

September 2026 Librarian Report

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

- a. The 2024 State GO Bond funding agreement has been signed by all parties. This is a three-year, reimbursement-based grant (it ends in April 2029). There is a new process this year: the libraries must submit an Expenditure Plan Worksheet covering the entire lifespan of the grant before they can submit any reimbursement requests. I plan to submit the worksheet next week.
- b. Based on the FY26 annual report, the library has been approved for the FY27 State Grants-in-Aid and the FY27 Rural Libraries Program grants. These are advance payment grants. This year the grants will be distributed in two payments. The first payment will be issued during this calendar year, and the second half will be issued early in the next calendar year. Eligible purchases made with these funds may date back to July 1, 2026.
- c. The library is working with local private donors to demonstrate library needs that may be met by an advance payment restricted gift. Part of the gift has already been used, thanks to the FOL's advancing the funds, for purchasing a collection of Shakespeare-related materials in support of the recently established Jemez Mountains Shakespeare Society (which already has 16 local and 5 remote members).

- **Library Conference Room Art Display**

- a. October 1st – November 21st: Library Staff Art Show.
- b. November 24th – December 12th (possibly longer): The Art of John Diehl. (In support of a special event with John Diehl on December 5th).

- **Facilities and Equipment**

- a. A purchase order has been issued to the company that submitted a county-approved bid to design a new back deck for the library.
- b. The library is looking for a contractor 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.
- c. [OCTOBER] Three new splitter AC units have been installed at the south end of the library (main stacks and the new teen and young adult area) and seem to be working very well. The legacy AC unit on the south side will be decommissioned.
- d. The library will need to work on an additional AC solution to cover the kitchen, the bathrooms, the current librarian office, and the current meeting room.
- e. The library has proposed, and the mayor approved, switching the current librarian office and meeting room. The library is working on identifying and ordering the tasks that will comprise this project.
- f. Pending: inventory and transfer of the library's equipment and supplies from the old to the new storage shed.

- **Information Technology**

- a. The company that provided the required licenses and new Wi-Fi access points under our FY26 E-Rate request has cashed the village's final check for this project. The library director and the village IT specialist confirmed the library's CIPA compliance. Next step: the library director will work with the state E-Rate support person to submit the E-Rate reimbursement request.

- b. Ongoing: working with the IT consultant to determine further steps in improving the information technology infrastructure in the library. Some of the immediate priorities: clarifying and establishing the staff account infrastructure across the library staff computers.
- c. Coming soon: the library email and website domain change from "jsplibrary.org" to "jemezspringslibrary.org" or "jemezspringspubliclibrary.org."

- **Programs and Events**

- a. September: 25 events, 204 attendees.
- b. Ongoing: 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. Our website and calendar are the best places to see all the details of all our programs.
- 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. As part of the grant, the library director will attend a workshop in Amherst, MA on November 15th-17th.
- d. The library is preparing for the annual Open House that will take place on October 24th and the Library Halloween Carnival that will take place on October 31st.
- e. The Tai Chi program, by participants' request, is becoming weekly and relocating to the Father Fitzgerald Park/Library Conference Room.

- **Personnel**

- a. The library has added two new library aides to the roster: Barbara Silva and Shayline Stacy. We are very excited to have two more community members on board!

- **Professional Development**

- a. Three library staff members have started a virtual course in cataloging with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Continuing Education Program. The course is fully meeting and exceeding our expectations.
- b. The director and the library assistant have signed up for the February iteration of the certification course in library project management.

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

- a. The library had a table at the Harvest Festival, inside the Community and Visitor Center. We believe that because of access logistics we didn't get as much foot traffic as we would like, yet we did sell several bookmarks and books and were able to advertise our programs and services to several people, including a young couple that recently moved into our area. Lesson learned for the next time: all other things being equal, either set up the library table outside, or implement specific devices to ensure people are aware of our presence and are comfortable going inside the building.
- b. The library has maintained its well-established presence on Facebook, NextDoor, and in *After the Thunder*, as well as physical displays and exhibits at the library.
- c. The library has been working on creating separate mailing lists for its various clubs and programs. Four lists are already operational. This enables the library to engage in more active and targeted communication with groups with specific interests, as well as encouraging the creation of peer-to-peer networks among group members.
- d. Ongoing: to establish a biweekly cadence for the direct mailing of the library newsletter while verifying our direct mailing address lists.
- e. The library director has been participating in the Village Event Committee meetings.
- f. Idea/ambition: outreach in-person events at various local civic and business locations.

- **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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<https://jsplibrary.org/board-meetings/>