CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President El-Khoury at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ms. Clampitt, Mrs. El-Khoury, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Monin, Mrs. Petruccio, Mrs. Prengaman.

Absent: Dr. Valentino

Also present:
Director Eric Linderman; Assistant Director Cassie Thayer-Styes; Fiscal and Compliance Officer Vicki Simmons; Executive Assistant/Board Liaison Trisha Lastoria

Citizens present: staff-Brian Campbell, Sheehan Clarkson, Kathleen Jozwiak, Lori Vayo

Additions to the agenda: *no additions*

Citizen's Comment: *no comments*

Ms. Lastoria administered the oath of office to Mrs. El-Khoury

RESOLUTION 61-26

Mr. Monin moved and Mrs. Petruccio seconded that the Board approve the resolution honoring the retirement of Tom Johnson.

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 62-26

Mr. Mackey moved and Mrs. Prengaman seconded that the Board approve the resolution honoring the retirement of Kristen Hartwig.

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes". Motion carried.

President El-Khoury presented the following minutes (sent)*

- July 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

MOTION 63-26

Mrs. Petruccio moved and Mr. Monin seconded that the following minutes be approved as presented / corrected.

- July 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes". Motion carried.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

PLF	2025	2026	% Increase
August	$ 197,806.79	$ 200,486.35	1.35%
YTD	$,1,657,154.05	$ 1,583,702.76	-4.43%

MOTION 64-26

Mr. Monin moved and Mr. Mackey seconded that the Board approve the July and August 2026 Fiscal Officer's report:

JULY LIST OF BILLS PAID:	**$766,477.80**
JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:	YTD

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCES
General Fund	$4,472,018.24	$4,700,195.06	$1,781,306.03
Grants	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Corona Virus Relief Fund Public Library	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Carnahan Memorial Fund	$100,467.89	$0.00	$100,467.89
Capital Projects Fund	$18,037.15	$399,946.71	$1,074,453.54
Building Construction	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Computer Information	$0.00	$32,243.05	$22,956.95
Eastlake Coal Plant	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Worrallo Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$13,537.79
TOTALS	**$4,590,523.28**	**$5,132,384.82**	**$2,992,722.20**
JULY INVESTMENTS	**$2,709,701.42**		

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PLF	2025	2026	% Increase
September	$ 201,017.21	$ 203,644.17	1.31%
YTD	$ 1,858,171.26	$ 1,787,346.93	-3.81%

AUGUST LIST OF BILLS PAID:	$643,470.28
AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT:	YTD

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCES
General Fund	$4,993,160.65	$5,322,026.92	$1,680,616.58
Grants	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Corona Virus Relief Fund Public Library	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Carnahan Memorial Fund	$100,467.89	$0.00	$100,467.89
Capital Projects Fund	$20,240.50	$421,446.71	$1,055,156.89
Building Construction	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Computer Information	$0.00	$32,243.05	$22,956.95
Eastlake Coal Plant	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Worrallo Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$13,537.79
TOTALS	**$5,113,869.04**	**$5,775,716.68**	**$2,872,736.10**
AUGUST INVESTMENTS	**$2,469,771.49**		

On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, “Yes”; Mrs. El-Khoury, “Yes”; Mr. Mackey, “Yes”; Mr. Monin, “Yes”; Mrs. Petruccio, “Yes”; Mrs. Prengaman, “Yes”; Dr. Valentino “Absent”. Motion carried.

MOTION 65-26

Mrs. Petruccio moved and Mrs. Prengaman seconded that the Board approve a motion accepting the amounts and rates.

On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, “Yes”; Mrs. El-Khoury, “Yes”; Mr. Mackey, “Yes”; Mr. Monin, “Yes”; Mrs. Petruccio, “Yes”; Mrs. Prengaman, “Yes”; Dr. Valentino “Absent”. Motion carried.

