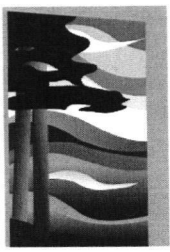


AGENDA  
Library Study Group  
9-3-25

1. Members Present – John Johnson, Terry Snyder, Tasha Connelly, Tom Sutherland
2. Staff Present – Tom Pagel, Will Richter, Amy Detmer, Brett Skyles, Austin Rohling
  
3. Review Mayor Connelly memorandum (see attached)
  
4. Member Updates
  - a. County Budget
  - b. Duluth Library
  - c. Grant Updates
  - d. Other?
  
5. Other?



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2025

To: Commission Johnson, Commissioner Snyder, Auditor Rohling, Administrator Skyles,  
Councilmember Sutherland, Will Richter, Library Director Amy Dettmer, Administrator  
Pagel

From: Tasha Connelly, Mayor

Re: Update on work tasks for September 3, 2025, meeting

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At the August 20, Library Study meeting, the City was tasked with three items to research. The first was to assemble a fact sheet with bullet point answers to constituent questions. The second was to research the Scott County Library system. The third was grant opportunities. Background follows.

**Fact Sheets** – See Attached.

**Scott County Library System**

The following are basic demographics for the Scott County Library System (SCLS):

- The population of Scott County is 150,928 vs 45,014 for Itasca County or about 3x larger.
- The SCLS has eight libraries vs seven for Itasca.
- The SCLS levy is \$4.46 million vs \$1.54 million for all Itasca libraries or about 3x larger.
- Most SCLS are open from 10 am to 8 pm. The public can use Extended Access (EA) from 6 am to 10 pm including holidays. Use link to learn more about extended access: [Locations & Hours | Scott County, MN](#)
- EA could be added to our libraries with investment in technology. Scott County does not appear to be utilizing EA to reduce staff.
- With Scott County being the levying authority, the SCLS is equitably funded amongst all county taxpayers.

At our August 20 meeting I mentioned reviewing a funding model we use to allocate fire contract costs to various townships. I directed Administrator Pagel to prepare a model for Itasca County that would include all libraries budgets in the model. The model works as follows:

- All library budgets for 2024 were added together amounting to \$1.54 million
- All township and city taxable market value for 2024 was added together.
- The total number of library card holders were calculated for each township/city.
- Fifty percent of the \$1.54 million was prorated to each township/city based on taxable market value and number of library card holders. In essence ability to pay and use.
- When allocated, each of the cities that host libraries reduce their property tax for library services as follows:

Library	2024 Budget	What Tax Payers Would Pay	Decrease in Levy
Grand Rapids	825,128	416,226	-408,902
Coleraine	128,335	41,807	-86,528
Bovey	37,209	29,766	-7,443
Marble	39,537	6,182	-33,355
Calumet	71,848	4,050	-67,798
Keewatin	70,564	15,406	-55,158
Nashwauk School	25,000	16,656	-8,344
Itasca County	342,709	342,709	0

- Itasca County would still need to contribute their minimum requirement to Arrowhead Library System.
- If the total library budget was allocated only on taxable market value, the host library cities would see the following reduction in property taxes:

Library	2024 Budget	What Tax Payers Would Pay	Decrease in Levy
Grand Rapids	825,128	207,119	-618,009
Coleraine	128,335	36,681	-91,654
Bovey	37,209	6,912	-30,297
Marble	39,537	5,333	-34,204
Calumet	71,848	2,311	-69,537
Keewatin	70,564	7,862	-62,702
Nashwauk School	25,000	15,841	-9,159
Itasca County	342,709	342,709	0

### **Grand Opportunities**

The city hired John Connelly to research grant opportunities for the library. He worked with another grant specialist and together they researched grant opportunities at the state and national level. The criteria used in searching was library operations and programming in rural settings. The six potential grant sources are attached. The GRAL has utilized The Friends (MALF) in the past.

I look forward to discussing this information with you on Wednesday, September 3, at 4:00 pm, virtually.



