Whitewater
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

A New Chapter

2026 was the library's first year open after the completion of the expansion and renovation project, and what a year we've had! It has been an absolute JOY welcoming both old friends and new faces into the updated library. Thanks to your support, thousands have used the library to check out materials, get accurate answers to questions, receive help with technology, create in the makerspace, play in the children's area, pick up food and seeds, enjoy fun programs and events, meet friends, and foster community connections. Here's a look back at the year that you helped make possible.

Over 50,000 Visitors

Over 62,000 Checkouts

Over 650 New Library Cards

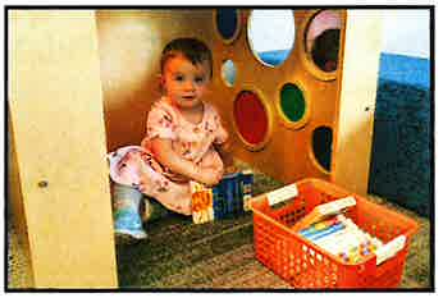
Over 2800 Reference Questions

Over 1200 Room Reservations

Over 350 Library Events

City of Whitewater survey results indicate an 80% satisfaction rate with library services.

The Whitewater Public Library is a dynamic center for learning, connecting, and having fun!



A young patron enjoys the new toys and books in the children's area.

Girl Scout Troop 7639 donated and built a new Little Free Library.





Noelle and Andrew Larson perform an original song during the library's grand reopening event.

Friends of the **Whitewater** PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised over $9500 in 2026!

The proceeds from the Friends' book shop, membership dues, and donations support the library's new Explore Pass program, where patrons may check out passes to area attractions FREE with their library card! The Friends have also funded several other library initiatives this year, including programs and events, children's toys, Library of Things items, seeds for the Little Free Seed Library, and more!

Learn more about the Friends and how to join at whitewaterlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library

Partnerships

The library is proud to partner with many non-profit, educational, business, and community groups, including:

- UW-Whitewater
- Circle of Song Music Therapy
- Whitewater Unified School District
- Whitewater LEADS
- PremierBank
- American Legion
- Whitewater Arts Alliance
- Studio 84
- Whitewater Pride
- Kiwanis Club
- The Young Performing Arts Center
- Fort Community Credit Union
- American Red Cross
- League of Women Voters of Whitewater Area
- Whitewater City Market
- and more!

These partnerships help expand the library's reach to provide programs and services that could not otherwise be offered at the library due to time, staff, and budget constraints.

Thank you for being part of our story!

With your continued support, Whitewater Public Library can keep growing, welcoming, and supporting our community for years to come. Please consider an end-of-year gift. **whitewaterlibrary.org/about/donations**



With sincere gratitude,

Diane Jaroch, Director

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