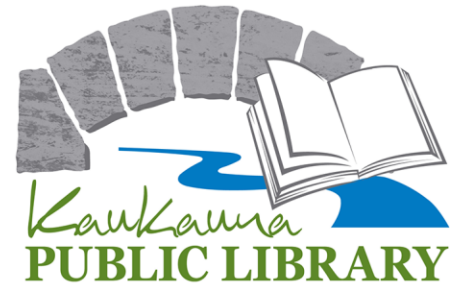


To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustee
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 8/11/2026
Re: Grants



Kaukauna Public Library has been honored with two grants.

The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region has awarded a grant to the Friends of the Library from The Leech Charitable Fund in the amount of \$10,000 in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. We are thrilled to stand alongside 39 other amazing nonprofit organizations who are working to make the Fox Valley Region stronger. Thank you to The Leech Charitable Fund for their generosity.

The library was also awarded \$21,700 from the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region for garden maintenance. The grant allows the library to replace the broken entry-gate latch, replenish the washed-out gravel, replace deteriorated outdoor wooden xylophone and add additional freestanding musical pieces. It will also help us restore plant ID signage, secure the rope bridges, add a portable one-person quick setup tent for staff during programming, replace wind damaged benches with heavier ones, purchase more durable sand toys, and replace nine raised bed planters with longer-lasting plastic alternatives. Any funds left from the project can be spent on the enhancement of library collections, specifically audio and early literacy. We are grateful to the Nelson Family Fund for their commitment to education and our community.