## Library Fact Sheet

- In accordance with MN Statute 134.07 a property can only be taxed once for library services.
- In 2015 the GR Library had 8 Full-Time and 2 Part-Time employees. In 2025 the GR Library has 4 Full-Time and 4 Part-Time employees.
- The GR library has 85 volunteers who assist at the library 3,500 hours annually.
- The GR library is approaching 30 years of age. Proactively we know that the roofing membrane will probably need to be replaced in the next five years at an estimated cost of \$500k.
- The GR library budget has only increased 2.6% annually the past eleven years.
- Over 160,000 items (book, cd, etc.) are checked out of the GR library annually.
- Conduct 52 programs with over 2,100 attendees annually.
- If hours are not reduced, a seasonal shift having Saturday hours at the library will occur as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Library volunteers are prohibited by law from working in positions with access to patron records – i.e., checking out books. Library data – including patron records – is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MS 13.40).
- Volunteers are actively involved in processing material, reshelving materials, and producing/supporting library programs.

Adwood	Real Property TMV	11,111,399	2,157	0	2,157
Arbo	Real Property TMV	155,188,933	30,725	0	30,725
Babam	Real Property TMV	59,855,123	11,619	0	11,619
Beaville	Real Property TMV	82,743,850	16,062	0	16,062
Bigfork TWP	Real Property TMV	50,752,135	9,852	0	9,852
Blackberry	Real Property TMV	108,868,965	21,134	0	21,134
Bowstring	Real Property TMV	78,812,811	15,299	0	15,299
Carpenter	Real Property TMV	75,054,421	14,570	0	14,570
Deer River TWP	Real Property TMV	70,054,129	13,890	0	13,890
Freely	Real Property TMV	69,353,458	13,663	0	13,663
Good Hope	Real Property TMV	27,717,047	5,294	0	5,294
Goodland	Real Property TMV	102,603,750	19,917	0	19,917
Grafton	Real Property TMV	8,801,158	1,712	0	1,712
Greenway	Real Property TMV	108,179,358	21,000	0	21,000
Harris	Real Property TMV	636,955,866	123,646	0	123,646
Kinghurst	Real Property TMV	21,560,299	4,185	0	4,185
Lake Jessie	Real Property TMV	64,975,207	12,613	0	12,613
Lawrence	Real Property TMV	97,115,348	18,852	0	18,852
Lone Pine	Real Property TMV	133,705,961	25,955	0	25,955
Marcell	Real Property TMV	228,359,117	44,329	0	44,329
Max	Real Property TMV	23,033,145	4,471	0	4,471
Moore Park	Real Property TMV	17,949,928	3,484	0	3,484
Moose	Real Property TMV	78,915,246	15,319	0	15,319
Nashua TWP	Real Property TMV	111,608,820	21,665	0	21,665
Nore	Real Property TMV	20,681,578	4,015	0	4,015
Orenagen	Real Property TMV	13,655,559	6,533	0	6,533
Pomroy	Real Property TMV	8,668,827	1,683	0	1,683
Sage	Real Property TMV	35,887,230	6,966	0	6,966
Sand Lake	Real Property TMV	87,214,820	16,930	0	16,930
Spang	Real Property TMV	42,822,107	8,204	0	8,204
Stokes	Real Property TMV	81,016,772	15,727	0	15,727
Third River	Real Property TMV	16,339,470	3,172	0	3,172
Troust Lake	Real Property TMV	180,436,592	35,026	0	35,026
Wabasha	Real Property TMV	183,348,495	35,592	0	35,592
Wawana	Real Property TMV	15,600,176	3,028	0	3,028
Wirt	Real Property TMV	27,327,287	5,305	0	5,305
Wishland	Real Property TMV	39,788,605	7,724	0	7,724
Wisconsin County All Unorg.	Real Property TMV	1,856,796,361	360,440	0	360,440
Bigfork	Real Property TMV	20,949,440	4,067	0	4,067
Bovey	Real Property TMV	35,607,462	6,912	0	6,912
Calumet	Real Property TMV	11,902,821	2,311	0	2,311
Colasnet	Real Property TMV	912,064,746	177,050	0	177,050
Coleraine	Real Property TMV	188,960,804	36,681	0	36,681
Deer River	Real Property TMV	74,830,665	14,526	0	14,526
Elfte	Real Property TMV	7,208,011	1,399	0	1,399
Grand Rapids	Real Property TMV	1,066,968,994	207,119	0	207,119
Keewatin	Real Property TMV	40,501,912	7,862	0	7,862
La Prairie	Real Property TMV	68,958,740	13,386	0	13,386
Marble	Real Property TMV	27,474,470	5,333	0	5,333
Nashua	Real Property TMV	81,605,079	15,841	0	15,841
Squaw Lake	Real Property TMV	5,604,243	1,088	0	1,088
Tecumseh	Real Property TMV	76,003,525	14,754	0	14,754
Wabasha	Real Property TMV	10,957,128	2,127	0	2,127
Zembla	Real Property TMV	2,391,634	464	0	464
Total Taxable Market Value		7,934,955,706	1,540,330	14,900	1,540,330

