



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 3/18/25
Re: Community Partners

The Cougar Caring Project at Quinney Elementary School put together a bunch of birthday kits for the Little Free Pantry as a service project. The group put together 63 kits, some of which went to the Library and others to Loaves & Fishes. We are so lucky to have such caring students!

Trim Hunger will be making monthly scheduled food deliveries to the Library starting in April. I provided a list of the most needed items for the pantry and a volunteer shopper will be picking up items and delivering them to us. We are very thankful for their donations.

We were a donation site again this year for the Help for the Homeless campaign from February 23 to March 16.

We have been working with the Appleton and Neenah libraries on the promotion of the Fox Cities Reads 2025 author event. The event, held on March 13, was a major success at the newly renovated Appleton Public Library with 282 people present to see author Angeline Boulley! Several patrons of our Library reported having greatly enjoyed the event. The Fox Cities Book Festival, the fiscal agent of the Fox Cities Reads, did dissolve in 2024, so the current Fox Cities Reads is a partnership with varying levels of contribution of the six area public libraries. The Fox Cities Book Festival did gift what was left in their bank account to Appleton Public Library to use for future Reads author events. We have already selected an author for 2026 and are in talking with their agent.

