

Support & Public Services Report to the Mead Library Board of Trustees

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Staffing:

- We will begin interviewing Library Assistant – Security candidates the week of Oct. 18th.
- The Youth Services Manager position has been posted with an anticipated start date of Jan. 2027.
- Staff attended the Fall-Inservice on Sept. 25th which included fire & emergency response training, a guest speaker who discussed time and space management, and a tour of the Warming Center.
- Adult Services staff will be touring the Job Center on November 6th.
- Kelly Rohde has been accepted into the Yiddish Book Center's 2027 "*Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion through Yiddish Literature*" Public Libraries Program. The program partners with public libraries nationwide to help librarians introduce Yiddish literature and culture to their communities and foster interfaith and intercultural dialogue. Kelly will join a cohort of librarians for a fully funded workshop in Amherst, MA. The workshop includes sessions with leading scholars, explorations of the Center's collections, and planning for local reading groups and programming.

Circulation and Patron Services

- Construction on the 3rd-floor [Sensory Room](#) and 2nd-floor study rooms has begun is set to wrap up on Nov. 15th. The sensory room will have a soft opening in 2026 with a grand opening planned for the beginning of 2027.
- Holds Locker usage continues to outpace available locker space. From 9/18/26 to 10/12/26, there was an average of 22 patrons/day whose holds were not placed in the holds lockers because the lockers were full. We place those holds in a locker as soon as one opens up, but often the patrons have to come inside to get them or call to have staff run them out to them.

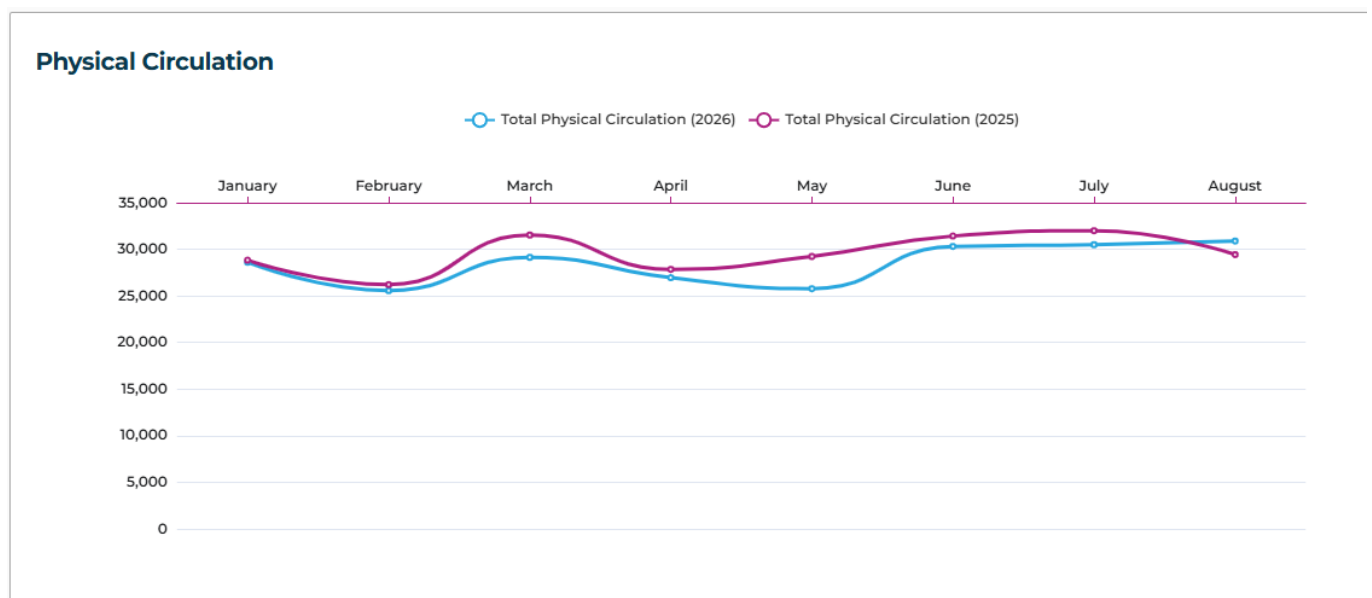
Programming/Exhibits/Outreach Highlights:

- Upcoming fall programs:
 - We will be celebrating the Imaginarium's 10th Anniversary on Oct. 27th from 3-7pm. Come join us for crafts, STEM activities, tours, a pumpkin competition, and a visit from Mayor Sorensen!
 - Oct. 23: Kids on Canvas: young painters can learn to create beautiful art.
 - Oct. 23: Scary Stories Night at Paradigm (all ages)

- Oct. 26: A Court of Thorns and Roses Midnight Release Party at Wordhaven Bookhouse.
- Oct. 26: Halloween GloSlow Party (sensory-friendly) and GloParty will kick-off family Halloween celebrations.
- Nov. 6: Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping Party (teens)
- Nov. 7: 2nd annual Sheboygan Zine Fest!
- Nov. 10: WI Academy Talk – The Edmund Fitzgerald and the Meaning of Home in the Great Lakes with Dr. Steve Ackerman
- Nov. 14: Ballet Storytime: Milwaukee Ballet dancers will explore The Nutcracker through story, song & dance.

Collections:

- New Jan-Aug 2026 stats pulled from LibraryIQ:



(Books, AV, Kits, etc.)

eMaterial Circulation

Data View

Total eAudiobook Circulation	36492
Total eBook Circulation	27431
Total eMagazine Circulation	10828
Total eMusic Circulation	285
Total eVideo Circulation	5511

(Hoopla, Kanopy, Libby)