Rogers Public Library

Annual Report 2025





Director's Note:

Last year was one of the most challenging-and ultimately most inspiring years in the history of the Rogers Public Library. While the physical barriers-temporary walls, relocated collections, adjusted hours, and modified spaces-changed the way we operated, they did not change who we are or what we stand for. From the very beginning, our priority was clear: to continue serving our patrons and community. Because of the dedication and creativity of our staff, library services never stopped. We expanded digital offerings, hosted programs in alternative locations, strengthened outreach efforts, and found new ways to connect with readers of all ages. Even with limited services, your continued engagement reminded us why libraries matter. A library is where children discover the magic of reading, where students find the resources to achieve their goals, where citizens use resources to apply for jobs and strengthen their technology skills, where neighbors gather to learn and connect, and where lifelong curiosity is nurtured. We are eagerly looking ahead to our grand re-opening this year. It will be more than the unveiling of re-construction, it will be a celebration of resilience, partnership, and the shared belief that libraries are essential to vibrant communities.

Thank you for your patience, your encouragement, and your continued trust in us. We cannot wait to welcome you into the next chapter of our library's story.

With gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead,
Hannah Pearce

Mission:

The Rogers Public Library provides materials, services, and activities to enrich life, foster literacy, stimulate imagination, and inspire lifelong learning.

Core Values:

We are committed to:

- Providing equal access to outstanding library collections, services, and programs.
- The freedom to seek, receive, and share information.
- Serving and responding to community needs with courtesy, initiative, creativity, and flexibility.
- Fostering literacy and a lifelong love of reading for all ages and backgrounds.
- Continuously evaluating, adapting, exploring, and innovating library services.
- Building community connections and celebrating diverse experiences.



2025 Board of Trustees:

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ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

RPL Foundation

Created to enhance the experience of the library patrons with educational tools, resources, and programs.

- Top Chef fundraiser event
- Tutor.com digital resource
- New self-check kiosks for library patrons
- #RogersReads Reading Challenge prizes
- New aquariums for 2026
- Donor board remake
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library sponsor



FRIENDS OF THE ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friendly BOOKSTORE
USED BOOKS & MORE

Friends of RPL

The Friends provide financial support to the library and operate The Friendly Bookstore. Many Friends members are active volunteers at The Friendly Bookstore.

- Summer Reading Program materials and performers
- LinkedIn Learning digital resource
- Books & Brews Book Club materials
- Spanish Book Club materials
- Library program refreshments
- Professional library organization memberships for staff



2025 Statistics at a Glance:

Overview
- Total Visits: 65,768
- Total Reference Questions Answered: 18,037

Circulation & Collection
- Cardholders: 14,249
- Total Circulation of Physical Materials: 103,192
  - Adult: 49,319
  - Children: 48,553
  - Teen: 5,320
- Digital Media Circulation: 130,521
- Total Material Holdings: 165,771
- Total Interlibrary Loans:
  - Borrowed: 625
  - Lent: 1,320

Technology
- eResources: 97
- Public Computers: 28
- Public Laptops: 6
- Children's iPads: 6
- Children's Launchpads: 142
- Computer Sessions: 871
- Wifi Sessions: 140,528
- Website Visits: 94,026

Educational Activities
- Programs: 609
- Program Attendance: 10,806
- Summer Reading Program Registrants: 906
- Outreach Visits: 120

Additional Community Value
- Total Volunteer Hours: 254
- Craft Packets Disbursed: 11,910
- Seed Library: 5,744 packets disbursed
- Mister Rogers Sweater Drive: 136 donated
- Blanket & Sock Drive for Schmieding Center Seniors: 41 donated

















Financials

Revenue:

Property Tax: $1,949,770.78
Printing & Copying: $9,108.27
Non-Resident Fees: $19,501.20
Book Request Fees: $690.50
Library Fines: $3,893.30
Lost & Damaged: $6,507.46
State Aid: $121,941.00
RPL Foundation: $39,954.40
Friends of RPL: $35,880.11
Glotzbecker Trust: $31,177.38
Gifts & Memorials: $878.47

Expenditures:

Personnel: $1,877,588.10
Materials: $358,001.23
Other Operating: $143,742.02
RPL Foundation Expenses: $33,240.89
Friends of RPL Expenses: $38,820.63
Glotzbecker Trust: $15,781.95
Gifts & Memorials: $674.02

I love our library. Everyone employed there goes above and beyond to accommodate patron's requests. I will be so happy when our library becomes totally accessible to people like me who love to peruse the shelves in search of a new adventure. Also, our library offers unique and varied learning venues for adults and children. My granddaughter will participate in the crochet class on July 19th. She is so excited!
Many Thanks!





















> I just wanted to say we think ya'll are doing an awesome job on teen programming this summer; so many of our teens have been mentioning fun things at the library to us lately that they've been getting to do. We have definitely noticed an increase in word of mouth positive feedback about library programming and I just wanted to say thank you and congratulations and keep up all of your awesome hard work!
> -TASC


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