



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Plymouth District Library Board
From: Shauna Anderson, Library Director
Date: June 11, 2026

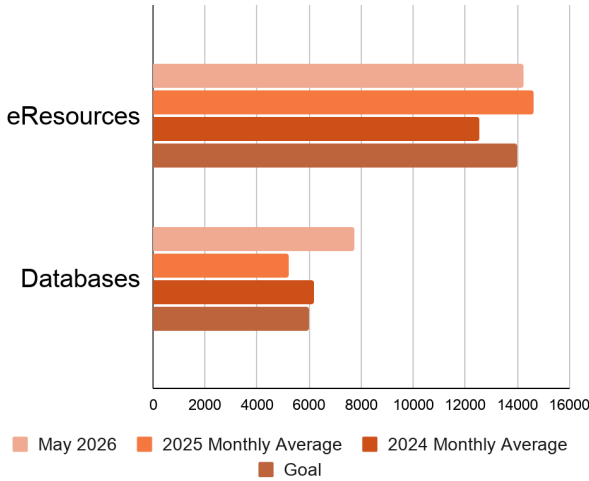
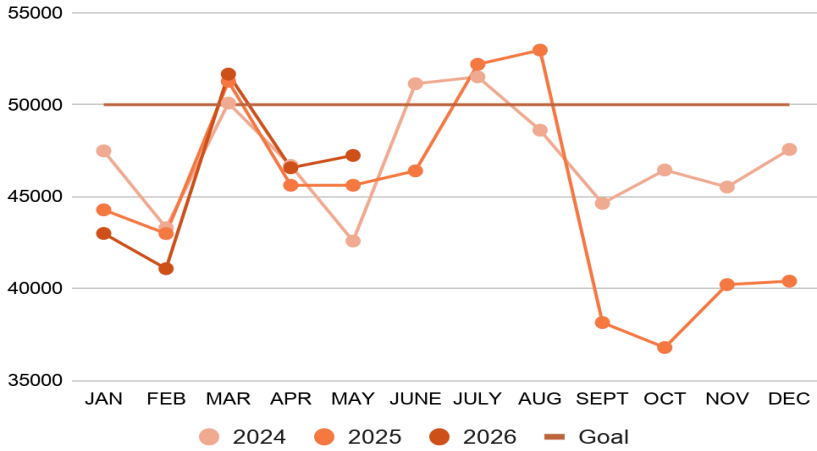
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CIRCULATION

PHYSICAL COLLECTIONS

Collection usage continues to grow over prior year numbers. Anticipation for our lower level reopening brought out many more families. Our collection utilization remains at 12%.



DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

eResources increased slightly while Database usage shot back up to a slightly higher than average rate. We are considering the removal of one of our business/investment databases to support a popular digital news subscription for the community which we expect to increase database usage significantly.

We ended the month with a combined circulation of over 331k, which is 95% of our monthly goal.

Our collection size is increasing once again to 170,622 with 2,371 new items added this month and 706 withdrawn.

MAY'S MOST POPULAR TITLES

- Everything I Learned I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* by Curtis Chin
- The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans
- Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi
- The Night We Met* by Abby Jimenez

PARTICIPATION



Participants meet new people and enjoy tea mixing at the Channel Your Inner Tea Master program this month.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The first amphitheater concert of the season was a free concert sponsored by the Jazz Foundation of America: The RJ Spangler Band. PDL will host two more intimate concerts this summer.
- The Great Michigan Read has now ended. 30 copies of the book circulated 233 times since October 2025 when the program started. We also had an ongoing book display, a passive Lunar New Year program attended by 27 people in February 2026, and 75 people attended Ming the Magnificent's magic show in the amphitheater on June 3.
- 87 community members traded a myriad of craft supplies at our Craft Swap event.