MOTION 66-26

Mrs. Petruccio moved and Mrs. Prengaman seconded that the Board approve to establish a new account for the Computer Information Fund, Utility Software 430.0.54525

On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, “Yes”; Mrs. El-Khoury, “Yes”; Mr. Mackey, “Yes”; Mr. Monin, “Yes”; Mrs. Petruccio, “Yes”; Mrs. Prengaman, “Yes”; Dr. Valentino “Absent”. Motion carried.

MOTION 67-26

Mr. Monin moved and Mr. Mackey seconded that the Board approve a transfer in the Computer Information Fund of $6,680.40 from Professional Services to Utility Software, $4,050.00 and Furniture & Equipment, $2,630.40
On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, "Yes"; Mrs. El-Khoury, "Yes"; Mr. Mackey, "Yes"; Mr. Monin, "Yes"; Mrs. Petruccio, "Yes"; Mrs. Prengaman, "Yes"; Dr. Valentino "Absent". Motion carried.

MOTION 68-26

Mr. Monin moved and Mr. Mackey seconded that the Board approve a transfer in the General Fund of $37,000.00 from Unallocated Appropriations to Professional Services.

On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, "Yes"; Mrs. El-Khoury, "Yes"; Mr. Mackey, "Yes"; Mr. Monin, "Yes"; Mrs. Petruccio, "Yes"; Mrs. Prengaman, "Yes"; Dr. Valentino "Absent". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS **(Petruccio,** Mackey, Prengaman) *did not meet*

FINANCE & PLANNING/AUDIT **(Monin,** Valentino, Prengaman, *citizen-vacant*) *did not meet*

PERSONNEL **(Clampitt,** Valentino, Monin) *did not meet*

MOTION 69-26

Ms. Clampitt moved and Mr. Monin seconded that the Board approve the September Personnel Actions report as presented.

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes". Motion carried.

POLICY **(Mackey,** Clampitt, Petruccio) *did not meet*

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

MOTION 70-26

Mrs. Petruccio moved and Mrs. Prengaman seconded that the Board approve the September Surplus List.

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes". Motion carried.

MOTION 71-26

Mr. Monin moved and Mrs. Petruccio seconded that the Board approve the donation of a bench ($3,500.00) from Laura Mutsko to the Willoughby Library.

On roll call the following vote was cast: Ms. Clampitt, "Yes"; Mrs. El-Khoury, "Yes"; Mr. Mackey, "Yes"; Mr. Monin, "Yes"; Mrs. Petruccio, "Yes"; Mrs. Prengaman, "Yes"; Dr. Valentino "Absent". Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON DONATIONS FOR PAST BOARD MEMBER DAVID LEHTOMA

Mr. Linderman will reach out to Mrs. Lehtoma and report back at the October Board meeting.

A discussion was held on the holiday closure schedule.

Director's Report/Eric Linderman

Strategic Plan

In August, we hosted two group conversations at the Administration offices, which included leadership representatives from numerous organizations that partner with WEPL. The first of these conversations focused on services to children and teens, and the second focused on services to adults and seniors. Our facilitator, Ragan Snead from NEO-RLS, also sent a survey to our entire staff to gather feedback about what they view as challenges for the library and opportunities for us to grow.

The next steps will include the discussion with the WEPL Board of Trustees in the evening on September 22, and then a safety and security focus group that is being rescheduled to the week of October 12. This focus group will include a review of our safety manual (Emergency Response Handbook), which has been sent to Willoughby Fire Marshal Joe Hum and Ross Shirey from the Willoughby Police Department. Our group will review the main sections of this manual and discuss improvements to be included in our plan.

Health Insurance

Donna and I have begun conversations with two insurance brokers, in addition to our current broker, McGohan Brabender. Donna, Cassie and I also met with McGohan Brabender in September to begin planning strategies for the 2027-2028 enrollment period.

I continue to seek options for becoming part of a consortium, which could be a way to lower costs by being part of a larger group of members. So far, we have been unsuccessful in our pursuit of this option. We were declined by the Stark County Schools Council of Governments, which provides insurance for some other libraries in the region. Other private group plans exist, but they require a certain number of enrolled employees to participate, and so far, we have not met eligibility requirements for these groups.

