Between Two Fires* by Christopher Buehlman are available for check out.

Meetings are held at the library.

## Chair Yoga with Kristen Carlson

Thursday, February 26 at 5:30pm

Certified yoga instructor, Kristen Carlson will be at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library to lead a session of Chair Yoga! Accessible to both beginners and those more experienced with yoga. Event is free.

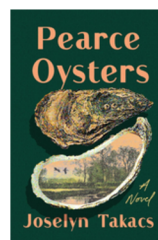
## Silent Book Club at

## Velodrome Coffee in Ishpeming

Saturday, February 28 at Noon

Join us for silent book club at Velodrome Coffee in Ishpeming hosted by the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library! Bring your own book of choice to read silently for 1 hour with fellow bookworms, followed by time to socialize and talk about books!

## February Book Club Selections



Senior Center  
Book Club



Adult  
Book Club



Adult Horror  
Book Club

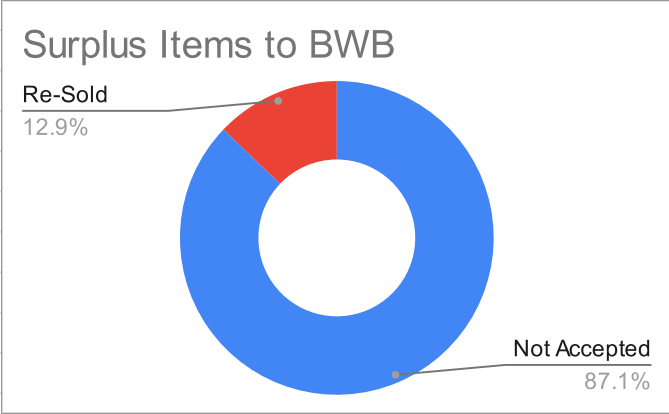
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		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	MONTH 01/31/2026
				INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
TAX	TAX REVENUE	752,430.40		752,430.40
LICENSE	LICENSES & PERMITS	3,999.00		3,999.00
FEDERAL	FEDERAL GRANTS	0.00		0.00
STATE	STATE GRANTS	23,005.99		23,005.99
STATE R	STATE REVENUE	12.90		12.90
FINES	FINES & FORFEITS	7,453.87		7,453.87
CHARGES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	69,704.80		69,704.80
SALE FIX	SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00		0.00
CONTR	CONTRIBUTIONS	20.15		20.15
INTEREST	INTEREST & RENTS	2,183.56		2,183.56
LAND	LAND SALE & LEASES	0.00		0.00
REIMB	REIMBURSEMENTS & INSURANCE PROCEEDS	0.00		0.00
OTHER FI	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00		0.00
UNCLASSIFIED	Unclassified	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>858,810.67</b>		<b>858,810.67</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
000	NON DEPARTMENTAL	0.00		0.00
101	CITY COUNCIL	799.19		799.19
172	CITY MANAGER	9,811.67		9,811.67
215	CITY CLERK	6,059.81		6,059.81
247	BOARD OF REVIEW	0.00		0.00
253	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	8,727.29		8,727.29
257	CITY ASSESSOR	29.14		29.14
262	ELECTIONS	1,605.00		1,605.00
265	CITY HALL & GROUNDS	876.94		876.94
266	CITY ATTORNEY	29.14		29.14
299	UNALLOCATED	257,829.31		257,829.31
301	POLICE	80,832.75		80,832.75
336	FIRE	10,029.09		10,029.09
371	RENTAL INSPECTION	1,393.58		1,393.58
441	DPW ADMINISTRATION	7,858.43		7,858.43
442	EQUIP. MAINT.	23,955.78		23,955.78
444	ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS	9,441.05		9,441.05
446	STORM SEWER	0.00		0.00
447	CITY ENGINEER	0.00		0.00
448	STREET LIGHTING	0.00		0.00
510	BRASSWIRE	84.17		84.17
567	CEMETERY	4,218.62		4,218.62
701	PLANNING COMMISSION	0.00		0.00
702	ZONING ADMIN.	5,033.67		5,033.67
703	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00		0.00
704	NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT	0.00		0.00
728	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.00		0.00
729	DDA ADMINISTRATION	5.27		5.27
757	AL QUAAL	8,159.89		8,159.89
758	AL QUAAL TUBE SLIDE	0.00		0.00
770	PARK MAINTENANCE	1,818.10		1,818.10
790	LIBRARY	17,223.30		17,223.30
905	DEBT SERVICE	0.00		0.00
965	TRANSFERS OUT	0.00		0.00
995	DEBT SERVICES	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>455,821.19</b>		<b>455,821.19</b>
<b>Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:</b>				
TOTAL REVENUES		858,810.67		858,810.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		455,821.19		455,821.19
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		402,989.48		402,989.48

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		01/31/2026		MONTH 01/31/2026
		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>Fund 268 - CARNEGIE LIBRARY SPEC FD</b>				
Revenues				
SALE FIX	SALE OF FIXED ASSETS		0.00	0.00
CONTR	CONTRIBUTIONS		904.35	904.35
INTEREST	INTEREST & RENTS		156.59	156.59
TOTAL REVENUES			1,060.94	1,060.94
Expenditures				
790	LIBRARY		123.28	123.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			123.28	123.28
Fund 268 - CARNEGIE LIBRARY SPEC FD:				
TOTAL REVENUES			1,060.94	1,060.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			123.28	123.28
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			937.66	937.66

