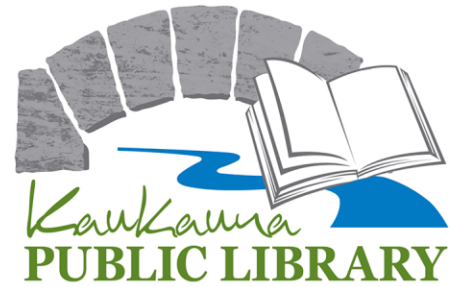


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustee
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 1/20/2026
Re: Community Partners



The Library participated in the Annual City Parade in December, featuring the Bikinibottom Bookmobile, and library staff dressed as characters from Spongebob SquarePants. This is the first “float” the library has had in the last decade. Thanks to the Schink’s for letting us use their truck and trailer for our entry.

On December 8, the Library of Lights turned on with the help of KU General Manager Michael Avanzi and a bunch of little friends! We used some magic wands to turn the lights on this year, as some of the areas were a little difficult to get to. The Youth Services Librarian also put together some fun activities for participants inside the library that evening including crafts and a singalong.

Thanks go to 4Imprint for sending us a volunteer to help with putting up the lights this year. Zander was very helpful and a big illumination enthusiast! Thanks also go to library husband, Sam Menning, for taking down almost all the lights.

Courtesy of Trim Hunger, we received a large donation of fresh bread from Wienke’s Market in Algoma.

Ahlstrom donated 56 free turkey coupons, which we placed at random in the pantry between November and December.

Kaukauna Dollar Tree also donated some small toys to the library, and we were able to make 56 small stocking stuffer bags for families in need with the donation.

We also received large donations for the Little Free Pantry from Associated Bank, Immanuel UCC Kaukauna, Little Caesars, The Estate Planning Group LLC, and Encounter Church.

We also recently heard that Round House Manor needed adult incontinence briefs. We posted and the community delivered! Roughly 25 boxes were donated.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 donated titles selected by the library to add to our collection as well!