



July 30, 2026

Cyndy Martin
Grand Rapids Area Library
140 NE 2nd Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Cyndy:

Minnesota Statutes 134.13 requires the board of a public library to submit an annual report to the Department of Education no later than April 1 each year. State Library Services appreciates your timely submission and accepts Grand Rapids Area Library's report for 2025.

The information and performance measures in the Minnesota Public Library Report are used to assess and improve public library services by decision makers and other stakeholders at the federal, state and local levels.

Public libraries remain popular community assets throughout the state.

- In 2025, there were more than 2.8 million registered public library customers—almost half of all Minnesotans.
- Customers borrowed or downloaded books, movies, and more over 54 million times, the highest total circulation we've yet seen.
- Customers went online during 21 million library computer and wireless sessions.
- Libraries sponsored 60,187 programs that attracted more than 1.2 million people of all ages.
- About 70% of Minnesota public libraries have meeting rooms, which were used for almost 200,000 community meetings in 2025.

Report data for all Minnesota public libraries is accessible from the State Library Services Statistics page (<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/Lib/sls/stat/>) on the Minnesota Department of Education website. 2025 annual reports will be added in late July.

Thank you for your library's contribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verena Getahun'.

Verena Getahun

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