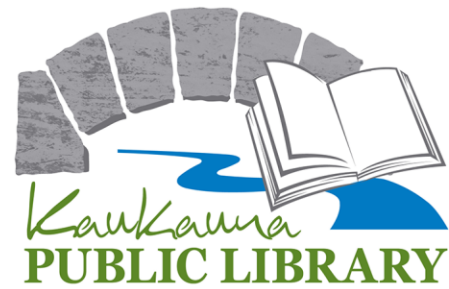


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustee  
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning  
Date: 4/20/2026  
Re: Grant Submission



I was invited to submit a grant to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley region, specifically the Rita and David Nelson Family Fund for the Interactive Learning Garden and Library Collections. The grant was submitted in March. The garden portion of the request is for some garden maintenance. The garden has been open since 2019 and is beginning to show signs of use. The grant request allows for the repair of some items and the addition of other items, like newer music equipment and more durable furniture pieces and toys.

The collections portion of the grant request was twofold. One portion of the grant focuses on decodable early readers to continue our alignment with the KASD reading curriculum. The grant would allow for a larger purchase of decodable readers for the collection from a school vendor. The second part of the request was for the enhancement of the audio collections in the youth, teen, and adult collections. Audio continues to be the most expensive standard library material to purchase, second only to special equipment (laptops, tablets). The average Playaway, which has come back in popularity, is \$79. The grant would allow for the purchase of Playaways, Playaway kits, the addition of more Wonderbooks, more books on CD, as well as some new audio products we are getting requests for like Tonies, WhaZoodles, and Launchpads.

Grant notification will be in shared in late June.