↓20,804

Library Visits

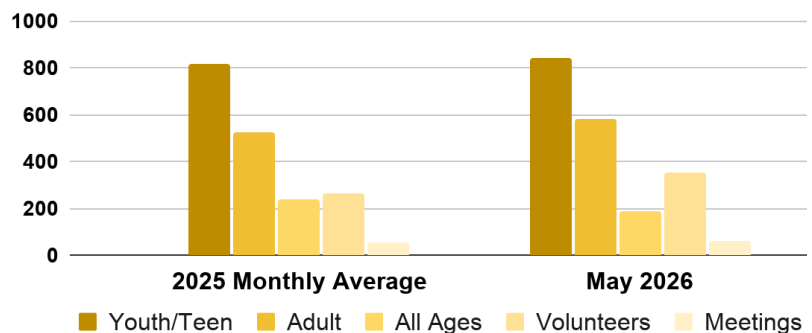
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Questions Answered

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Total Programs

Participation remained relatively stable over the previous month, but volunteerism increased significantly- by over 100 hours.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROJECT UPDATES

Farmer's Market Outreach

PDL staff brought the book bike and provided activities for 283 participants at the farmer's market this month. Unfortunately, this might be our last summer at the market, as changing ordinances are limiting the space of the market, and making it so our booth is taking up vendor space that should go toward supporting independent retailers.

School Outreach

Youth staff kicked off our summer daycare visit series with a trip to Childtime to read to over 50 young children.

PDL staff also participated at PCCS Multi-Lingual Learners night and multiple Kindergarten Roundup events throughout the district.

Plymouth Showcase

PDL hosted a booth at the Plymouth Showcase event sponsored by the Chamber. Heather Pacheco attended and highlighted the renovations and Grand Reopening celebration.

MARKETING DATA

eNewsletters	81,438 sent (45% open rate)
Top Links Clicked	Little Free Pantry Blogpost & Monthly Events
New Cardholders	178
Social Media Reach	27,734
Engagements	9.94%
New Followers	75

A pair of Tigers tickets were donated to PDL by a local elected official and we gave them away to lucky patrons on social media


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🎉 We're giving away tickets to the Detroit Tigers home game on Sunday, June 28th at 1:40pm to one lucky patron 💙💛


To enter, comment on this post telling us what you love most about Summer at Plymouth District Library 🌟

Submissions will close on Sunday, May 31st. The winner will be randomly selected on Monday, June 1st. Good luck and go Tigers!


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 **Kimberlee Andrews Enright**
When my girls were younger, we were at the library at least once a week during the summer. It was a perfect place to escape the summer heat. My daughters would head straight down the stairs, while I checked out the books for sale. We still talk about our happy memories spent there. A side note, when the children's area was renovated many years back, my girls, and their friend, wanted to be the first children to go to the new area. We were at the library before it even opened, so once the doors were open at 9:00, they raced in and were the first ones there. There was a librarian waiting downstairs and took a picture of them as they came down the steps.


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 **Emma Romine**
I love the study rooms and comfy reading spots! It's been my favorite place to go for as long as I can remember

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 **Shayla French**
we love the seed exchange and summer reading program!

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 **Julia Salloum Smith**
We love going to story time on Wednesday mornings in the new amphitheater 😊

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Chelsea Wills
"Summer at Plymouth District Library always gives such a fun community vibe. I love browsing for new books, the family events, and having a relaxing place to cool off and unwind during the summer!"

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Pam Rosati
Love the seed exchange!

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Jennifer Miller
Books! We love all the books!

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Elizabeth Helen
My kids and I love the summer reading programs!!

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Janice Terrell Ford
Always love the Summer Reading Challenge!

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Sally Smith
Summer reading program!

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Kelly Onusko
We LOVE the books, the librarians, and the happiness we feel when we step into our library! We are so thankful for our favorite place! 📖

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Meg Robert
The summer reading program!

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Michelle Morse
My son loves the arts and crafts! 🎨

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Haley Burns
I love the summer reading challenge! My kids have so much fun collecting their stamps.

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Katy Schneider
I love Libby on my way to work!

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Ryann Lowry
We love the summer reading program! My kids look forward to it every summer!

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Brittany Ringo
My kids absolutely love stopping in to pick out a new book and visit the fish tank 🐟 They always meet new friends and love co... See more

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Chelsey Gutierrez
We love being able to borrow Tonie characters and the friendly children's librarians!

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Melissa Byrne
Summer reading program!

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Linda Auwers
I love the library all year round! I donate books and buy all my books there!

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Katie Forrester
We love playing in the kids area and the summer reading program 📖

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Amanda Romans
We love being able to walk to the library in the summer and head downtown or to Dairy King afterward ❤️

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Shane Miller
My nephews love the summer reading program. Brings me joy to watch them eager to read 😊

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Greta Adornetto
I love all the innovative and creative youth programs!