Library	2024 Budget	825,128	207,119	-618,009
Grand Rapids	What Tax Payers Would Pay Levy	36,681	-91,654	
Coleraine		128,335	-30,297	
Bovey		37,209	-34,204	
Marble		39,537	-69,537	
Calumet		71,848	-62,702	
Nashua		70,564	-15,841	
Nashua School		25,000	-9,159	
Itasca County		342,709		
Total Library Levy		1,540,330		
100% TMV		1,540,330		
50% Card Holder		0		

Alwood	Real Property TMV	11,111,399	1,078	2	103	1,82
Arbo	Real Property TMV	155,188,933	15,063	286	14,783	29,846
Ardenhurst	Real Property TMV	59,855,123	5,810	11	569	6,378
Babam	Real Property TMV	218,683,261	21,225	177	9,149	30,374
Beaville	Real Property TMV	82,743,850	8,031	17	879	8,910
Bigfork TWP	Real Property TMV	50,752,135	4,926	187	9,666	14,592
Blackberry	Real Property TMV	108,868,965	10,671	182	9,407	19,974
Bowling	Real Property TMV	78,812,811	7,650	26	1,944	8,993
Capistrano	Real Property TMV	75,054,421	7,285	16	1,827	8,112
Deer River TWP	Real Property TMV	102,465,129	9,945	189	9,667	19,714
Feeley	Real Property TMV	69,353,458	6,731	95	4,910	11,642
Good Hope	Real Property TMV	27,271,047	2,647	15	775	3,222
Goodland	Real Property TMV	102,603,750	9,959	64	3,308	13,267
Grafton	Real Property TMV	8,820,158	856	3	155	1,011
Greenway	Real Property TMV	108,179,358	10,500	294	15,197	25,986
Harris	Real Property TMV	636,955,886	61,823	1,089	12,899	118,112
Kinghurst	Real Property TMV	27,560,299	2,093	10	517	2,610
Lake Jasse	Real Property TMV	64,975,207	6,306	48	2,481	8,788
Lawrence	Real Property TMV	97,115,348	9,426	99	5,117	14,543
Long Pine	Real Property TMV	133,705,961	12,977	36	1,861	14,838
Marcill	Real Property TMV	228,359,117	22,164	43	2,223	24,387
Max	Real Property TMV	23,033,145	2,236	13	672	2,908
Moore Park	Real Property TMV	17,949,928	1,742	41	2,119	3,861
Morse	Real Property TMV	78,915,346	7,659	144	7,443	15,103
Nashua TWP	Real Property TMV	111,608,820	10,833	71	3,670	14,503
Nore	Real Property TMV	20,681,78	2,007	1	52	2,059
Okeageen	Real Property TMV	33,655,559	3,267	52	2,888	5,954
Pennix	Real Property TMV	8,668,827	841	1	52	893
Sage	Real Property TMV	35,387,230	3,483	38	1,964	5,447
Sand Lake	Real Property TMV	87,124,820	8,465	17	879	9,344
Spang	Real Property TMV	42,782,197	4,102	87	4,497	8,599
Stokes	Real Property TMV	81,016,772	7,863	22	1,137	9,001
Third River	Real Property TMV	16,139,470	1,586	4	207	1,793
Trou Lake	Real Property TMV	180,436,592	17,513	287	14,835	32,348
Webana	Real Property TMV	183,348,495	17,796	239	12,954	30,149
Wewama	Real Property TMV	15,600,176	1,514	7	362	1,876
Wirt	Real Property TMV	27,127,287	2,652	9	465	3,118
Splitland	Real Property TMV	39,788,605	3,862	92	4,755	8,617
Itasca County All Unorg	Real Property TMV	1,856,796,361	180,220	1,253	64,766	244,986
Bigfork	Real Property TMV	20,949,440	2,033	187	9,666	11,699
Bovey	Real Property TMV	35,607,462	3,456	509	26,310	29,766
Calumet	Real Property TMV	11,902,821	1,155	56	2,895	4,050
Chassaret	Real Property TMV	912,064,746	88,525	1,098	56,754	145,279
Coleraine	Real Property TMV	188,960,804	18,340	454	23,467	41,807
Deer River	Real Property TMV	74,830,665	7,263	514	26,568	33,831
Effie	Real Property TMV	7,208,011	700	37	1,912	2,612
Grand Rapids	Real Property TMV	1,066,968,394	103,560	6,049	312,666	416,226
Keewatin	Real Property TMV	40,501,912	3,931	222	11,475	15,406
La Prairie	Real Property TMV	68,958,740	6,693	99	5,117	11,810
Marble	Real Property TMV	27,474,470	2,667	68	3,515	6,182
Nashua	Real Property TMV	81,665,079	7,921	169	8,735	16,656
Square Lake	Real Property TMV	5,604,243	544	24	1,241	1,784
Tacoma	Real Property TMV	76,003,525	7,377	68	3,515	10,892
Warba	Real Property TMV	10,957,126	1,063	77	3,880	5,044
Zempe	Real Property TMV	2,391,634	232	2	103	336
Total Taxable Market Value		7,934,955,706	770,165	14,900	770,165	1,540,330

