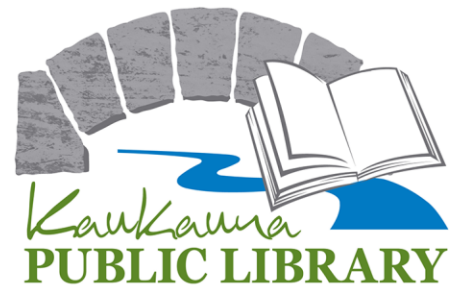


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 10/17/25
Re: Community Partnerships



When the food pantry stock got very low early this fall, we reached out to the community for help. We were very lucky to receive donations from many organizations including KU, Unison, Flow Chiropractic, Associated Bank, Kaukauna Lions, and Trim Hunger. We also received a lot of support from the community. With their help, the library has enough stock now to make it until the delivery comes from the Civic Engagement group at the high school.

Our friend Violet donated two special stools for children to use in the restrooms to wash their hands. Her dad was even kind enough to put them together for us!

We held our annual coat and winter gear drive on October 11. We owe thanks to all donors, especially Niemuth Construction, who brought in five bins of brand new coats, as well as the Yarn it All Knitters, who brought cozy accessories for those in need.

On October 14, I traveled to Image Studio in Appleton to be a part of a Trim Hunger video. Kaukauna Public Library was their first partner, so the library, along with their other partners, Catalpa Health, and Appleton Area School District participated in interviews talking about what Trim Hunger does and why it is important. I got to sit under bright lights with microphones and monitors, complete with hair and make up touch ups. The video will be shown at their annual fundraiser event, Grateful Groove.

