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LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FULL BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting will take place in the lower level of the Moorhead Library.

Meeting Notice:

Public Open Forum – Total time: 10 minutes, each person limited to three minutes, speakers must address library related topics not already on the agenda, board members will not interact with public speaker (concerns are referred to management for follow-up). The Open Forum Policy and Registration Form can be found https://larl.org/policies/

AGENDA

- 5:30 **1. CALL TO ORDER** President Ebinger PUBLIC INPUT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5:35 2. MINUTES OF THE September 18, 2025 FULL BOARD MEETING (Enclosed)

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the September 18, 2025 Full Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

- 5:40 **3. FINANCIAL REPORT** Sprynczynatyk (Enclosed)
 - a. Final Report for Legacy Funds FY2024 fund year (Enclosed)

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the Final Report for State Regional Public Library System Arts and Cultural Heritage Program for FY2024 funding year.

b. Minnesota Paid Leave Policy (Enclosed)

Recommended Motion: Move to adopt the Minnesota Paid Leave Policy.

c. LARL Formula Discussion – Sprynczynatyk/Executive Committee (Enclosed)

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6:00 **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Lynch

- a. Director's Report (Enclosed)
- b. Strategic Plan (Enclosed)

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the LARL Strategic Planning Framework for 2026-2028 as presented.

c. Food for Fines (See Director's Report)

Recommended Motion: Move to approve Food for Fines, December 1-31, 2025.

6:10 **5. MOORHEAD COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY REPORT** – Lynch & Moore

- 6:15 **6. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** Moore
- 6:20 **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** President Ebinger

6:30 **8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Becker County – Ben Grimsley & Barry Nelson

Breckenridge – Linda Holecek

Clay County - David Ebinger

Clearwater County – Mark Titera

Crookston – Clayton Briggs

Detroit Lakes – Connie Wood

Mahnomen - LuAnn Durant

Mahnomen County - David Geray

Moorhead – Emily Moore, Charley Johnson & Chizuko Shastri

Norman County - Steve Jacobson

Polk County - Gary Willhite

Wilkin County - Jon Braton

MN Library Association/Library Trustees & Advocates Section – Open

Northern Lights Library Network – Chizuko Shastri and Open

9. ADJOURNMENT

MISC. ITEMS ENCLOSED:

a. Check Register – October 2025

UPCOMING LARL BOARD MEETINGS:

LARL Executive Committee: December 18, 2025 (As needed)

LARL Finance Committee at 5:00 and Full Board at 5:30: January 15, 2026

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LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES Draft

A hybrid meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 in person and online via Zoom. President Ebinger called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Board Members Present: Braton, Durant, Ebinger (*President*), Geray, Jacobson, Johnson,

Moore, Nelson (via Zoom), Shastri, Titera, Willhite, Wood

Board Members Absent: Briggs, Grimsley, Holecek

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Durant/Geray) Move to approve the Agenda of the September 18, 2025 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2025 FULL BOARD MEETING

(Titera/Johnson) Move to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2025 Full Board Meeting as presented. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sprynczynatyk reported that LARL's Health Insurance increase for 2026 will be 18.37%.

With 66.67% of 2025 complete, LARL spent 64.28% of budgeted expenses. Revenues are at 68.1% of budget due to LARL billing Signatories quarterly. Staff Training and Development is at 18.33% of budget because the majority of the training budget is usually spent in the fall.

(Johnson/Moore) Move to approve the Final Report and documentation of actual expenses for FY2025 Regional Telecom Aid (RLTA). MCU.

(Johnson/Titera) Move to approve the application for FY2026 Regional Telecom Aid (RLTA). MCU.

(Jacobson/Wood) Move to approve the Report of Results Accomplished for the FY2024 Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) Grant, for final additional payment. MCU.

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FINANCIAL REPORT – continued

(Jacobson/Willhite) Move to approve the Report of Results Accomplished for the FY2025 Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) Grant. MCU.

(Geray/Johnson) Move to approve a three-year (2025-2027) agreement with Brady Martz & Associates to conduct the annual audit of LARL's financial statements. MCU.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Crookston Librarian position as well as a Fosston Substitute position have been filled.

Lynch discussed with the new MN break laws going into effect in 2026 LARL will be looking at how to handle the required 30-minute unpaid break that must be provided for all shifts 6 hours or longer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ebinger discussed the Moorhead Library fund raiser with William Kent Krueger.

NOVEMBER LARL ELECTION REMINDER

Wood discussed that Executive Committee elections will be in November. Ebinger said he is willing to continue as President, Moore is willing to serve as Vice President, Jacobson is willing to continue as Treasurer, Johnson and Geray are willing to serve as At-Large members.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

<u>Becker County</u> (Grimsley-absent, Nelson) Becker County's preliminary levy is 9%

Breckenridge (Holecek-absent)

No report.

Clay County (Ebinger)

No report.

Clearwater County (Titera)

Clearwater County preliminary levy is at 12%

Crookston (Briggs-absent)

No report.

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<u>Detroit Lakes</u> (Wood-absent)

The Detroit Lakes Friends of the Library has been dissolved. The Library Club is being more active. The Library Board is being more formal about posting minutes with the city.

City of Mahnomen (Durant)

No report.

Mahnomen County (Geray)

Street repairs around the library have been complete. The levy is at 8.89%.

Moorhead (Johnson, Moore, Shastri)

The Moorhead Library board and the Moorhead Friends were able to tour the new library construction. The building should be complete around February with potential to move in March or soon after. The Summer Reading Program went really well.

Norman County (Jacobsen)

The County Coordinator hire didn't work out and the County has an Interim County Coordinator at the moment. The preliminary levy for the County hasn't been set yet as the work of the previous Coordinator is being reviewed.

Polk County (Willhite)

Lynch presented to the County Commissioners. Three Polk County libraries are providing space for Family Resource Centers. The County preliminary levy will be set next week.

Wilkin County (Braton)

The County levy is currently at 11.4%. The County Attorney submitted his resignation and Ottertail County will be helping Wilkin County while the position is vacant.

MN Library Association/Library Trustee and Advocates Section (Open)

No report.

