

Monthly Report - Overview for Feb 2026

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Time	6581	7150	-8	8240	-21	13731	18126	-25
Phone Renewal	108	150	-28	172	-38	258	321	-20
Renewal	118	103	14	112	5	221	318	-31
Opac Renewal	536	513	4	498	7	1049	1004	4
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7343	7916	-8	9022	-19	15259	19769	-23

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phone Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opac Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Normal	6257	5807	7	8140	-24	12064	16043	-25
Late	1386	1818	-24	1396	-1	3204	3298	-3
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7643	7625	0	9536	-20	15268	19341	-22

Requests Placed

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Placed	1314	1644	-21	1950	-33	2958	4151	-29
Total	1314	1644	-21	1950	-33	2958	4151	-29

Requests Resolved

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	66	79	-17	97	-32	145	251	-43
Filled	2275	2363	-4	2705	-16	4638	5877	-22
Expired	4	7	-43	6	-34	11	12	-9
Total	2345	2449	-5	2808	-17	4794	6140	-22

Holdes Resolved

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1271	1476	-14	1612	-22	2747	3788	-28
Cancelled	3	6	-50	2	50	9	5	80
Expired	108	157	-32	125	-14	265	248	6
Total	1382	1639	-16	1739	-21	3021	4041	-26

Overdues

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	428	587	-28	408	4	1015	976	3
2nd Notice	5	5	0	3	66	10	12	-17
3rd Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	1	4	-75
4th Notice	1	0	100	3	-67	1	4	-75
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	190	185	2	228	-17	375	465	-20
Total	624	778	-20	642	-3	1402	1462	-5

Borrower Delta

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	31	34	-9	66	-54	65	153	-58
Deleted (Manual)	2	1	100	3	-34	3	13	-77
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	35	-6	69	-53	68	166	-60

Bib Delta

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	125	93	34	101	23	218	269	-19
Deleted (Manual)	358	158	126	716	-50	516	1575	-68
New (Batch)	91	140	-35	13	600	231	46	402
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	574	391	46	830	-31	965	1890	-49

Auth Delta

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	2	2	0	2	0	4	2	100
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	0	2	0	4	2	100

Item Delta

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	429	275	56	346	23	704	828	-15
Deleted (Manual)	774	617	25	1452	-47	1391	2832	-51
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1203	892	34	1798	-34	2095	3660	-43

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	%chg	Feb 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	162	178	-9	131	23	340	327	3
Items Rcvd by Ven	163	196	-17	132	23	359	331	8
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	325	374	-14	263	23	699	658	6

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

February 2026

	February	YTD 2026
Door Count	3,269	6,595
Reference Questions	125	273
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	13	22
Tests Proctored	2	2
Public Computer Use: Sessions	125	252
Public Computer Use: Hours	99	197
Special Computer Sessions	87	158
Passports Accepted	46	110

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 200 224261 200	2 Groundhog Day 224561	3 224858	4 226197	5	6	7
8 158	9 225446 3	10 225724 7	11 226047 5	12 Lincoln's B-Day	13	14 Valentine's Day 21
15 383	16 Presidents' Day CLOSED	17 Chinese New Year 226430	18 Ramadan begins 226585	19	20	21 0
22 230	23 226915 Ø	24 227203 Ø	25 227530 10	26	27	28 10
		Notes 227530 Feb end -224261 Jan end <u>3,269</u>				46 passports

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day 12 np/### q/###	3 ? np/### q	4 ### np/### q	5	6	7
8	9 17 np/### c/	10 20 np/### q	11 17 np/### c/	12 Lincoln's B-Day	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day CLOSED	17 Chinese New Year 18 np/### c/	18 Ramadan begins 3 np/### q	19	20	21
22	23 6 ### np/### c/	24 13 np/### q	25 np/### q	26	27	28
Notes						

Children's in February

Okay, personal note first. Over the past two weeks, in particular, I have had many patrons and a few volunteers ask, "So, how are you really doing?" The answer is: I'm not doing well. The Grand Rapids Area Library has had a full-time Children's Librarian for decades, and the job has grown as the need in our community has grown. When our hours were cut so drastically, it was assumed (even by me) that I could, somehow, shrink this job down to 25 hours a week. The truth is that I can't. The books still need to be ordered, Artastic still needs to be planned, contracts for programs still need to be written, purchase orders still need to go into our databases, Winter and Summer reading programs still need to be planned, and executed. Supplies still need to be ordered. Books still need to be weeded from our shelves. Meetings still need to be attended, both in and out of the library. Our patrons still need our help. Telling myself I "should" be able to get it all done in 25 hours when I was hard pressed to get it done in 40 was pure folly, and the emotional dissonance between what I "should" be able to do and what I **can** do was taking over my time away from the library. So, I'm giving up on the "what I should be able to do." The job will take whatever time it needs to get done. I will continue to work from home. I will do the job to the best of my ability, because that is what I promise these children, every day. I will no longer give the idea that I can get it all done in 25 hours a week another thought. This library is the only place many of these Itasca County children have to get books. And, for many of us, books are not only a reassuring reflection of our own lives, but are windows into the lives of other people. We need to open those windows for our patrons, because their lives will certainly reach far beyond this county. Our children should be surrounded by books, and choice. That is my job, whether or not it takes more than 25 hours per week.

And now, friends, a few highlights from February:

- Page Turners Book Club had a rousing meeting
- I met with a salesman from Learning Opportunities, who left several hundred dollars of free books with us, including a book about axolotls, which one of my young patrons already has on hold.

- I did another book review installment with KAXE (And while they told me they completely understand if I needed to step away from that, it serves two important functions, one public and one private. Publicly, it is a great outreach from the library to the community. Personally, it forces me to take the time to really concentrate on a handful of titles every month, which I appreciate.)
- We are currently handing out the February Artastic kits, which continue to be wildly popular. We hand out roughly 150 kits each month. (Tracy, why, “roughly 150 kits?” Because I order the quantity of supplies that gets us closest to that number, without having too much left over that needs to be stored. So, some months it might be 144 kits, other months it might be 155 kits. I shoot for 150, which it is most of the time.)
- Yesterday, one of my young patrons was visiting me in my office and said, “I get sad when I walk into the library and see your door closed. Sometimes I just need to talk about books.” And that is exactly why I do my job, and why it takes longer than 25 hours a week to complete. Because that single child deserves it. And, because she has every right to expect that her library has her back.

Happy Reading!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 29	3 32	4 38	5	6	7 93
8	9 17	10 NO CNDY 28	11 30	12	13	14 75
15	16 CLOSED	17 NO CNDY 32	18 18	19	20	21 50
22	23 28	24 52	25 54	26	27	28 134

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

February 2026

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 672

YouTube views: 15

Total views: 687

Kits handed out: 150

2/09	Page Turners	7
2/10	Book Time	53
2/17	Book Time	35
2/24	Book Time	30

Total Programs: 4 People: 125

Book Times : 3 People: 118

Library Programs: 1 People: 7

Reference Questions 2026: 352

Reference Questions 2025: 401

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2026 Volunteer Report

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Library Friends		Library Foundation		Total	Total
	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours
January	40	160.75	4	43.75	9	29.00	10	60.00	10	14.00	44	204.50
February	29	133.25	4	71.25	8	28.00	7	61.00	1	6.00	33	204.50
March											0	0.00
April											0	0.00
May											0	0.00
June											0	0.00
July											0	0.00
August											0	0.00
September											0	0.00
October											0	0.00
November											0	0.00
December											0	0.00
Total		294.00		115.00		57.00		121.00		20.00	*	409.00