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ANNUAL REPORT



From the Director...

Library Patrons and Supporters, 2025 was a banner year for the Manistee County Library. We celebrated our 120th Birthday with a party and ribbon cutting at our Story Park. The inside of our Main Branch got a facelift with plaster restoration, new paint and time period appropriate wallpaper. We also added new items, services and programs to continue to support our community. In 2026 we will work on a new strategic plan - our team will work with the community to align our long term goals to the constantly changing needs of the people we serve. We can't wait to see what is to come over the next few years for our library and for our patrons. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you in 2026!

- Julie Herringa, Executive Director



2025 Library Board

Ralph Mortensen
President

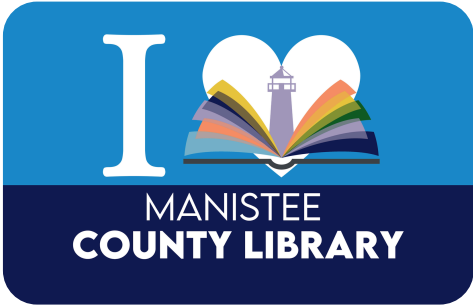
Mark Fedder
Vice President

Raini Gilmore
Treasurer

Pamela Evans
Secretary

Lynne Williams
Trustee

2025 By the Numbers



- 996 NEW cards issued
- 8,608 active cardholders

Total Circulation: 158,228

121,628
Newsbank
Uses

98,971
Physical
Check-Outs

47,665
Digital
Borrows

11,592
Inter-library
Loan
Borrows

Library Visits: 58,468

Program
Attendance:
9911

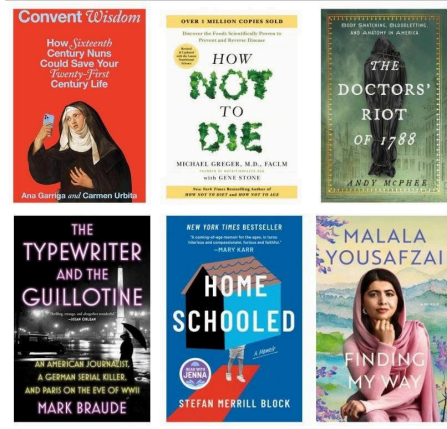
343
Summer
Reading
Signups

Programs
Held:
747



New This Year...

ADULT NON-FICTION NEW BOOKS



- Added 5,131 new items to the shelves
- Added 32 hotspots for circulation, changed circulation times to 1 week with 1 renewal
- Plaster restoration and new paint/wallpaper at the main branch
- Aunt Flow - Freely accessible period products in the bathroom at all of our branches

- Added Tonie Boxes and Tonie figure collections for check out
- Created a bookable Study Room for private patron use
- In collaboration with the Manistee Area Leadership Program and Andy McQuillen, added a Sensory board in our Manistee StoryPark and at the Kaleva Branch Library



Financials

Revenue

Taxes	\$ 1,626,538	74.0%
State/Federal Grants	\$ 17,963	0.8%
State Penal Fines	\$ 83,177	3.8%
Library Fees (Copies, Faxes, etc)	\$ 11,099	0.5%
Gifts & Memorials	\$ 121,612	5.5%
Other	\$ 337,894	15.4%
Total	\$ 2,198,283	

Expenditures

Personnel/Wages	\$ 1,076,810	53.6%
Collections	\$ 141,096	7.0%
Programming	\$ 21,835	1.1%
Buildings & Maintenance	\$ 182,782	9.1%
Operating Supplies	\$ 201,945	10.1%
Capital Outlay	\$ 384,581	19.1%
Total	\$ 2,009,049	



MCL Staff



Thank You . . .

Amy Cross - 10 years
Branch Services Specialist

Layla Wallis - 10 years
Information Services Specialist



TOP BORROWS

ADULT	
FICTION	<i>Battle Mountain</i> C. J. Box
NON FICTION	<i>The Serviceberry</i> Robin Wall Kimmerer
GRAPHIC NOVEL	<i>One Piece: Vol. 1</i> Eiichiro Oda
DVD	<i>Venom: The Last Dance</i>
TV SHOW	<i>Yellowstone: Season 5</i>
YOUNG ADULT	
FICTION	<i>Okay for Now</i> Gary Schmidt
VIDEO GAME	<i>Animal Crossings</i> New Horizons
KIDS	
FICTION	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid : No Brainer</i> Jeff Kinney
PICTURE BOOK	<i>Pete the Cat : Rockin' In My School Shoes</i> James Dean
DVD	<i>Moana 2</i>



2025 Donors & Partners

- Andy McQuillen Art
- Arcadia Community Center
- Backstage Hobbies & Games
- City of Manistee Parks Commission
- Deb Mullins
- Diana Bradley
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- Farmers Insurance - Stanley Baca
- The Friends of the Manistee County Library
- Gary Schmidt
- Homeward Bound Animal Shelter
- Iron Fish Distillery
- Jessica Rozga-Deboni
- Kaleva Garden Club
- Kaleva Heritage Days
- Karen Gilbert
- Kathryn Borowicz
- Kelsey Taylor
- King Arthur Baking Company
- Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center
- The Lakeside Club of Manistee County
- Lali Acuna - In Memory of Erin Guillen
- Lali Acuna - In Memory of Delphine Kott
- The League of Women Voters
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- The Lippert Family
- Lizzie Sumner
- Lynn Williams
- Mae, Cathy & David Lakos - In Memory of Erin Guillen
- Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
- Manistee Civic Players
- Manistee Conservation District
- Manistee County Community Foundation
- Manistee County Council on Aging
- Manistee County Historical Museum
- Manistee DDA
- Manistee Fall Festival
- Manistee Masons #228
- MARJDI
- Martin Marietta
- Mid-Michigan Library League
- Neighborhood Forest
- Norma Pasma-Green & Teddy
- Norman Township Community Center
- North Channel Brewing Company
- Onekama Consolidated Schools
- The Outsider Manistee
- Packaging Corporation of America
- Patricia Watson - In Memory of Delphine Kott
- PFLAG
- Pleasanton Valley Greenhouses
- Portage Lake Garden Club
- Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts
- Rebel's Sanctuary Comic Books
- Richard & Caroline Kuczynski
- Riverside Toys
- Rosemary Musculus - In Memory of Erin Guillen
- Spirit of the Woods Garden Club
- Tom Quinn
- United Way of Manistee County
- US Forest Service
- The Vogue Theatre
- Wagoner Community Center
- Wesco
- WMM Great Start Collaborative