Parking Lots

I am pleased to report that we are making progress with parking lot improvements. In August, concrete work was done at the Willoughby Library, including the replacement of the walkway into the building from the parking lot and the removal of an island where an ATM machine was previously located. In early September, many potholes in the Willoughby Library parking lot were filled in. On September 25, seal coating and striping will be completed in both the Willoughby Library and Administration parking lots.

New parking lot striping configurations will improve parking for our patrons and staff. With the removal of the ATM island, we are now able to add another row of diagonal parking for the library. Furthermore, we are going to add a row of diagonal parking along the green space next to the Masonic building. This parking will be designated as library only parking for people attending outdoor programs on the lawn, or for those visiting either the library or the Administration Office.

At Willowick Library, we will repave the lot on September 23. This will include a complete grinding down and repaving of the asphalt, which is in worse condition than the other locations. A low drain, which is often mistaken for a pothole, will be raised as part of that project. At the Eastlake Library, we will sealcoat the lot and restripe the parking spaces on September 29.

Shelving Improvements at the Willoughby Hills Library

With the addition of the Schaeffer Room for programming at the Willoughby Hills Library, we have looked at changes upstairs to allow more space for collections. We had many discussions to consider ways to add shelf space while keeping a gathering space for parents and children.

Since we began this discussion, I have spent some time in the children's departments at our libraries and have had conversations with managers and children's staff about the importance of having this space. While our scheduled programs remain popular for families with children, our children's spaces have also become an important place for parents with small children to meet. We provide a good location for parents that talk to each other, and for small children to learn to interact with others their age. Homeschooling parents especially value this resource.

Fortunately, we have discovered that there are easy ways to make better use of space at Willoughby Hills Library to increase our shelf space and to retain and possibly increase our children's play space.. For one, the computer area running down the center of the library can be better organized. Computer stations that are still spaced out for COVID response can be pushed back together. Also, we have several cylindrical end tables that date back to the library's construction in 2003. Those tables currently take up a lot of space in the center area, and their only remaining purpose is for displays of two or three books at a time.

By freeing up space in the center of the library, we will be able to move our CD and DVD rack to that location. That will free up space for an additional row of double-faced shelving to expand our adult book collection. We have ordered this shelving, which will be delivered in December.

Landscaping at the Library Administration Office

We are working with Giannetti Landscaping on the improvement of the garden beds around the Administration Office. In the front of the building that faces Euclid Avenue, a section of brick walkway will be removed to allow for a larger garden area. This is not the long walkway that leads to Euclid Avenue, but a smaller section that runs parallel to the front of the building.

With the brick section removed, new drainage will be installed to replace two large PVC drainpipes that empty into the current walkway. The plants added to the front flower bed will include two Japanese maples, hydrangea, day lilies and several other flowers and grass.

Giannetti is adding tall grass to the side areas facing the library parking lot, as well as black-eyed Susans and sylvia along the back of the Administration Office.

WEPL Boosters and Planning for a Library Foundation

Several of us met with the Boosters Leadership on September 3 to hear updates on their work on the development of a foundation to provide financial support for WEPL. Joining them was Jena Payne, a former finance manager for the Kelvin Smith Library at CWRU, who has an interest in this effort.

They have been meeting with the Geauga County Public Library Foundation for assistance in developing a strategy for the formation of a non-profit organization, and for growing it once it has been formed. At this time, they are seeking potential board members for this new group.

Assistant Director's Report/Cassie Thayer-Styes

Ongoing CLEVNET App Issues

The CLEVNET app issues have mostly been resolved. There have been a few days when the catalog has started off a little slower than usual, but the issue typically subsides by 9:00 a.m., when the libraries open.

I attended the annual CLEVNET Directors Meeting, where our CLEVNET contact with ByWater Solutions, the creator of our catalog system, was invited to discuss long-term solutions for the increased bot traffic affecting library websites. They explained that when someone enters a question into an AI search tool, such as Gemini, the bot often searches free public websites first for answers, including public library websites. When many searches occur simultaneously, these sites can become overwhelmed, resulting in slower performance.