Library	2024 Budget	825,128	416,226	-408,902
Coleraine	Grand Rapids	128,335	41,807	-86,528
Bovey	Marble	37,209	29,766	-7,443
Calumet	Keewatin	71,848	15,406	-55,158
Nashua	Nashua School	25,000	16,656	-8,344
Itasca County	Total Library Levy	1,540,330	342,709	0
50% TMV		770,165		
50% Card Holder		770,165		

Approved	Real Property TMV	11,111,399	1,004	2	110	1,111
Adobo	Real Property TMV	155,188,933	14,016	286	15,668	29,685
Adventurers	Real Property TMV	59,855,123	5,406	11	603	6,009
Alabon	Real Property TMV	218,681,261	19,725	117	9,697	29,448
Baranillo	Real Property TMV	82,748,820	7,473	17	931	8,405
Budget TWP	Real Property TMV	50,792,135	4,584	187	10,244	14,828
Blackberry	Real Property TMV	108,868,965	9,883	182	9,971	19,854
Boasting	Real Property TMV	78,817,811	7,118	26	1,424	8,543
Carpenter	Real Property TMV	75,094,427	6,779	16	877	7,655
Cart TWP	Real Property TMV	102,465,129	9,252	189	10,544	19,699
Cherry	Real Property TMV	69,335,458	6,264	95	5,204	11,468
Good Hope	Real Property TMV	27,271,047	2,463	15	822	3,285
Goodland	Real Property TMV	102,601,750	9,267	64	3,506	12,773
Grattan	Real Property TMV	8,820,158	797	3	164	961
Greenway	Real Property TMV	108,179,338	9,771	294	16,106	25,877
Harris	Real Property TMV	616,955,886	57,529	1,089	59,659	117,188
Engelhart	Real Property TMV	21,560,299	1,947	10	548	2,495
Lake Justice	Real Property TMV	64,975,207	5,868	48	2,620	8,498
Larsonville	Real Property TMV	97,115,348	8,772	99	5,524	14,195
Low Pine	Real Property TMV	113,705,961	12,076	36	1,927	14,048
Martell	Real Property TMV	228,199,117	20,675	43	2,356	22,981
Mex	Real Property TMV	21,031,145	2,080	13	712	2,793
Moose Fork	Real Property TMV	17,949,928	1,623	41	2,246	3,867
Mex	Real Property TMV	78,915,246	7,128	144	7,889	15,016
Nashville TWP	Real Property TMV	111,698,820	10,080	71	3,890	13,970
Nove	Real Property TMV	20,681,578	1,868	1	55	1,923
Overgreen	Real Property TMV	31,655,559	3,040	52	2,649	5,888
Pawnee	Real Property TMV	8,668,827	783	1	55	838
Sage	Real Property TMV	35,887,280	3,243	38	2,082	5,323
Sand Lake	Real Property TMV	8,214,820	787	17	931	8,808
Spring	Real Property TMV	42,262,107	3,817	87	4,766	8,583
Stables	Real Property TMV	81,016,772	7,317	22	1,205	8,523
Third River	Real Property TMV	16,138,420	1,476	4	219	1,695
Town Lake	Real Property TMV	180,438,592	16,292	287	15,723	32,020
Wabasha	Real Property TMV	181,548,495	16,560	239	13,093	29,653
Wendell	Real Property TMV	15,690,176	1,409	7	383	1,792
Wren	Real Property TMV	22,327,287	2,468	9	493	2,961
Southland	Real Property TMV	39,798,695	3,594	92	5,040	8,634
Living 150.35	Real Property TMV	7,062,895	638	0	0	698
Living 149.25	Real Property TMV	7,719,443	698	0	0	698
Wideland	Real Property TMV	44,117,458	3,986	0	0	3,986
Living 54.26	Real Property TMV	178,795,586	34,212	0	0	34,212
Living 54.27	Real Property TMV	14,328,728	1,294	0	0	1,294
Living 55.23	Real Property TMV	61,000,220	5,509	0	0	5,509
Living 55.27	Real Property TMV	49,716,564	4,490	0	0	4,490