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Carrie Halsey
We love everything! My kids love the new amphitheater area, and it's just a welcoming environment and good place to go to get out of the house. 📖

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Laurynn Rose
Messy sensory play and the kids area. My kids love the computers

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Rica Rose
Love how organized and fun the events are at the Plymouth Library! Excited for the new indoor playscape this summer!

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Christian Sepulveda
We enjoy the reading in the amphitheater and I can't wait to see the new indoor area

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Jennifer O'Brien
We love browsing the shelves and then sitting in Kellogg park reading for hours on end

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Marta Fabilli
We love the summer reading program and the creative labs.

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Sharon Diskin
The great section for toddlers. Love the selection of books and activities the library has to offer.

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Jennifer Nixon Haman
I love checking out a book to read in my backyard

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Candice Marie
I grew up doing the summer reading program and now I'm excited to my daughter to participate this year 😊

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Christine Choi
My kids enjoy the summer reading program.

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Halley Marie
We love the summer reading program, story times and neighborhood walks! My 3yo is excited for the renovated kids section!

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Susan Poniatowski
It's such a beautiful place with helpful clerks! Love it!

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Kelly Ann
We've absolutely loved going to the super sized Storytime!

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Melissa Blazo
Story time at the amphitheater! 🍌

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Patty Smith
Love everything! Kids programs, classes, friendly staff. 🍌🍌🍌

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Pamela London-Baumanis
Loved taking my kids there back in the day, now enjoying my grandchildren at the Plymouth Library! Generations of reading!

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Natalia Bodnar
Your friendly and helpful staff of course! We love checking out so many books and reading half of them within 2 days! We love the summer reading program that keeps our kids engaged and excited for the weekly prizes and always look forward to picking out their book at completion.

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Sandra Sygiel
I walk my new grandbaby there, a kind and always welcoming place. Appreciate the local friends I meet and just appreciate the ope-door and smiling faces. Love this town and adore the library.

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Samantha Ann
In college I loved the private study rooms but now I love the summer reading program and story times for my daughter! 🍌

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Beth Singer-Morello
I am replying for my 9 year old granddaughter, June. She loves going to the library. Has been going since a toddler with her... See more

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Kim Delin
I enjoyed taking my nanny kids to the children section where they could pick out their own favorite books 🍌 and play in the puppet area and put on shows for me 🍌



Cindy Shute-Stamper
I love picking up my book from the Plymouth Library to bring out on my deck to read under my umbrella with my glass of iced tea.

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Lauren O'Shea
According to our 14 yr-old, who has loved spending time at the PDL since story time for the smallest library guests, "The best... See more

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Dawn Burns
The children's programs

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Jayme Kuhns
We love the library!! The spaces to have gatherings, the summer reading programs, the easy location and hang out for playdates... See more

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Victoria L. Woody
Thrilled about bringing grandchildren to the new section designed for young minds! See you soon in June!

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Sarah Werk
I love the toddler story time!! It's so much fun!

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Katie Patterson
love stopping in on hot days to cool off, read books, play in the kids area and learn something new 🍌

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Deborah Hosch
Does Everything Count???? Location, Programs, Books, the People!

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Heather Shaft Allen
We love having new books to keep our minds engaged and not just the summer tv brain rot. Indoors when it's raining. Outside when it's nice out.

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Heather Torri
Summer reading program and that it's for kids AND adults!

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Josette French
Summer arts and crafts programs 🍌

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Mo Sunshine
Checking out movies we missed seeing in the theaters-

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Emilie Foley Hale
We love the tween events!

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Candice Simons
My son crew loves stopping by every week and talking to his favorite librarian who helps him hand select his books for the week on different subjects he's interested in. The library is his favorite stop of the week / he is already a book 🍌 thank you 🙏

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Serafina Lewan
Reading program...along with the staff!

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Brian Titus
My kids of the kids section the most but I love the quiet rooms and access to meeting rooms.

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Jenny Carr
My kids love to come and explore the children's books and play with the toys.

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Cin Dee
Summer at Plymouth district Library always has so many fun activities for the community. It's definitely not a boring summer , they have so much to offer for our kids and adults. We love summer at Plymouth district library! Join the fun this summer you won't be disappointed.

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Larry Magier
I have never been but I love down town Plymouth so you must be Amazing too 🍌

 Nancy Dunn Gerst
Looking forward to visiting the children's area with our grandson . Messy play was a fun adventure!

