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Board of Trustees Foundation Liaison Report
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In 2026, the Foundation was privileged to support the Library with a grant totaling approximately \$233,500. The Foundation's support is an essential part of what makes Mead Public Library exceptional. Without it, the library simply could not offer the same extraordinary level of programs, resources, and services that make it such a stellar institution. The 2026 "Wish List" grant includes the following items:

- The construction of a Sensory Room in the Children's Library;
- The construction of 2 additional Study Rooms on the 2nd floor;
- All furnishings for the 2nd floor Study Rooms, including floor-wide tables with integrated power and comfy seating;
- Adult programming, including Lil Rev, Literature & Poetry programs, sidewalk poetry, Great Decisions series, WinterGreen, and ComicCon;
- Youth programming, including the summer library program, family Storytimes, and after school educational programs;
- Tablet workstations for the Imaginarium;
- Public Recording Studio equipment updates and furnishings;
- Professional development (PLA in Minneapolis and ALA in Chicago);
- Staff & Volunteer appreciation events;

The donor wall near the elevators has been updated to include recent donors; the goal is to update this on an annual basis.

The Foundation continues to provide scholarships for Library employees, up to \$5,000 per year, for tuition. We have had up to 3 Library employees working on degrees at the same time. At the current time, there is one employee receiving a scholarship.

The Foundation is working on a new policy called the "Funding Scope and Request Policy." This policy will help define what Foundation funds can be used for. It will spell out priorities and specify how the Foundation makes decisions regarding funding.