Living 56.26	Real Property TMV	296,332,582	25,861	0	0	25,861
Living 56.27	Real Property TMV	11,169,927	1,009	0	0	1,009
Living 57.26	Real Property TMV	244,222,498	22,058	0	0	22,058
Living 58.22	Real Property TMV	41,638,139	3,761	0	0	3,761
Living 58.23	Real Property TMV	55,018,938	4,969	0	0	4,969
Living 58.26	Real Property TMV	57,268,431	5,172	0	0	5,172
Living 58.27	Real Property TMV	15,155,791	1,369	0	0	1,369
Living 59.23	Real Property TMV	31,684,379	2,844	0	0	2,844
Living 59.24	Real Property TMV	24,497,486	2,212	0	0	2,212
Living 59.34	Real Property TMV	109,638,187	9,902	0	0	9,902
Living 59.35	Real Property TMV	82,729,110	7,477	0	0	7,477
Living 60.23	Real Property TMV	21,313,895	1,925	0	0	1,925
Living 60.24	Real Property TMV	46,338,427	4,171	0	0	4,171
Living 60.25	Real Property TMV	22,037,673	1,980	0	0	1,980
Living 61.23	Real Property TMV	18,007,203	1,626	0	0	1,626
Living 61.24	Real Property TMV	11,307,728	1,021	0	0	1,021
Living 62.25	Real Property TMV	54,098,733	4,886	0	0	4,886
Living 62.26	Real Property TMV	12,581,262	1,135	0	0	1,135
Living 62.27	Real Property TMV	2,930,813	265	0	0	265
Living 143.25	Real Property TMV	2,992,391	270	0	0	270
Living 144.26	Real Property TMV	7,248,404	655	0	0	655
Living 145.26	Real Property TMV	24,062,161	2,173	0	0	2,173
Living 145.27	Real Property TMV	22,777,800	2,173	0	0	2,173
Living 146.26	Real Property TMV	17,193,136	1,553	0	0	1,553
Living 146.27	Real Property TMV	11,815,225	1,067	0	0	1,067
Living 147.26	Real Property TMV	59,718,380	5,396	0	0	5,396
Living 147.27	Real Property TMV	2,591,178	234	0	0	234
Living 147.28	Real Property TMV	518,590	46	0	0	46
Living County Inorg	Real Property TMV	981,490	89	0	0	89
Blackick	Real Property TMV	20,949,440	1,892	187	10,344	12,137
Barry	Real Property TMV	35,697,462	3,216	0	0	3,216
Calumet	Real Property TMV	11,992,821	1,075	0	0	1,075
Calumet	Real Property TMV	911,964,746	82,272	1,098	60,152	142,523
Calumet	Real Property TMV	188,960,804	17,067	454	24,872	41,938
Cherwell	Real Property TMV	74,830,665	6,759	514	28,159	34,917
Cherwell	Real Property TMV	7,208,012	651	37	2,027	2,678
Grand Rapids	Real Property TMV	1,066,646,394	96,362	6,040	331,385	437,752
Grand Rapids	Real Property TMV	463,501,912	3,658	272	12,162	15,820
Grand Rapids	Real Property TMV	68,938,760	6,228	99	5,524	11,652
Marble	Real Property TMV	27,478,420	2,481	68	3,725	6,207
Marble	Real Property TMV	81,693,079	7,370	166	9,158	16,629
Nashville TWP	Real Property TMV	5,693,243	506	24	1,315	1,821
Nashville	Real Property TMV	76,003,525	6,865	68	3,725	10,590
Nashville	Real Property TMV	10,917,126	990	77	4,218	5,208
Wells	Real Property TMV	2,381,634	216	2	110	326
Temple	Real Property TMV	0	0	0	0	0
Total	Feasible Market Value	7,394,955,706	716,671	13,082	716,677	1,433,353

Library	2026 Budget
Grand Rapids	783,151
Calumet	128,335
Bowling	37,209
Marble	39,537
Calumet	71,848
Keweenaw	70,564
Nashville	0
Itasca County	342,709
Total Library L	1,433,353
50% TMV	716,677
50% Card Hold	716,677