

**WATERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
For March 2026**

<b>Libby: Audio, Ebook &amp; Magazine Checkouts</b>		
	<u><b>2025</b></u>	<u><b>2026</b></u>
January	3,974	4,850**
February	3,671	4,120
March	3,976	4,691
April	3,986	
May	3,937	
June	4,669	
July	4,930	
August	4,022	
September	4,051	
October	4,074	
November	4,144	
December	4,184	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,391</b>	

Physical Circulation for March	22,845
March Libby March Libby Mags	4,691 684
2026 Monthly Total 2025 March Total	28,220 29,254
New Cards	100

\*\* January 2026 circ impacted by brutal temperatures.

## **Library Director's Notes:**

### **Celebrate National Library Week, April 19-25**

#### **Programs for the week:**

4/22 "The Librarians" Screening (5:30) and discussion at 7:30 pm

4/23: Mystery Items at 1:30 pm

4/23: Bookbag Bedazzling @ 6 pm

#### Throughout the week:

Library tattoo tent

Rubber Duck Decorating Contest (Favorite book character)

Introduce Children's Room Display Case for kid's collections

4/24-25 Friends of the Library Booksale

### **Friends will host a booksale on April 24 and 25. They will also be at Glenn's Brat Haus on May 1.**

The staff in-service went well on March 18. We watched the documentary on "The Library". We will be showing the documentary at the library on 4/22 at 5:30pm during National Library Week. We also made bookmarks, library team members met with Charity Chandler, we created a few videos, checked in bins from the morning delivery and departments met to discuss upcoming programming for spring and summer.

The conversion of our POTS lines is complete. After is all and said and done we were billed for the incompetence of the initial tech who cut the lines to our elevator, phones and FAX. On top of the lost revenue we incurred a 2 page bill from Convergent for \$1,194 plus a bill from Schindler for \$1,066. Moving forward we are working with Gordon Flesch to start a scan to personal email option for library patrons.

We had several outages with our phones and internet in March.

It's been another month of happy changes! Welcoming John H back and Baelyn to the library team!

All teens involved in last month's fight after hours, outside of the facility, have been issued stay out orders. There was another fight on an early release day, not on library property, and police were called to intervene.

Tod has made contact with Surefire, informing them that we are canceling our maintenance contract. Richter's will pick up the new contract, saving the library over \$3,000.

### **Monthly Department Information**

**Adult:**

**~Jamie (MLIS)**

#### **Children's:**

March flew by in the Children's Department! We had a No School Movie Day and showed the brand-new release, "Zootopia 2" as well as our annual Little University Storytime visit from Miss Renee at Ebert's Greenhouse! It is my favorite storytime of the year and we had a very busy week of storytimes! We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Homeschool Tuesday Science Fair, where homeschool kids and teens got to share and present what they've been working on in science. I love walking through and hearing about all the cool experiments that the kids have done and what they've learned. 😊 I also spoke to a Daisy Troop about being responsible at the library and gave them a tour of the library, including the "secret" places that Library Staff is responsible for like the sorter, the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the vault. I was able to visit the Whitewater Community Space with other Bridges YS staff and We had a great staff in-service this month. It's always nice to be able to spend some time with our staff as a whole and it was especially important that we were able to watch the movie, "The Librarians" together as a library team.

**~Tina (MLIS)**

#### **Circulation Department:**

**~ Cari**

#### **Tweens/Teens:**

This month, we tried a new kind of program inspired by Reading with Rover for the teens, where we brought therapy dogs into the teen room to help them settle in and settle down after a long day of school. The teens not only appreciated the opportunity to interact with such lovely dogs, but they also had great conversations with the handlers. This program was definitely a win, and one that we are considering doing again!

The Homeschool Tuesday science fair was also impressive, with kids and teens learning about child safety locks, rainbows, battery life, mass and density, and more!

**~ Kaitlyn and Tina (MLIS)**