Northern Lights Library Network (Shastri)

NLLN donated \$1,000 to the Moorhead Library Friends Giving Hearts Day campaign. Next year they plan to give \$1,500. \$10,000 of support for the new Moorhead Library/Community Center will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Actual and Budget For the Ten Months Ending October 31, 2025

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|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Current Month Actual | Year To Date Actual | | Annual Budget | YTD Actual To Annual \$ Variance | YTD Actual To Annual Budget % |
| General Fund Revenue | | | | 8 | | Z . |
| Signatory Funding Becker County | \$ 109,262.50 | \$ 437,050.00 | \$ | 437,050.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Detroit Lakes Clay County | 63,032.50 83,145.00 | 252,130.00 332,580.00 | | 252,130.00 332,580.00 | 0.00 0.00 | 100.00 100.00 |
| Moorhead | 209,302.50 | 837,210.00 | | 837,210.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Clearwater County Mahnomen County | 29,437.50 12,222.50 | 117,750.00 48,890.00 | | 117,750.00 48,890.00 | 0.00 0.00 | 100.00 100.00 |
| Mahnomen | 6,035.00 | 24,140.00 | | 24,140.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Norman County | 28,457.50 | 113,830.00 | | 113,830.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Polk County Crookston | 76,410.00 60,410.00 | 305,640.00 241,640.00 | | 305,640.00 241,640.00 | 0.00 0.00 | 100.00 100.00 |
| Wilkin County | 15,172.50 | 60,690.00 | | 60,690.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Breckenridge | 24,645.00 | 98,580.00 | _ | 98,580.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Total Signatory Funding | 717,532.50 | 2,870,130.00 | | 2,870,130.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Grants | 242 525 52 | 005.007.57 | | 070 ((2.00 | (45.600.50 | 10510 |
| Basic Support - MN (RLBSS) Reg Library Telecom Aid (RLTA) | 242,727.52 | 925,286.76 157,905.74 | _ | 879,663.00 161,188.00 | (45,623.76) 3,282.26 | 105.19 97.96 |
| Total Grants | 242,727.52 | 1,083,192.50 | | 1,040,851.00 | (42,341.50) | 104.07 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | | | | | |
| Service Charge Revenue | 598.65 | 4,917.13 | | 6,500.00 | 1,582.87 | 75.65 |
| Printing Revenue Fax Revenue | 1,852.91 504.68 | 19,487.84 4,401.62 | | 21,000.00 4,500.00 | 1,512.16 98.38 | 92.80 97.81 |
| Microfilm Revenue | 1.86 | 67.97 | | 100.00 | 32.03 | 67.97 |
| Photocopy Revenue | 1,460.54 | 9,145.36 | | 9,100.00 | (45.36) | 100.50 |
| Book/Furniture Sale Revenue Interest/Dividend Income | 1,196.78 1,914.99 | 4,688.21 82,895.36 | | 0.00 73,000.00 | (4,688.21) (9,895.36) | 0.00 113.56 |
| Investment Value Change | 0.00 | (5,817.26) | | 0.00 | 5,817.26 | 0.00 |
| Lost/Damaged Property | 743.99 | 5,745.84 | | 6,000.00 | 254.16 | 95.76 |
| Other Income | 0.00 | 400.00 | _ | 0.00 | (400.00) | 0.00 |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenue | 8,274.40 | 125,932.07 | | 120,200.00 | (5,732.07) | 104.77 |
| Joint Automation Revenue | | | | | | |
| Northwest Reg. Lib. Contrib. MNLink Server Site Payments | 15,000.00 0.00 | 60,000.00 0.00 | | 60,000.00 0.00 | 0.00 0.00 | 100.00 0.00 |
| Total Joint Automation Revenue | 15,000.00 | 60,000.00 | _ | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Fund Balance/Shortfall | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 100,007.00 | 100,007.00 | 0.00 |
| Total General Fund Revenue | 983,534.42 | 4,139,254.57 | _ | 4,191,188.00 | 51,933.43 | 98.76 |
| | | | _ | | | |
| General Fund Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Personnel Expenses Salaries | 188,814.94 | 1,804,201.40 | | 2,280,300.00 | 476,098.60 | 79.12 |
| Payroll Taxes | 14,398.36 | 136,946.02 | | 176,300.00 | 39,353.98 | 77.68 |
| Retirement - PERA Health Insurance | 14,178.01 | 135,442.98 335,395.56 | | 170,200.00 414,050.00 | 34,757.02 | 79.58 81.00 |
| Unemployment Taxes | 34,425.29 51.52 | 58.76 | | 0.00 | 78,654.44 (58.76) | 0.00 |
| Life Insurance | 110.80 | 1,043.54 | | 1,250.00 | 206.46 | 83.48 |
| Workers Compenation Insurance Other Employee Benefits | 277.33 121.00 | 2,773.34 1,210.00 | | 3,700.00 1,700.00 | 926.66 490.00 | 74.96 71.18 |
| | | <u> </u> | _ | | | |
| Total Personnel | 252,377.25 | 2,417,071.60 | | 3,047,500.00 | 630,428.40 | 79.31 |
| Automation/Cataloging Automation | 14,327.89 | 145,148.52 | | 178,800.00 | 33,651.48 | 81.18 |
| Remote Printing | 282.41 | 2,824.10 | | 3,400.00 | 575.90 | 83.06 |
| Catalog Item Records | 1,212.98 | 11,833.13 | | 14,000.00 | 2,166.87 | 84.52 |
| Supplies - Computer Supplies - Technical Services | 1,507.89 550.03 | 5,417.86 4,589.17 | _ | 5,000.00 6,000.00 | (417.86) 1,410.83 | 108.36 76.49 |
| Total Automation/Cataloging | 17,881.20 | 169,812.78 | | 207,200.00 | 37,387.22 | 81.96 |