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR
		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	MONTH 01/31/2026
				INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>Fund 271 - LIBRARY STATE AID</b>				
Revenues				
STATE	STATE GRANTS		0.00	0.00
INTEREST	INTEREST & RENTS		0.00	0.00
OTHER FI	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES			0.00	0.00
Expenditures				
790	LIBRARY		2,195.73	2,195.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			2,195.73	2,195.73
Fund 271 - LIBRARY STATE AID:				
TOTAL REVENUES			0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			2,195.73	2,195.73
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(2,195.73)	(2,195.73)

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR
		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	MONTH 01/31/2026
				INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
TAX	TAX REVENUE	246,063.23		246,063.23
FEDERAL	FEDERAL GRANTS	0.00		0.00
STATE	STATE GRANTS	0.00		0.00
CHARGES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00		0.00
SALE FIX	SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	0.00		0.00
CONTR	CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00		0.00
INTEREST	INTEREST & RENTS	960.64		960.64
LAND	LAND SALE & LEASES	0.00		0.00
OTHER FI	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00		0.00
OTHER R	OTHER	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>247,023.87</b>		<b>247,023.87</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
172	CITY MANAGER	0.00		0.00
215	CITY CLERK	0.00		0.00
253	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	0.00		0.00
257	CITY ASSESSOR	0.00		0.00
265	CITY HALL & GROUNDS	0.00		0.00
276	CEMETERY	0.00		0.00
301	POLICE	0.00		0.00
336	FIRE	0.00		0.00
441	DPW ADMINISTRATION	0.00		0.00
558	TEAL LAKE WATER TRAIL	0.00		0.00
567	CEMETERY	0.00		0.00
704	NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT	0.00		0.00
729	DDA ADMINISTRATION	0.00		0.00
757	AL. QUAAL	0.00		0.00
790	LIBRARY	1,174.25		1,174.25
805	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0.00		0.00
965	TRANSFERS OUT	0.00		0.00
995	DEBT SERVICES	0.00		0.00
997	DEBT SERVICE	0.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>1,174.25</b>		<b>1,174.25</b>
<b>Fund 401 - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND:</b>				
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>247,023.87</b>		<b>247,023.87</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>1,174.25</b>		<b>1,174.25</b>
<b>NET OF REVENUES &amp; EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>245,849.62</b>		<b>245,849.62</b>

Better World Books				
List Date	Total # books	# not accepted	# re-sold	\$ credit earned
1/22/2026	435	379	56	TBD
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>435</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



Beanstack - February 2026

Beanstack Monthly Registration & Participation Totals

Month	New Accounts	New Readers	Completed Activities	Completed Activity Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes
January 2026	16	16	36	31	1,494	53,647
December 2025	4	4	2	1	1,114	31,161
November 2025	3	3	42	28	1,095	31,838
October 2025	0	0	50	47	1,325	36,511
September 2025	13	13	26	19	1,066	31,417
August 2025	46	46	967	663	992	179,362
July 2025	2	2	66	40	1,211	163,359
June 2025	46	46	82	44	1,151	68,362
May 2025	2	2	6	2	609	26,008
April 2025	7	7	13	11	886	25,199
March 2025	1	1	0	0	699	30,006
February 2025	4	4	29	16	858	26,370
January 2025	6	6	51	19	987	70,515
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>13,487</b>	<b>773,755</b>



## **Written Report for the February 19, 2026 Meeting**

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director

### **Outreach**

- Nicole attended the Beat the Winter Blues Resource Fair in Marquette on January 31, 2026 at Westwood High School.
- Senior Center Book Club continues to meet at the Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center once per month.
- Silent Book Club meets once per month at Velodrome in Ishpeming for a relaxed reading and socializing hour.

### **Library Repairs**

The replacement of the current steam heating system with a hot water system is underway. We had significant issues with our wall heating units during the very cold snap in January when they would both freeze and stop working intermittently. At one point they both failed and the temperature inside the building was 47\*. DPW brought in a propane heater to get the temperature ten degrees warmer in a hurry, but we were consistently at 53 at the front desk, 47 in the stacks, and colder in the staff area downstairs for several weeks. My husband and I purchased two small heaters for the front desk area and Brooke loaned us another for the Dundon Room that all helped more than I expected!

The old steam boiler has been dismantled and removed, as well as the old piping and all but four of the old-style radiators. Prime is now building our new boilers (~2 weeks). There is a 5-8 week lead-time on our new radiators once they are ordered (color discussion is on the agenda tonight). Current estimates are that we'll have a completed heating system by May 1.

### **Policy Manual**

- Meeting Room Policy: with the City Attorney; waiting for feedback on the need for an indemnification clause.
- Board of Trustee Bylaws: waiting for feedback from city on existence of an "ethics statement" or something comparable within the city already
- Unattended Child Policy: will likely be on an upcoming agenda
- Non-Resident Fee Policy: will be on an upcoming agenda