The bots are currently conducting surface-level scans and are not attempting to access back-end patron data. ByWater has hired additional AI technology specialists to help develop solutions. Unfortunately, AI technology is evolving faster than developers can respond to it. However, they are optimistic about developing solutions that will allow them to stay ahead of these issues.

Discovery Passes

The Discovery Passes have continued to exceed expectations in terms of patron use. Many of the organizations we purchased passes from have noticed increased foot traffic. Holden Arboretum experienced such a significant increase in traffic that they requested statistics on pass circulation.

Patrons have also expressed enthusiasm about adding more passes next year. Other WEPL locations have expressed interest in hosting the passes outside of Willoughby. Currently, I am reluctant to expand distribution to additional locations because some participating organizations provide only one or two passes. With such limited quantities, it does not seem practical to have certain passes available at one location and others at another.

My goal is to make the program as simple and convenient as possible for patrons who are looking for Discovery Passes.

Library Signage

After a pause due to summer events, our Marketing & Public Relations Manager, Patrick Culliton, and I are continuing to work on improving signage throughout the library buildings.

We have decided to begin with Willoughby Library, focusing first on wayfinding signage before moving on to the other buildings. Earlier this month, we walked through Willoughby Library and spoke with staff about the types of signage they would like to see in the building. We are currently developing a list of signage needed. The next step will be speaking with building leadership to get their input on signage needed, then reach out to FastSigns for a walkthrough and quote.

This project will take a few years to complete, but it will give our buildings a more polished, cohesive, and user-friendly appearance.

Marketing & Publishing Relations Report/Patrick Culliton

Fall Program Catalog

The Fall Program Catalog went out on time on Aug. 18. It’s 32 pages of amazing programming and library offerings. Kudos as always to Michelle for working so hard to organize, edit, design, and revise!

Library Card Sign-Up Month Campaign

We are trying a new campaign this year for LCSUM. Here are the details:

During September, show your Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library card at the following businesses and receive a special promotion:

- Arabica: 10% off your order
- Crave Cookies: Buy One Get One Free
- Fiona’s: 10% off your order
- Geraci's: 15% off your order
- Guild Forge Games: 5% off your order
- The Sweets Geek: 10% off

To sweeten the celebration, those who sign up for a Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library card during September will get a Library Lollipop from Jeff's Candy Shop (while supplies last)!

When you go to Fiona's, be sure to try the Bookworm Latte, created by barista Alyssa and available all month!

Lastly, those who sign up for a library card during the month of September will be entered into a drawing for the following prizes:

- 4 Box Seats to a 2027 Lake County Captains home game
- A $50 Giant Eagle gift card, donated by the W-E Library Boosters
- A Cleveland Cavaliers swag bag
- A swag box from Hoopla Digital, including a Stanley mug, charging bank, and more

We hope this is the start of a new LCSUM tradition!

Sponsorship

Our Lake Metroparks: Concerts & More sponsorship continued through the end of August.

Paid Ads - Print and Digital

Macaroni Kid-Back to School
Today's Family-Library Card Sign-Up
Northeast Ohio Parent-Library Card Sign-Up
Macaroni Kid-Library Card Sign-Up
News-Herald-Library Card Sign-Up

Facebook ads:

New program Catalog, 8.24.26
LCSUM, 8.31.26

WEPL Programs, Outreach, and Professional Development

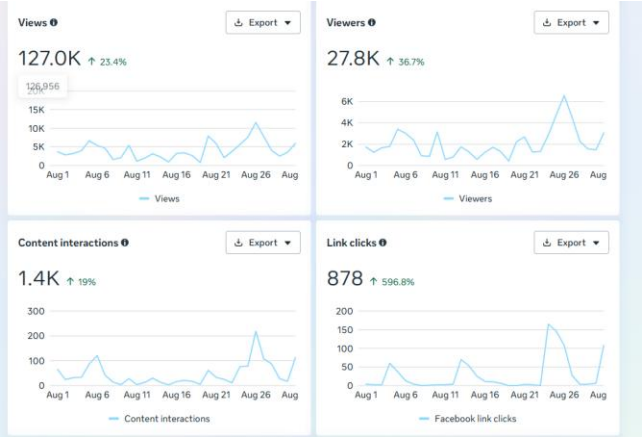
Check-in/planning call with Koios, 8.4.26 (PC)
DIY painted tote bag program pics, Wick, 8.4.26 (PC)
Last Stop Willoughby Pics, 8.8.26 (PC)
Wick Staff Mtg/Boosters, 8.11.26 (MH)
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Pizza Party pics, 8.13.26 (MR)
Lake Business demonstration, 8.14.26 (PC, MH, MR)
Breckenridge Book Club, 8.17.26 (MH)
United Way Lake County Mtg, 8.25.26 (MH)
NEO-RLS: Strengthening Staff Communication Across Generations, 8.26.26 (PC and MR)
Breckenridge Book Discussion, 8.27.26 (MH)
Meet President Teddy Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt pic, WBY, 8.29.26 (MR)
Willoughby Senior Center Book Discussion, 8.31.26 (MH)

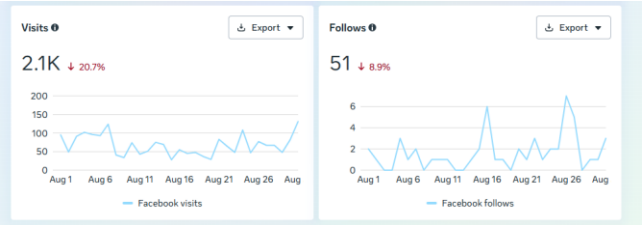
Blog

Romance Month Recommendations, 8.31.26 (MR)

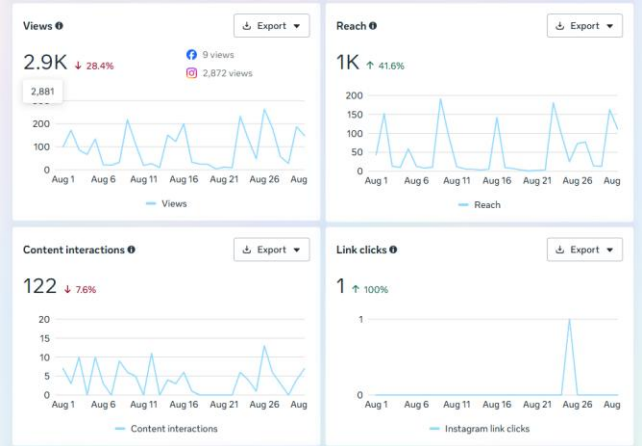
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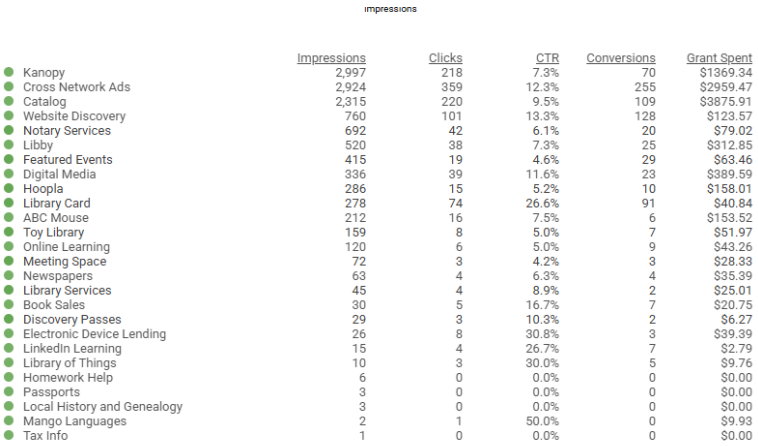




E-newsletters:

Date	Sent	Delivered	Failed	OptOut	Opens	Clicks
e-newsletter 8.12.26						
08/12/2026	22957	20012	1522	1398	5412	254
Total	**22957**	**20012**	**1522**	**1398**	**5412**	**254**
e-newsletter 8.19.26						
08/19/2026	23007	20023	1533	1428	5280	208
Total	**23007**	**20023**	**1533**	**1428**	**5280**	**208**
e-newsletter 8.24.26						
08/24/2026	23037	20018	1548	1451	5432	453
Total	**23037**	**20018**	**1548**	**1451**	**5432**	**453**
e-newsletter 8.5.26						
08/05/2026	8655	8293	197	162	2239	104

Koios (Google Ad Grant):



	Impressions	Clicks	CTR	Conversions	Grant Spent
Kanopy	2,997	218	7.3%	70	$1369.34
Cross Network Ads	2,924	359	12.3%	255	$2959.47
Catalog	2,315	220	9.5%	109	$3875.91
Website Discovery	760	101	13.3%	128	$123.57
Notary Services	692	42	6.1%	20	$79.02
Libby	520	38	7.3%	25	$312.85
Featured Events	415	19	4.6%	29	$63.46
Digital Media	336	39	11.6%	23	$389.59
Hoopla	286	15	5.2%	10	$158.01
Library Card	278	74	26.6%	91	$40.84
ABC Mouse	212	16	7.5%	6	$153.52
Toy Library	159	8	5.0%	7	$51.97
Online Learning	120	6	5.0%	9	$43.26
Meeting Space	72	3	4.2%	3	$28.33
Newspapers	63	4	6.3%	4	$35.39
Library Services	45	4	8.9%	2	$25.01
Book Sales	30	5	16.7%	7	$20.75
Discovery Passes	29	3	10.3%	2	$6.27
Electronic Device Lending	26	8	30.8%	3	$39.39
LinkedIn Learning	15	4	26.7%	7	$2.79
Library of Things	10	3	30.0%	5	$9.76
Homework Help	6	0	0.0%	0	$0.00
Passports	3	0	0.0%	0	$0.00
Local History and Genealogy	3	0	0.0%	0	$0.00
Mango Languages	2	1	50.0%	0	$9.93
Tax Info	1	0	0.0%	0	$0.00

Collections & Digital Services Manager's Report/Sarah Osinsky

Digital Services

The CLEVNET subscription to Data Axle expired at the end of August. CLEVNET made the decision not to renew based on low usage and high cost. I heard from a few staff that they use this resource. I've reached out to other libraries for alternatives to Data Axle. I will move forward contacting vendors if this is a resource we would wish to retain for 2027.

In similar news, CLEVNET is also letting the Morningstar subscription expire for similar reasons. I've heard that there are online resources that do a good job in providing this information. I will wait to hear patron and staff feedback as to whether to pursue a WEPL subscription to either this database or similar.

A representative from Gale databases gave a virtual training session to staff on July 14. She covered Chilton Library (car repair), Gale Courses (online learning) and Gale Legal Forms. She gave some tips and tricks that will be useful on the reference desk.

Our hoopla flex license sharing went live in July. The small amount of data I've received is interesting because I can see what materials our patrons are checking out from other CLEVNET Flex libraries. This will help me make better informed purchasing decisions. Hoopla checkouts continue to increase.

MAP/Collection Services

MAP is getting into a flow processing books and have come together to push out bestselling titles close to release dates. I created a weekly schedule for unboxing shipments in July, which has been going well. We look forward to making more progress towards catching up with shipments of books. I plan on including numbers of books processed per month from this report forward. It will only reflect books received from Brodart at this time. If further vendor numbers are requested, I can work on providing those as well.

We are gearing up for end of the year ordering. I am scheduling meetings with the branch managers and assistant managers to discuss the end of year ordering, budgets, and share updates.

It's magazine subscription renewal time: I've sent out the spreadsheet for the branches to make changes to their collections. I will submit these to EBSCO in October.

I'm working with Children's Manager, Sarah Vargo, to coordinate the spoken book and toy orders for 2026. Those orders will be finalized and submitted at the beginning of October.