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| | Current Month Actual | | Year To Date Actual | Annual Budget | YTD Actual To Annual \$ Variance | YTD Actual To Annual Budget % |
|---|---|----|------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Library Programming Programming - Youth/SLE Programming - Adult | 241.98 0.00 | | 4,772.00 2,571.17 | 15,000.00 5,000.00 | 10,228.00 2,428.83 | 31.81 51.42 |
| Total Library Programming | 241.98 | | 7,343.17 | 20,000.00 | 12,656.83 | 36.72 |
| Staff Development Staff Training & Development | 4,074.21 | | 6,850.01 | 15,000.00 | 8,149.99 | 45.67 |
| Total Staff Development | 4,074.21 | | 6,850.01 | 15,000.00 | 8,149.99 | 45.67 |
| Mileage/Board Meeting Expense | 2.042.10 | | 24 102 40 | 27.100.00 | 2007.00 | 90.27 |
| Mileage - Staff Regional Board Meetings | 2,942.10 288.40 | | 24,193.40 5,744.71 | 27,100.00 5,800.00 | 2,906.60 55.29 | 89.27 99.05 |
| Total Mileage/Board Meeting Expenses | 3,230.50 | | 29,938.11 | 32,900.00 | 2,961.89 | 91.00 |
| Other Expenses | | | | | | |
| Accounting/Bank Fees | 673.50 | | 16,749.74 | 18,600.00 | 1,850.26 | 90.05 |
| Attorney Fees Bus. Office Software/Supplies | 0.00 0.00 | | 0.00 2,406.10 | 1,500.00 2,000.00 | 1,500.00 (406.10) | 0.00 120.31 |
| Delivery Services | 2,329.15 | | 38,531.30 | 60,500.00 | 21,968.70 | 63.69 |
| Director's Discreationary | 0.00 | | 69.60 | 2,000.00 | 1,930.40 | 3.48 |
| Insurance - General/Property | 2,099.33 | | 20,993.34 | 25,200.00 | 4,206.66 | 83.31 |
| Leases Maintenance Contracts | 5,523.00 (92.41) | | 25,871.64 15,266.75 | 26,050.00 15,200.00 | 178.36 (66.75) | 99.32 100.44 |
| Memberships | 299.00 | | 794.00 | 1,200.00 | 406.00 | 66.17 |
| Minnesota Director's Fund | 0.00 | | 2,675.78 | 2,450.00 | (225.78) | 109.22 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 130.00 | | 677.38 | 2,000.00 | 1,322.62 | 33.87 |
| PIO: Printing/Advertising | 1,253.64 | | 20,607.84 | 24,350.00 | 3,742.16 | 84.63 |
| Postage Recruitment | 300.00 0.00 | | 2,954.99 846.09 | 5,100.00 | 2,145.01 | 57.94 16.92 |
| Repairs - Equipment | 0.00 | | 519.69 | 5,000.00 2,500.00 | 4,153.91 1,980.31 | 20.79 |
| Supplies - Copier/Fax/Microflm | 0.00 | | 169.96 | 750.00 | 580.04 | 22.66 |
| Supplies - Office | 977.63 | | 6,378.22 | 8,500.00 | 2,121.78 | 75.04 |
| Supplies - Public Services Telephone/Telecom | 873.98 1,588.25 | | 5,783.34 14,666.47 | 6,000.00 18,000.00 | 216.66 3,333.53 | 96.39 81.48 |
| Total Other Operating Expenses | 15,955.07 | | 175,962.23 | 226,900.00 | 50,937.77 | 77.55 |
| Regional Library Telecom Aid (RLTA) | 0.00 | | 157,905.74 | 161,188.00 | 3,282.26 | 97.96 |
| Transportation | | | | | | |
| Vehicle Expenses | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Transportation | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Materials | | | | | | |
| Audio Visual | 1,392.39 | | 19,567.53 | 25,000.00 | 5,432.47 | 78.27 |
| Digital Hoopla Service | 11,699.38 0.00 | | 140,727.26 0.00 | 140,000.00 0.00 | (727.26) 0.00 | 100.52 0.00 |
| Online Resources | 306.36 | | 3,063.60 | 3,700.00 | 636.40 | 82.80 |
| Periodicals | 1,112.53 | | 19,585.63 | 23,300.00 | 3,714.37 | 84.06 |
| Print | 15,659.71 | | 197,688.26 | 247,000.00 | 49,311.74 | 80.04 |
| Total Materials | 30,170.37 | | 380,632.28 | 439,000.00 | 58,367.72 | 86.70 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Furniture & Equipment Software & Hardware Upgrades | 0.00 633.04 | | 5,223.84 3,604.39 | 10,000.00 30,000.00 | 4,776.16 26,395.61 | 52.24 12.01 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 633.04 | | 8,828.23 | 40,000.00 | 31,171.77 | 22.07 |
| Capital Fund Accounts Regional Office FF&E | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Capital Fund Accounts | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total General Fund Expenditures | 324,563.62 | | 3,354,344.15 | 4,191,188.00 | 836,843.85 | 80.03 |
| General Fund Revenue Over Expenditures \$ | 658,970.80 | \$ | 784,910.42 | \$ 0.00 | (784,910.42) | 0.00 |
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Lake Agassiz Regional Library Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Actual and Budget For the Ten Months Ending October 31, 2025

| | | Current Month | | Year To Date | | Annual | YTD Actual To Annual | YTD Actual To Annual |
|--|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Actual | | Actual | | Budget | \$ Variance | Budget % |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS | | | | | | | | |
| Special Projects Revenue Donations | \$ | 2.165.13 | \$ | 42,363.98 | \$ | 0.00 | (42,363.98) | 0.00 |
| Endowment Revenue | Þ | 0.00 | Ф | 1,820.00 | Ф | 0.00 | (1,820.00) | 0.00 |
| Gain From Insurance Claim | | 0.00 | | 8,895.12 | | 0.00 | (8,895.12) | 0.00 |
| Telecom/E-rate Funds | | 12,922.30 | | 13,031.28 | | 0.00 | (13,031.28) | 0.00 |
| Legacy Grant Revenue | | 21,589.23 | | 139,586.60 | | 0.00 | (139,586.60) | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous Local Grants | - | 0.00 | | 2,900.00 | | 0.00 | (2,900.00) | 0.00 |
| Total Special Projects Revenue | - | 36,676.66 | | 208,596.98 | | 0.00 | (208,596.98) | 0.00 |
| Special Projects Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Special Projects Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| Donations - Materials: Print Donations - Materials: A/V | | 2,523.94 | | 6,637.84 0.00 | | 0.00 | (6,637.84) | 0.00 0.00 |
| Donations - Materials: A/V Donations - Materials: Other | | 0.00 25.00 | | 2,179.13 | | 0.00 0.00 | 0.00 (2,179.13) | 0.00 |
| Donations - Miscellaneous | | 1,088.07 | | 20,833.75 | | 0.00 | (20,833.75) | 0.00 |
| Donations - Book Truck | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Legacy Grant Expense | | 21,589.23 | | 139,586.60 | | 0.00 | (139,586.60) | 0.00 |
| Telecom/E-rate Expenses | | 12,922.30 | | 13,031.28 | | 0.00 | (13,031.28) | 0.00 |
| Misc. Local Grant Expense | | 0.00 | | 2,900.00 | | 0.00 | (2,900.00) | 0.00 |
| Projects from Designated Funds: | - | | | | | | | |
| Total Special Projects Miscellaneous | | 38,148.54 | | 185,168.60 | | 0.00 | (185,168.60) | 0.00 |
| Special Projects Capital | | | | | | | | |
| Donations - Furniture & Equip. | | 0.00 | | 4,698.81 | | 0.00 | (4,698.81) | 0.00 |
| Insurance Claim - Furn & Equip Projects from Designated Funds: | | 0.00 | | 9,959.12 | | 0.00 | (9,959.12) | 0.00 |
| Desig Funds - Furn & Equipment | _ | 11,619.16 | | 11,619.16 | | 0.00 | (11,619.16) | 0.00 |
| Total Special Projects Capital | - | 11,619.16 | | 26,277.09 | | 0.00 | (26,277.09) | 0.00 |
| Total Special Projects Expenditures | _ | 49,767.70 | | 211,445.69 | | 0.00 | (211,445.69) | 0.00 |
| Special Proj Rev Over (Under) Expend | \$ | (13,091.04) | \$ | (2,848.71) | \$ | 0.00 | 2,848.71 | 0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL REVENUE GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES | _ | 1,020,211.08 374,331.32 | | 4,347,851.55 3,565,789.84 | | 4,191,188.00 4,191,188.00 | (156,663.55) 625,398.16 | 103.74 85.08 |
| CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE | \$ | 645,879.76 | \$ | 782,061.71 | \$ | 0.00 | (782,061.71) | 0.00 |