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 Kat Selewski
We love participating in summer reading. We will head to the library and make an afternoon of it with picnic lunch with our new books.


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 Brian Gilbertson
A library brings a community together and nowhere is that truer than the Plymouth Library, every day is a new adventure and me...
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 Ashley Phelps
My daughter loves the events


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 Alice McCardell
I don't want to be entered into the contest. I just want to say that the cheerful, helpful, caring staff is what truly makes this library the gem it is.


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 Alea Lynn
We love the reading program! 

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 Toni Bila
I love everything! I really like the dvd section and special events.

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 Annabel Christine
We love the summer reading program and the seed exchange!


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 Cheryl McGovern
The kids summer reading program! 


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 Maryann Cannon
I love the summer reading program

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 Kelly Ferstle
The summer reading program and prizes!

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 Angel Avgoustis
Love your summer reading program!

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 Robin Burk Kent
The Summer reading program for kids!


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 Sarah Lockwood
The kids summer reading program 


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 Adriana DeBono Chittaro
We love the summer reading program!

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 Janice Sanders
We love the summer reading program


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 Lisa Coon
The Summer Reading program, and the staff !


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 Renu Laesch
The Summer programs

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 Jessica Salvatori
Summer reading!  my little one loves it!

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 Kristine Marie
Summer reading program!

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TECHNOLOGY

SPECIAL PROJECTS

New Security Cameras

Security 101 updated our security cameras for the new LL play space, to ensure that we have good coverage. We also repositioned a number of cameras throughout the building to enhance coverage due to construction updates. Additionally, we added a new camera to the sorting area behind circulation.

New Chromebooks for In-Building Use on LL

IT staff successfully deployed a set of Chromebook computers to use on the LL so that parents can work while watching their kids in the playscape. These computers can be checked out for 2 hours at a time and returned to the LL Information Desk.

ILS Updates

Our test server was updated to a new version of Evergreen that includes potential updates for new circulation functionality. Additionally, we have a new ticketing system in place to track and collect issues related to our ILS and associated systems.

↑15,108

WiFi Sessions

↑1,510

Computer Sessions

↑488,181

Website Hits

↓11,956

Mobile App Uses

**There were a few days in May when the app was disconnected from our catalog*

FACILITIES

Work Orders Processed

Facilities staff worked through a total of 74 work orders this month (14 of which are still open). Support was regularly requested this month related to additional janitorial help outside of normal duties and furniture support.

Maintenance Projects

Facilities staff serviced and realigned a malfunctioning UL staff door, eliminating friction to ensure it closed and latched properly. Maintenance staff also engineered a custom locking solution for the LL youth restroom using existing warehouse inventory, troubleshooting the issue internally and saving several hundred dollars in replacement costs.

HVAC Repairs

BCTen Air successfully diagnosed and replaced several defective HVAC sensors to reconnect them to our networked system, achieving more precise temperature tracking after our meeting room temperatures became suddenly difficult to maintain.

Passed Inspections

PDL successfully passed the annual fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection conducted by Guardian Alarm and passed the annual backflow and cross-connection control testing for the City of Plymouth, executed by Genson's Plumbing.

Building Renovations

Construction is officially complete although there are a few remaining items left to install. There was a missing piece of millwork (the tree trunk under the dragon's head), and we decided last-minute to add additional baseboard to the baby area, since there was a bit of a gap between the drywall and the flooring. Additionally, we are still waiting for the delivery of a number of mushroom stepping stones and a log crawler donated by the Friends of the Library to add to the playscape. These pieces took a while to coordinate with the vendor, but they should be installed by August.

PERSONNEL

Open Positions

Technology Assistant

New Hires

Ben Park	Starting 6/15	Teen STEM Intern
Tenaya Jendza	Starting 6/15	Teen STEM Intern
Parker Szymczak	Starting 6/15	Teen STEM Intern
Lexie Weitz	Starting 6/15	Teen STEM Intern
Kate Gallant	Starting 6/5	Youth Reporter Intern (Contract)
Thea Sheridan	Starting 6/5	Youth Reporter Intern (Contract)
Aliana Lara-Valerio	Starting 6/5	Youth Reporter Intern (Contract)