Cassie Thayer-Styes, Dawn Adams, and I toured Cleveland Public Library's Technical Services Department on July 24. It was great to meet in-person some of the CLEVNET catalogers we interact with electronically. We also observed their automated Interlibrary Loan Department in action: with conveyor belts and automated scanners. It was incredible to see the sheer volume of materials that are sorted and shipped out of this facility on a daily basis.

July 2026 Brodart books processed: 2,361

August 2026 Brodart books processed: 2,424

ILL/CLEVnet

No updates to report

July 2026 Packages (Boxes or Bags): Received 832; Sent 866

August 2026 Packages (Boxes or Bags): Received 819; Sent 818

Professional Development/Meetings

July 14: Gale Database Training (virtual)

July 15: Overdrive Troubleshooting webinar

July 17: Met with Brodart representative, Kim Langenderfer

July 21: MAP Department Meeting

July 24: Visit to Cleveland Public Library Technical Services Department

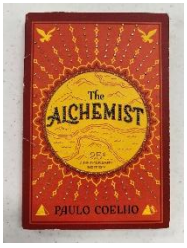
August 5: Change Fatigue webinar (NEO-RLS)

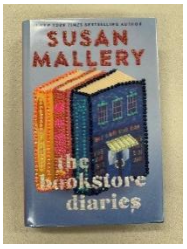
August 19 & 20: Strategic Planning focus groups

Eastlake Branch Report/Amy Winter

In August, Kris Hartwig retired from our circulation department. We will miss her!

Bryn taught a fantastic book bedazzling class in August and will be starting a monthly Magic: The Gathering group for adults to meet and learn to play.





We had our branch's signature event: Cat Café Saturday! We hosted an all-ages tea party, a ceramic cat plant pot painting class, an author visit from Amanda Flower, and Euclid Pet Pals brought 6 kittens to meet and greet! (No cats were in the tea party itself, but one sweet baby did get adopted!) Throughout the day patrons could make their own cat toy to take home, paint a rock in the Makerspace, or play games in the children's area. With help from our makerspace and staff that have 3D printers at home, we had an all-ages scavenger hunt with flexible 3D-printed cats as a prize. The Eastlake staff all contributed to the fun by helping develop the day's activities, preparing raffle baskets, and decorating. the library.





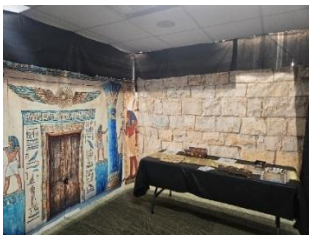




Amy ran two 3D printing lectures, which resulted in several repeat customers using the makerspace. The makerspace has an official logo that was curated by one of Cathy's former Teen Art Club attendees! We are also thrilled to announce that the Lake Effect Lab will be advertised on our website and social media soon! This will officially launch our weekly open lab hours and provide patrons with all of the information they might want about our resident machines (which have all been assigned different names by our staff).

Tammy put an incredible amount of work into researching and developing a detailed presentation about Eastlake's Indigenous History. Some patrons were so excited for the talk that they even brought their own artifacts and stories to contribute to the lecture. Tammy's efforts received rave reviews!

Cathy's Teen Art Club wrapped up the summer session with a suminagashi (ink on water) painting class. Her bimonthly Popcorn and Pencils program also continues to be a great afternoon gathering of teens! She also created, planned, and decorated an Egyptian-themed escape room for teens and their families. Using a number of curtains and artwork, she created multiple rooms for the groups to explore and solve puzzles in. Each group was allotted an hour to solve all of the puzzles and "escape"! She had 11 groups over the course of three days with 47 patrons enjoying her hard work.



Jennifer got some great compliments from her storytime outreach:

"Mrs. Yandle came to read to our second graders as part of our CKLA Knowledge Celebration focused on fairy tales and tall tales. She took the time to research and select an engaging, interactive book that our students truly enjoyed.
Mrs. Yandle also came prepared with an additional activity, Freeze Dance, in case we had extra time. She thoughtfully chose current songs that our second graders know and love, making the activity fun and engaging for everyone.
Mrs. Yandle was prepared, professional, enthusiastic, and wonderful to work with. She was loved by both our teachers and students, and we truly appreciated the time and effort she put into making the experience special for our second graders."