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|---|----|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 400070 | | Current Month | Prior Month | Month Net Change | <u>Prior Year</u> <u>Final</u> | YTD Net Change |
| ASSETS Cook Chapteing (Pall Pants) | ¢ | 61 904 09 | 52,542.01 | 0.262.07 | 57 200 51 | 451257 |
| Cash - Checking (Bell Bank) | \$ | 61,804.08 | | 9,262.07 | 57,290.51 | 4,513.57 |
| Cash - Payroll (Bell Bank) | | 3,195.10 | 6,206.73 | (3,011.63) | 7,443.15 | (4,248.05) |
| Cash - Savings (Bell Bank) | | 1,419,533.94 | 1,057,548.66 | 361,985.28 | 1,165,012.85 | 254,521.09 |
| Petty Cash | | 560.00 | 560.00 | 0.00 | 560.00 | 0.00 |
| Investment Account | | 1,616,059.94 | 1,616,059.94 | 0.00 | 1,568,110.60 | 47,949.34 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 244,566.50 | 0.00 | 244,566.50 | 0.00 | 244,566.50 |
| | | | | | | |
| Prepaid Expenses | | 34,088.07 | 40,028.69 | (5,940.62) | 30,986.40 | 3,101.67 |
| Leased Assets | | 40,744.43 | 40,744.43 | 0.00 | 40,744.43 | 0.00 |
| Accum Amort - Leased Assets | | (6,759.15) | (6,759.15) | 0.00 | (3,229.17) | (3,529.98) |
| Subscription Assets | | 83,001.65 | 83,001.65 | 0.00 | 83,001.65 | 0.00 |
| Accum Amort - Subscription | | (27,570.94) | (27,570.94) | 0.00 | (23,163.10) | (4,407.84) |
| Vehicles | | 13,867.00 | 13,867.00 | 0.00 | 13,867.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| Accum Depr - Vehicles | | (8,584.16) | (8,584.16) | 0.00 | (8,584.16) | 0.00 |
| Equipment and Fixtures | | 337,411.56 | 337,411.56 | 0.00 | 337,411.56 | 0.00 |
| Accum Depr - Equip & Fixtures | | (246,577.05) | (246,577.05) | 0.00 | (246,577.05) | 0.00 |
| Equipment & Fixtures - Donated | | 170,799.40 | 170,799.40 | 0.00 | 170,799.40 | 0.00 |
| Accum Depr - Donated Equip | | (149,106.04) | (149,106.04) | 0.00 | (149,106.04) | 0.00 |
| Endowment Funds | | | , , , | 0.00 | ` ' | 6,881.10 |
| | | 118,643.47 | 118,643.47 | | 111,762.37 | |
| Amount Provided - LTD | | 325,348.25 | 325,348.25 | 0.00 | 333,084.34 | (7,736.09) |
| Total Assets | \$ | 4,031,026.05 | 3,424,164.45 | 606,861.60 | 3,489,414.74 | 541,611.31 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 39,153.55 | 58,563.23 | (19,409.68) | 85,184.51 | (46,030.96) |
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| Credit Card Payable | | 14,904.45 | 11,485.68 | 3,418.77 | 109.00 | 14,795.45 |
| Accrued Salaries Payable | | 93,201.96 | 93,201.96 | 0.00 | 93,201.96 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Severance Payable | | 24,580.22 | 24,580.22 | 0.00 | 24,580.22 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Sick/ESST Payable | | 185,469.11 | 185,469.11 | 0.00 | 185,469.11 | 0.00 |
| Accrued Vacation Payable | | 44,066.67 | 44,066.67 | 0.00 | 44,066.67 | 0.00 |
| Payroll Tax Payable - ND | | 124.00 | 0.00 | 124.00 | 0.00 | 124.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| Dental Insurance Payable | | (1,370.20) | (1,278.55) | (91.65) | 0.00 | (1,370.20) |
| Vision Insurance Payable | | (231.52) | (231.52) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (231.52) |
| AFLAC Payable | | 236.56 | 302.80 | (66.24) | 0.00 | 236.56 |
| Flexible Spending - Medical | | (2,113.80) | (2,568.80) | 455.00 | 299.60 | (2,413.40) |
| Sales Tax Payable | | 379.91 | 808.87 | (428.96) | 695.00 | (315.09) |
| Deferred Revenue | | 185,371.32 | 208,390.72 | (23,019.40) | 374,942.65 | (189,571.33) |
| | | | , | | | |
| Lease Liability | | 34,150.12 | 34,150.12 | 0.00 | 37,596.50 | (3,446.38) |
| Subscription Liability | | 37,082.13 | 37,082.13 | 0.00 | 41,371.84 | (4,289.71) |
| Total Liabilities | | 655,004.48 | 694,022.64 | (39,018.16) | 887,517.06 | (232,512.58) |
| FUND BALANCES Fund Balance - Unreserved | | 193,026.67 | 193,026.67 | 0.00 | 6,950.84 | 186,075.83 |
| | | , | , | | , | |
| Fund Bal - Operating Reserve | | 1,386,000.00 | 1,386,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,386,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Employee Severance | | 29,000.00 | 29,000.00 | 0.00 | 29,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Unemployment Comp. | | 57,000.00 | 57,000.00 | 0.00 | 57,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Vehicle Replacement | | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 0.00 | 40,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Technology Upgrade | | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Furn. & Equipment | | 175,000.00 | 175,000.00 | 0.00 | 175,000.00 | |
| Fund Bal - Special Projects | | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Copiers, Printers | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Prof Recuitment | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Library Materials | | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 0.00 | 30,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Consultant Study | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | | | 20,000.00 | |
| Fund Bal - Outreach Services | | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | , | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Brnch Improvement | | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 0.00 | 75,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Staff Development | | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund Bal - Joint Automation | | 72,000.00 | 72,000.00 | 0.00 | 72,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Investment in Gen. Fixed Asset | | 117,810.71 | 117,810.71 | 0.00 | 117,810.71 | 0.00 |
| Reserve for Leases | | 33,985.28 | 33,985.28 | 0.00 | 37,515.26 | (3,529.98) |
| | | | | | | |
| Reserve for Subscriptions | | 55,430.71 | 55,430.71 | 0.00 | 59,838.55 | (4,407.84) |
| Reserve for Donations | | 82,944.12 | 82,944.12 | 0.00 | 82,944.12 | 0.00 |
| Reserve for Endowments | | 111,762.37 | 111,762.37 | 0.00 | 111,762.37 | 0.00 |
| Change in Fund Balance | | 782,061.71 | 136,181.95 | 645,879.76 | 186,075.83 | 595,985.88 |
| Total Fund Balances | | 3,376,021.57 | 2,730,141.81 | 645,879.76 | 2,601,897.68 | 774,123.89 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Bal. | \$ | 4,031,026.05 | 3,424,164.45 | 606,861.60 | 3,489,414.74 | 541,611.31 |
| Tomi Linomines & Fund Dal. | Ψ | 1,031,020.03 | | | | ======================================= |



ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND (ACHF)

Regional Library System, State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Completion Report

A report on projects paid for with SFY24 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) ACHF funds

A completed Completion Form includes:

- This executive summary with signature(s)
- A spreadsheet with details about each of the projects paid for with funds from SFY24 Please use the online reporting form MDE has created through Google, which exports project information into the required spreadsheet format. A system may use its own reporting mechanism, so long as it has been approved by MDE and results in a spreadsheet that contains the required information. If you do not have access to the MDEcreated online reporting form, please contact Ashley Bieber at <u>ashley.bieber@state.mn.us</u>.

Optional Completion Report components:

Promotional materials and high-resolution event photos in electronic format, which may be used to illustrate
ACHF projects in public libraries on the <u>Legacy website</u>.

Please submit a .pdf of the signed executive summary, an .xls (Excel) of the spreadsheet, and any illustrative materials to Ashley Bieber at State Library Services.

Regional Library System: Lake Agassiz Regional Library

Summary Data:

Total number of projects: 20

Total number of programs and/or events (if different than total number of projects): 93

Total attendance/participation: **3,446** Total number of partnerships: **12**

Total value of in-kind contributions: \$4,097.76

Total administrative costs: \$8,162.00

Total FTE hours: .39

Date 11/20/2025

Highlights:

Briefly describe at least one project that illustrates how the regional library systems are jointly using SFY 2024 ACHF funds to offer arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage learning experiences to Minnesotans. Please include unique locations, great stories, quotes, etc.

Minnesota author, William Kent Krueger provided an author talk at Concordia College on October 29, in partnership with Moorhead's One Book One Community annual event. This event proved to be very popular, attracting over 800 audience members from all over the region. WKK discussed his book, discussed his love an appreciation for his Minnesota home and answered audience questions regarding his life, his writing, his success and more. One participant shared, "This was a truly a successful community event."

Signatures: Signature _____ Printed Name Liz Lynch Regional Library System Administrator

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| Signature |
|--|
| Printed Name Jamie Sprynczynatyk |
| Report preparer (if not Regional Library System Administrator) |
| Date 11/20/2025 |

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Minnesota Paid Leave Act Policy

Effective January 1, 2026, the State of Minnesota will be requiring Lake Agassiz Regional Library to participate in the Minnesota Paid Leave program, which is a mandatory paid leave insurance program that is managed by the State of Minnesota. Alternatively, employers may participate in an equivalent private plan that has been approved by the State of Minnesota. The Minnesota Paid Leave program is governed by Chapter 268B of the Minnesota Statutes.

The purpose of the Minnesota Paid Leave program is to provide employees with long-term extended leave and requires the State's approval based on necessity and eligibility. It is intended to cover more extreme accidents or illnesses, maternity/paternity leave, qualified exigency leave, safety leave, or for providing care to a family member.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MINNESOTA PAID LEAVE

To be eligible for the paid leave insurance program benefits, an employee must have wage credits of at least 5.3% of the State's Average Annual Wage (SAW) (rounded down to the next lower \$100) that is computed on an annual basis by the State of Minnesota. This program will be administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), unless the Lake Agassiz Regional Library chooses to participate in an equivalent private plan.

The maximum length of benefits will depend on whether an employee uses Minnesota Paid Leave for multiple reasons in one year and the qualifying reasons for which the employee seeks to use the leave. The maximum amount of leave available to an employee for any combination of qualifying reasons within a year is 20 weeks. The total number of weeks that an employee may take benefits in a single benefit year for the employee's serious health condition is the lesser of 12 weeks, or 12 weeks minus the number of weeks within the same benefit year that the applicant received benefits for bonding, safety leave, family care, and qualifying exigency plus eight weeks. The total number of weeks that an applicant may take benefits in a single benefit year for bonding, safety leave, family care, and qualifying exigency is the lesser of 12 weeks, or 12 weeks minus the number of weeks within the same benefit year that the applicant received benefits for the employee's serious health condition plus eight weeks .For example, an employee may use up to a total of 12 weeks of Minnesota Paid Leave in a year for the employee's own serious health condition plus an additional eight weeks of Minnesota Paid Leave in the same year for leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition.

MINNESOTA PAID LEAVE COST

Effective January 1, 2026, Lake Agassiz Regional Library and its employees will split the premiums for Minnesota Paid Leave on a 50/50 basis with the employee share payable through payroll deductions pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 268B.14.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MINNESOTA PAID LEAVE

All permanent full-time, part-time, and temporary/seasonal Lake Agassiz Regional Library employees are eligible to participate in the paid leave program. The types of leaves that qualify

for the State of Minnesota Paid Leave program include the following:

- A serious health condition of self or family member.
- Bonding after birth, adoption, or foster parenting.
- A "qualifying exigency," such as a need associated with a military member's active-duty service.
- Safety leave, which is leave from work because of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking when the leave is associated with seeking medical, victim services, psychological, or legal assistance, as well as relocation due to the event.

The following is the definition of an eligible family member that paid leave may be utilized for under the State of Minnesota Paid Leave law:

- A spouse or domestic partner.
- A child, including a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a child of a domestic partner, is a legal guardian, a child to whom the applicant stands in loco parentis, or is a de facto custodian.
- A parent or legal guardian of the applicant.
- A sibling.
- A grandchild.
- A grandparent or spouse's grandparent.
- A son-in-law or daughter-in-law.
- An individual who has a personal relationship with the applicant that creates an
 expectation and reliance that the applicant cares for the individual without
 compensation, whether or not the applicant and the individual reside together.

Except for benefits associated with bonding leave, the law will limit the paid leave benefits to those with a single qualifying event of at least seven days duration, which must be consecutive unless the leave is intermittent. This seven-day waiting period will not be deemed an unpaid period for eligible employees that are requesting participation in this program due to family care, medical care related to pregnancy, serious health condition, qualifying exigency, or safety leave.