Promotions

None

Terminations, Retirements, Resignations

None

Employee Anniversaries

Dana Bussard	6/2	23 years	Youth Librarian
Veronica Schendel	6/2	12 years	Reference Assistant
Joseph Courtney	6/16	1 year	Reference Assistant
Amelia Carey	6/16	1 year	Clerk
Paige Anderson	6/17	1 year	Page
Zachary Hose	6/19	3 years	HR Specialist
Michael Schlott III	6/19	1 year	Page
Brad Bachelor	6/24	2 years	Youth Librarian

May FTE Count: 44.3

CONFERENCES

BRIDGING TO BELONGING, INTERFAITH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF METRO DETROIT

Kathryn Bergeron, Adult Librarian

Sessions Attended

Introduction; Learning from Our Stories; Explore Our Values; Practicing Difficult Conversations; Co-Creating Bridges of Belonging

What did you learn? How do you think this conference will influence your work going forward?

This professional development opportunity gave me a lot of insight into trust, communication, and shared values. Implementing the guidelines for listening as well as the importance of story sharing and identifying values are particularly important. We deal with a lot of people who have differing opinions from ourselves and each other. Being able to utilize the power of storytelling and identify values behind opinions as a form of common ground will both be useful in everyday interactions with patrons as well as in discussion based programs.

Anything we should consider implementing at PDL?

This program normally ends with a co-creation project, but this group's project focused solely on implementation in the City of Livonia. Participants did identify their desire for greater community, particularly knowing their neighbors, and this could be something considered for future programming.

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE, EQUIPPED TO SERVE SUMMIT

Heather Pacheco, Community Relations Specialist

Sessions Attended

From Housing to Hunger: Understanding the Social Factors That Impact Health & Well-Being
Find Your Way Overview/Creating a Decision Tree
Lunch & Learn: Medicaid Changes
Seeing Ourselves in Community/Making Meaning and Next Steps

What did you learn? How do you think this conference will influence your work going forward?

I learned a lot about the challenges resource navigators face in helping clients to successfully find help. I learned about the nuance that makes the new Medicaid work requirement actually much less than the 80 hours per month reported by news outlets.

Most importantly, I learned about several resource guides that can give us new avenues to seek social service help for patrons.

Anything we should consider implementing at PDL?

I just came away with a number of helpful resources that we can add to our patron referral toolbox. I am excited to share my notes and several of these resources with our Social Work Intern, London and will apprise our Service Desk staff as well.

I also have a number of helpful new resource flyers to add to our Resource literature rack.

Finally, I came away with what I think is a good program idea for fall: a class to help people understand how AI screening is affecting their chances of landing an interview and how to succeed in the hiring landscape with this new, very common filter mechanism.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN TRAINING, CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING

Shauna Anderson, Director

Sessions Attended

2-day Virtual Training on Appreciative Inquiry

What did you learn? How do you think this conference will influence your work going forward?

One area that I've been working to improve on over the years is the way I lead discussions with library staff and finding ways to include more folks at the table for decision-making. In order to do this, I've noticed that I have to find ways to meaningfully transition conversations from venting sessions to productive dialog. This training, and all of the associated readings and workbooks, set a good foundation for skill-building in this area.

Anything we should consider implementing at PDL?

I learned a lot of ways to "flip" conversations to a more appreciative tone and focus on strengths as opposed to what needs fixing. This is something that I will continually work to put into practice. I also received a game that I will likely use with our leadership team, to help practice these skills through role-playing.

MLA THINK SPACE DIRECTOR FORUM

Shauna Anderson, Director

Sessions Attended

2 day retreat

What did you learn? How do you think this conference will influence your work going forward?

This phase of Think Space focused primarily on supporting employee wellbeing. There was a collaborative exercise where directors brainstormed ways to engage different areas of staff wellness which yielded a lot of helpful suggestions. We also spent a considerable amount of time discussing work-life balance and self-care. The most valuable aspects of this retreat were the conversations had with other directors. We discussed library interventions to homelessness, policy advocacy at the state level, AI, grant opportunities, and much more. The level of networking and support provided by MLA was particularly exceptional.

Anything we should consider implementing at PDL?

I had a particularly good conversation with other directors about opening up larger play spaces. The director at Redford District Library had a lot of helpful thoughts based on their past few years of active play in their youth department. Additionally, we are in good company with other local libraries opening more active playspaces, so I made a lot of connections that I expect will support our library as we move into our new space.