-Emily McBrayer
Second Grade Teacher
Kirtland Elementary"

"We are so grateful to have Mrs. Yandle from the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library visit our childcare center at The TLC at Lakeland Community College through her wonderful outreach program!
Mrs. Yandle does an amazing job creating engaging experiences that are both educational and incredibly fun for our children. Her stories are carefully chosen to be age-appropriate, meaningful, and supportive

of the children's development. Through storytelling, she helps build early literacy skills, vocabulary, listening and comprehension skills, imagination, and a genuine love of books and learning.

What makes her visits especially special is the creative activities she incorporates with each story. The children are given opportunities to participate, explore, move, create, and connect what they hear in the books to their own experiences. Her activities are thoughtfully designed to meet children where they are developmentally while still allowing them to have fun and express their creativity. Mrs. Yandle has a wonderful ability to capture the children's attention and make every visit exciting. You can see their enthusiasm as soon as she arrives, and they truly look forward to her stories and activities. She brings books to life in a way that makes learning feel natural and joyful.

We truly appreciate the time, creativity, and care Mrs. Yandle puts into every visit. Her outreach program is a wonderful resource for our children, teachers, and families, and we are so thankful for the positive impact she has on our early learners. We highly recommend Mrs. Yandle and the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library for the incredible work they do to bring literacy, creativity, and a love of learning into our community!"

-Samatha McKinley
Lakeland Community College
Teaching Learning Center/ Campus Kids
Lead Preschool Room Teacher
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Willoughby Branch Report/Brian Campbell

Early Fall is a relatively calm period for Willoughby. We are through the hustle and bustle of Summer Reading and Summer Outreach events. But there are exciting holiday events on the horizon to look forward to. As in years past our Reference/Children's team did an amazing job during Summer Reading. In addition to the hundreds of summer readers that they helped the Children's staff also spearheaded our presence at ArtsFest and Last Stop Willoughby. Those events let us reach nearly a thousand more patrons! And we would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to shout out our wonderful summer intern Lily Vargo. Lily was an incredible help throughout the building this summer, but especially in preparing for those events. We wish Lily the best in all her future endeavors.

Chris and Annabeth held a very popular/well-attended event in August featuring Teddy and Elanor Roosevelt reenactors. This program was rescheduled from earlier in the year due to presenter illness. But when the day finally came our partons loved it! Annabeth has moved into her new-ish role in the reference department seamlessly. She is already doing an excellent job ordering materials, scheduling programs, and leading book discussions.

Anthony's Teen Homeschool programs continue to be a huge success. They have taken recent fieldtrips to A's and O's Farm to learn about solar power and its applications towards farming, and the West Nature Woods Center to learn about birding. Anthony's ability to find ways to make learning engaging, by partnering with local organizations makes his homeschool program one of our most consistently praised offerings. New to the

Teen catalog this year is the chess instruction program offered during the week. Progress with Chess sends an instructor to Willoughby once a month to meet with players of all ages to help sharpen their skills.

Willoughby's Circulation department continues to lead the charge in customer service as the front face of our building. Our Discovery Pass program continues to be a huge success, with patrons calling every day to see what options are available. Our circulation clerks are also in the process of re-certifying as passport acceptance agents in order to continue offering this popular service to our patrons. The department wishes to welcome Stacey Biddle who accepted a regular 24-hour position after year of serving WEPL in various floater/sub capacities.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming program or event!

OLD BUSINESS *no old business*

NEW BUSINESS *no new business*

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19th, 2026, 6:00 p.m., **Eastlake Public Library**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 72-26

Mrs. Petruccio moved and Mrs. Prengaman seconded that the Board adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

On roll call the following vote was cast: All "Ayes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board President Board Secretary