For intermittent leave, the initial paid week means seven consecutive, non-consecutive, or a combination of consecutive and non-consecutive calendar days from the effective date of leave to be paid retroactively after the applicant has met the seven-day qualifying event in the first benefits payment to the applicant. The maximum amount of intermittent leave that an employee is eligible for is 480 hours in any 12-month period. Employees will track their intermittent leave time on their LARL issued time sheet in ten (10) minute increments.

Bonding leave must end within 12 months of the birth, adoption, or placement of a foster child. The new law sets out circumstances that allow for exceptions to this rule.

Employees that apply to receive compensation through the Minnesota Paid Leave program are required to provide the Human Resources Department (or designee) with a copy of all certifications and supplemental information that is being provided to the State or the equivalent private plan administrator, if the Lake Agassiz Regional Library selects a private plan. The information provided by the employee must substantiate the need for the leave and duration and timing of the leave.

For employees that have a foreseeable leave, Lake Agassiz Regional Library requires the employee to provide a 30 days' notice to the employee's immediate supervisor and the Human Resources Department.

For employees that have an unforeseeable leave, Lake Agassiz Regional Library requires the employee to provide notice as soon as practicable to the employee's supervisor and the Human Resources Department.

Employees can notify their immediate supervisor and the Human Resources Department inperson, email, or by telephone as long as the notice is sufficient for Lake Agassiz Regional Library to understand the employee's need for the leave, leave time, and leave duration. Employees using Minnesota Paid Leave are still subject to all of Lake Agassiz Regional Library's customary requirements for requesting and using leave, absent unusual circumstances or other circumstances caused by the reason for the employee's need for leave.

Employees that are currently receiving social security disability benefits are generally ineligible to participate in the Minnesota Paid Leave program. An employee who receives disability insurance benefits is currently eligible for both benefits, but disability insurance benefits may be offset by family and medical leave benefits paid to the employee pursuant to the terms of a disability insurance policy.

Employees that are currently receiving workers compensation benefits will be eligible to receive a reduced benefit amount when claiming paid under this program.

EMPLOYEE UTILIZATION OF ACCRUED PAID LEAVE

Lake Agassiz Regional Library will allow employees to supplement their Minnesota Paid Leave benefits with Lake Agassiz Regional Library provided leave, such as vacation, sick leave, ESST, and floating holiday time provided that the combination of benefits does not exceed the employee's weekly wage or salary. Employees will not be eligible to accrue additional sick leave or vacation through Lake Agassiz Regional Library while they are using Minnesota Paid Leave benefits. Employees who receive an overpayment of benefits will be required to repay overpaid benefit amounts.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library employees using Minnesota Paid Leave benefits will be required to

use their leave concurrently with leave taken for the same purposes under Minnesota's Pregnancy and Parental Leave statute (Minn. Stat. § 181.941) and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

PAID LEAVE BENEFIT AMOUNTS

The benefit amount of Minnesota Paid Leave is progressive and will vary based on an employee's weekly wages, such that lower-income employees will receive a higher percentage of income with a sliding scale of lower percentages as employees earn more. Generally, employees will receive:

- 90% of the portion of their weekly wages that is less than or equal to 50% of the state's average weekly wage.
- 66% of the portion of their weekly wages that is more than 50% of the state average weekly wage but not 100% weekly wage.
- 55% of the portion of their weekly wages that exceed 100% of the state average weekly wage.

Benefits will be capped at 100% of the state average weekly wage. (Please note-DEED reports will include a benefits calculator on its Minnesota Paid Leave webpage so applicants can better estimate their benefits. See https://info.paidleave.mn.gov/employers/premiums/index.jsp.)

If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) finds benefits under this program to be taxable under federal law, and an employee may elect to have federal income tax deducted and withheld from the employee's benefits. Minnesota Paid Leave benefits are subject to state income tax. An employee may elect to have Minnesota state income tax withheld from benefits if the employee elects to have federal income tax withheld.

Benefits will begin the Sunday of the calendar week in which a benefit application is filed.

Payments made through the State of Minnesota Paid Leave program are not considered eligible salary for PERA contributions or service credit. Lake Agassiz Regional Library paid vacation, floating holiday time, sick leave, ESST, or other paid time provided by Lake Agassiz Regional Library that is used to supplement Paid Leave is not eligible salary for PERA contributions unless the employee is on a medical leave and the employer paid leave represents at least 50% of the average earnings that would have been received if the employee was not on a leave. If desired, employees may purchase back salary and service credit lost during a period of authorized leave through PERA.

EMPLOYMENT JOB PROTECTIONS

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 268B.09, employees that are participating in the State of Minnesota Paid Leave program will continue to receive Lake Agassiz Regional Library's monthly contribution towards their health insurance premium. Employees will remain responsible for paying their share of insurance premium contributions.

An employee that is approved for the Minnesota Paid Leave program must be returned to the same position they held prior to when their leave started or equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment if he/she has been employed by Lake Agassiz Regional Library for 90 days. However, an employee has no greater right to reinstatement or to other benefits and conditions of employment than if the employee had been continuously employed during the period of Minnesota Paid Leave. Lake Agassiz Regional Library will not retaliate or discriminate against an employee for requesting or obtaining Minnesota Paid Leave, nor can it obstruct or interfere with an employee applying for the paid leave.

LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL LIBRARY ADMINITRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Lake Agassiz Regional Library's responsibilities under the Minnesota Paid Leave program include the following: (1) notification requirements, including educating and informing employees of this program (2) reporting wages and paying premiums to fund the program and (3) coordinating benefits and leaves during an employee absence.

CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAW

This policy is intended to conform to applicable state and federal law. In the event of any changes to the law or conflicts between this policy and the law, the law will govern.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Use Based Formula 2026

| | DOLL | ower | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Transa | ctions | Popul | ation | Property | Valuation | |
| | | | | _ | | | |
| | | | | | | | Use Based |
| | 3 Year | | | | 3 Year | | Formula 80- |
| Signatory | Average | % | Estimate | % | Average | % | 10-10 |
| Becker County | 73,898 | 17.47% | 25,285 | 16.88% | 67,270,495 | 20.99% | 17.77% |
| Detroit Lakes | 38,085 | 9.01% | 10,003 | 6.68% | 20,465,910 | 6.39% | 8.51% |
| Clay County | 53,572 | 12.67% | 21,030 | 14.04% | 50,517,778 | 15.76% | 13.11% |
| Moorhead | 111,761 | 26.43% | 45,228 | 30.19% | 43,505,966 | 13.57% | 25.52% |
| Clearwater County | 16,761 | 3.96% | 8,644 | 5.77% | 21,713,364 | 6.77% | 4.43% |
| Mahnomen County | 7,303 | 1.73% | 4,071 | 2.72% | 8,913,500 | 2.78% | 1.93% |
| Mahnomen | 2,526 | 0.60% | 1,210 | 0.81% | 634,414 | 0.20% | 0.58% |
| Norman County | 20,869 | 4.93% | 6,328 | 4.22% | 22,161,217 | 6.91% | 5.06% |
| Polk County | 51,869 | 12.26% | 14,202 | 9.48% | 54,191,309 | 16.91% | 12.45% |
| Crookston | 30,585 | 7.23% | 7,272 | 4.85% | 4,807,802 | 1.50% | 6.42% |
| Wilkin County | 5,471 | 1.29% | 3,167 | 2.11% | 23,938,180 | 7.47% | 1.99% |
| Breckenridge | 10,210 | 2.41% | 3,365 | 2.25% | 2,388,875 | 0.75% | 2.23% |
| Total | 422,910 | 100.00% | 149,805 | 100.00% | 320,508,809 | 100.00% | 100.00% |

