

August 2026 Librarian ReportAndrew Adaryukov, September 1st, 2026

- **Accomplished and Ongoing Operational Tasks and Projects**

- a. The library's 2026-2029 Strategic Plan has been ratified by the Library Board.
- b. Continued to work with the financial consultant, the clerk, and the deputy clerk on clarifying and improving budget processes and workflows.
- c. Facilitated the timely approval by the mayor, on behalf of the library, of the 2024 State GO Bond funding agreement. This is a multi-year, reimbursement-based grant.
- d. Verified library budget execution for July 2026.

- **Library Conference Room Art Display**

- a. August 1st – September 23rd: "Emerging": Jemez Creatives exhibit
 - The Reception on August 22nd was a great success, attended by more than thirty people.

- **Facilities and Equipment**

- a. Capital Improvement:
 - The work on the front decks is done! The new decks and ramps have been eliciting many highly positive comments from our visitors.
 - The library sign has been moved to a spot between the two decks.
 - The mayor is helping the library identify an architect to design the back deck.
- b. Purchased a new circulation desk chair to replace the one that broke recently, and another one to enable a staff member to work at the raised end of the circulation desk.
- c. Working on a long-term capital improvement plan for the library.
- d. The library has decided to rebuild the circulation desk to make it the same height throughout. This will enable more than one staff member to work at the desk simultaneously and free up more space for displays and signage. There will still be an option to use a portable standing desk at the north end of the circulation desk.
- e. Pending: inventory and transfer of the library's equipment and supplies from the old to the new storage shed.
- f. The library legacy AC has been fixed.
- g. An order has been submitted to a vendor for the installation of new splitter AC units at the south end of the library.

- **Information Technology**

- a. The two old Wi-Fi access points have been replaced with new ones, and an additional new access point has been installed in the conference room, dramatically improving Wi-Fi access throughout the library.
- b. Working with the IT consultant to determine further steps in improving the information technology infrastructure in the library. Some of the ideas in the works: one more Wi-Fi access point, a dedicated audio-visual system for the library conference room (to better support media-rich programming, such as movie night, and to make programming more user-friendly for people with hearing loss), and an Owl video camera for virtual meetings.

- **Programs and Events**

- a. August: 23 events, 178 attendees.
 - Note: August is traditionally and logically a slower month, so we are provisionally treating these numbers as highly positive. Since the current dataset is just over a year old, we are in the phase of establishing benchmarks and signposts that will enable more meaningful analysis in the future.

- b. We continue to work on setting up special one-time events during the rest of FY27 and on a list of ideas for new programs, both recurring and stand-alone. We will be promoting most of these to the community during the second annual Library Open House in October. Some of the ideas in the works: poetry readings by Anita Punla and Willie Castle, “Anatomy, Physiology, and Being Healthy” for kids (at least two different age groups), an interview with John Deal, travel presentations by the Plana family about Camino de Santiago and Nepal, a legal-scholarly symposium about a core Supreme Court decision in the U.S. History, Shakespeare Society, Art Movie Club, music workshops with Greg Ryan, presentations about the Jemez Pueblo history and culture with Marlon Magdalena, an author reading with Prima Sakuntabhai (a returning guest), a cooking club, Toastmasters, and a joint open house with the Pueblo Library.
- c. Our library has become one of the forty libraries, nationwide, to be awarded the 2027 [“Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion through Yiddish Literature”](#) grant by the Yiddish Books Center.
- d. The annual Library Open House has been rescheduled from September 26th to October 24th.

- **Professional Development**

- a. Three library staff members will start a virtual course in cataloging in September with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Continuing Education Program. The quality of the library’s catalog is one of the key factors in improving user experience, collection development processes, key library workflows, and patron engagement.
- b. The director and the library assistant will use some of the credits from the Library Journal professional development package purchased at the end of the previous fiscal year to take a certification course in library project management. Two other library staff members will be able to take one course each of their choice from the Library Journal professional development catalog.
- c. The director will continue to attend himself, as his time and schedule will allow, various free virtual offerings and encourage such engagement on the part of the entire library staff.

- **Outreach, Media, and Patron Communication**

- a. The library has had a display with some flyers at the farmers’ market. Since we couldn’t monitor it continually, we can’t be sure about the level of engagement from the marketgoers. The display was at the community information table, however, and we know that quite a few people stopped by there. We will continue to experiment with the ways to enhance our presence and visibility at such in-person community events as the farmers’ market.
- b. We continue to work on a biweekly cadence for the direct mailing of the library newsletter and on verifying our direct mailing address lists.
- c. For a few weeks, the library has been making between three and seven posts on Facebook and NextDoor.
- d. We continue to publish our newsletter and up to three flyers in every issue of *After the Thunder*.
- e. We continue to display flyers at the library, create regular topical exhibits (at least monthly), and post hand-written staff reviews and recommendations.
- f. Long view: closer cooperation with local businesses and cultural entities.
- g. The library participates in the Village Event Committee and will be providing assistance, in particular, with the village event marketing and promotion.
- h.

- **Contact-Free & Outside-The-Working-Hours Services**

- a. Curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/email.

- ❖ **A huge thank you to all the library staff and volunteers** who make our daily operations, along with such a rich schedule of programs and events, possible!
- ❖ **The Friends of the Library** continue to be a tremendous support by assisting with the library's operational costs and by funding programming expenses and special purchases. **Thank you for your invaluable contribution!**

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