This use based formula reflects the following weight per category:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Borrower Transactions} & = & 80\% \\ \mbox{Population} & = & 10\% \\ \mbox{Property Valuation} & = & 10\% \end{array}$

| | | Borrower 1 | ransaction | s | | | Property | Valuation | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2022 | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | 2023 | <u>Average</u> |
| Becker County | 78,868 | 75,365 | 67,460 | 73,898 | 25,285 | 54,932,218 | 67,744,203 | 79,135,064 | 67,270,495 |
| Detroit Lakes | 35,150 | 39,641 | 39,464 | 38,085 | 10,003 | 17,714,759 | 20,828,696 | 22,854,276 | 20,465,910 |
| Clay County | 47,292 | 54,399 | 59,025 | 53,572 | 21,030 | 38,489,538 | 50,619,525 | 62,444,270 | 50,517,778 |
| Moorhead | 113,906 | 113,639 | 107,738 | 111,761 | 45,228 | 38,487,320 | 44,793,585 | 47,236,992 | 43,505,966 |
| Clearwater County | 16,201 | 16,814 | 17,268 | 16,761 | 8,644 | 15,002,337 | 23,087,975 | 27,049,781 | 21,713,364 |
| Mahnomen County | 5,512 | 8,567 | 7,829 | 7,303 | 4,071 | 7,050,956 | 7,949,073 | 11,740,471 | 8,913,500 |
| Mahnomen | 2,593 | 2,855 | 2,129 | 2,526 | 1,210 | 517,193 | 604,911 | 781,138 | 634,414 |
| Norman County | 18,816 | 21,713 | 22,079 | 20,869 | 6,328 | 16,518,354 | 22,333,078 | 27,632,220 | 22,161,217 |
| Polk County | 53,236 | 51,898 | 50,474 | 51,869 | 14,202 | 44,274,625 | 51,928,240 | 66,371,061 | 54,191,309 |
| Crookston | 28,050 | 32,981 | 30,725 | 30,585 | 7,272 | 4,298,647 | 4,766,644 | 5,358,114 | 4,807,802 |
| Wilkin County | 5,292 | 5,836 | 5,285 | 5,471 | 3,167 | 17,200,542 | 21,836,173 | 32,777,824 | 23,938,180 |
| Breckenridge | 10,438 | 10,559 | 9,634 | 10,210 | 3,365 | 2,061,343 | 2,433,351 | 2,671,931 | 2,388,875 |
| Total | 415,354 | 434,267 | 419,110 | 422,910 | 149,805 | 256,547,832 | 318,925,454 | 386,053,142 | 320,508,809 |
| Total | 713,337 | 434,207 | 415,110 | 422,310 | 143,003 | 230,347,032 | 310,323,434 | 300,033,142 | 320,300,003 |

LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL LIBRARY 2026 INCREASE CALCULATION BASED ON THE FORMULA

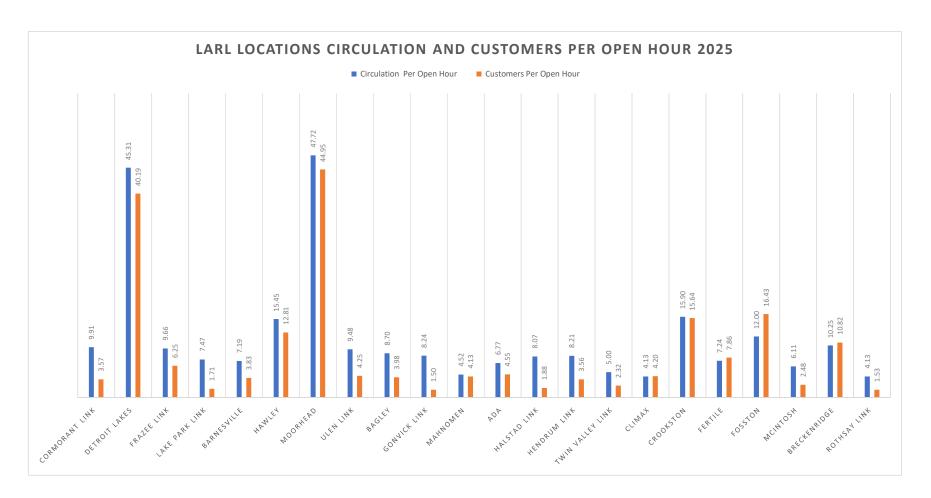
| | Borr | ower | | | | | Use Based | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| | Transa | actions | Estimated | Population | Property | Valuation | Formula | |
| Signatory | 80% | % | 10% | % | 10% | % | 80-10-10 | Increase |
| Becker County | 32,097 | 17.47% | 3,875 | 16.88% | 4,819 | 20.99% | 17.77% | 40,790 |
| Detroit Lakes | 16,542 | 9.01% | 1,533 | 6.68% | 1,466 | 6.39% | 8.51% | 19,540 |
| Clay County | 23,269 | 12.67% | 3,223 | 14.04% | 3,619 | 15.76% | 13.11% | 30,110 |
| Moorhead | 48,543 | 26.43% | 6,932 | 30.19% | 3,117 | 13.57% | 25.52% | 58,590 |
| Clearwater County | 7,280 | 3.96% | 1,325 | 5.77% | 1,556 | 6.77% | 4.43% | 10,160 |
| Mahnomen County | 3,172 | 1.73% | 624 | 2.72% | 639 | 2.78% | 1.93% | 4,430 |
| Mahnomen | 1,097 | 0.60% | 185 | 0.81% | 45 | 0.20% | 0.58% | 1,330 |
| Norman County | 9,064 | 4.93% | 970 | 4.22% | 1,588 | 6.91% | 5.06% | 11,620 |
| Polk County | 22,529 | 12.26% | 2,177 | 9.48% | 3,882 | 16.91% | 12.45% | 28,590 |
| Crookston | 13,285 | 7.23% | 1,115 | 4.85% | 344 | 1.50% | 6.42% | 14,740 |
| Wilkin County | 2,376 | 1.29% | 485 | 2.11% | 1,715 | 7.47% | 1.99% | 4,580 |
| Breckenridge | 4,435 | 2.41% | 516 | 2.25% | 171 | 0.75% | 2.23% | 5,120 |
| Totals: | 183,688 | 100.00% | 22,961 | 100.00% | 22,961 | 100.00% | 100.00% | 229,610 |

This use based formula reflects the following weight per category:

 LARL Revenue/Costs by Signatory

| | 2026 | | | | | | ,,, | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Becker | Detroit | Clay | | Clearwater | Mahnomen | | Norman | Polk | | Wilkin | | Regional |
| Library Use % City/County residents all | Budget | County 60.44% | 39.56% | County 12.44% | Moorhead 87.56% | County | 68.44% | Mahnomen 31.56% | County | County | Crookston | County 22.40% | Breckenridge 77.60% | Office |
| REVENUE | ocalion | 00.44 /0 | 39.30 % | 12.44 /0 | 07.3070 | | 00.44 /0 | 31.3070 | | | | 22.40 /6 | 77.00% | |
| SIGNATORY CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 3,112,230 | 477,840 | 271,670 | 362,690 | 908,300 | 127,910 | 53,320 | 25,470 | 125,450 | 334,230 | 256,380 | 65,270 | 103,700 | - |
| GRANTS Subtotal | 970,279 | - | - | - | _ | | - | - | - | - | _ | - | | 970,279 |
| MISC. REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 121,900 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 121,900 |
| JOINT AUTOMATION Subtotal | 63,190 | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 63,190 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 4,267,599 | 477,840 | 271,670 | 362,690 | 908,300 | 127,910 | 53,320 | 25,470 | 125,450 | 334,230 | 256,380 | 65,270 | 103,700 | 1,155,369 |
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| EXPENSES PERSONNEL EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Wages | 2,387,800 | 23,582 | 329,025 | 92,154 | 615,112 | 43,569 | | 36,549 | 58,715 | 165,320 | 259,191 | 7,904 | 98,064 | 627,239 |
| Payroll Taxes | 184,500 | 1,804 | 25,170 | 7,050 | 47,056 | 3,333 | - | 2,796 | 4,492 | 12,647 | 19,828 | 605 | 7,502 | 49,811 |
| MN Paid Leave Retirement - PERA employer | 10,650 178,550 | 104 1,769 | 1,448 24,677 | 405 6,912 | 2,706 46,133 | 192 3,268 | - | 161 2,741 | 258 4,404 | 727 12,399 | 1,140 19,439 | 35 593 | 431 7,355 | 2,865 48,834 |
| Health Insurance | 472,550 | - | 79,862 | 13,310 | 106,483 | 13,310 | - | 13,310 | 13,310 | 26,621 | 39,931 | - | 26,621 | 139,759 |
| Life Insurance | 1,250 | - | 202 | 34 | 269 | 34 | - | 34 | 34 | 67 | 134 | - | 67 | 353 |
| Other Employee Benefits Workers' Compensation Insurance | 1,750 3,900 | 25 38 | 238 526 | 73 147 | 443 984 | 36 70 | | 28 58 | 50 94 | 117 265 | 173 415 | 8 13 | 74 157 | 438 1,042 |
| Hub Supervisor | - | | (101,616) | | (114,679) | | | | | | (106,403) | | | ,- |
| Hub Supervisor - Allocate Substitutes | - | 7,392 666 | 61,107 6,391 | 16,013 1,979 | 87,679 11,725 | 13,034 976 | - | 8,378 754 | 10,987 1,358 | 42,300 3,169 | 51,069 | 2,464 222 | 22,275 2,006 | |
| Subtotal | 3,240,950 | 35.379 | 427.030 | 138,079 | 803,913 | 77,822 | | 64.810 | 93,702 | 263.632 | 4,713 289.631 | 11.843 | 164,552 | 870,341 |
| Direct Cost Allocate | 2,240,330 | 258,080 | (258,080) | 100,033 | (100,033) | ,,,022 | 44,357 | (44,357) | 33,102 | 72,739 | (72,739) | 36,861 | (36,861) | 3.0,341 |
| Personnel Costs after allocation | | 293,458 | 168,950 | 238,112 | 703,880 | 77,822 | 44,357 | 20,453 | 93,702 | 336,371 | 216,893 | 48,704 | 127,691 | 870,341 |
| AUTOMATION/CATALOGING Automation System | 188,850 | 22,324 | 10,694 | 16,479 | 32,066 | 5,561 | 2,427 | 727 | 6,360 | 15,646 | 8,069 | 2,505 | 2,803 | 63,190 |
| Remote Printing Service | 3,400 | - | 262 | 523 | 262 | 262 | - | 262 | 262 | 1,046 | 262 | - | 262 | , |
| allocation | E 000 | 158 | (158) | 33 656 | (33) | 221 | 179 97 | (179) | 253 | 66 | (66) | 59 100 | (59) | |
| Supplies - Computer Supplies - Technical Services | 5,000 6,000 | 888 1,066 | 426 511 | 656 787 | 1,276 1,531 | 221 266 | 116 | 29 35 | 253 304 | 623 747 | 321 385 | 100 120 | 112 134 | |
| OCLC/Minitex | 14,550 | 2,585 | 1,238 | 1,908 | 3,713 | 644 | 281 | 84 | 736 | 1,812 | 934 | 290 | 325 | |
| Subtotal | 217,800 | 27,021 | 12,972 | 20,385 | 38,815 | 6,953 | 3,099 | 957 | 7,915 | 19,939 | 9,905 | 3,073 | 3,576 | 63,190 |
| PROGRAMMING/STAFF DEVELOPM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programming - Adult Programming - Youth & SLE | 5,000 15,000 | 888 2,665 | 426 1,277 | 656 1,967 | 1,276 3,828 | 221 664 | 97 290 | 29 87 | 253 759 | 623 1,868 | 321 963 | 100 299 | 112 335 | |
| Staff Development/Training | 15,000 | 2,665 | 1,277 | 1,967 | 3,828 | 664 | 290 | 87 | 759 | 1,868 | 963 | 299 | 335 | |
| Subtotal | 35,000 | 6,218 | 2,979 | 4,590 | 8,931 | 1,549 | 676 | 202 | 1,772 | 4,358 | 2,247 | 698 | 781 | - |
| MILEAGE/BOARD MTG EXPENSE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mileage - Staff | 27,100 | 406 | 3,902 | 1,208 | 7,158 | 596 | 200 | 461 | 829 | 1,935 | 2,877 | 135 | 1,225 | 6,367 |
| Mileage - Trustee Board Expenses (per diem) | 3,900 1,900 | 260 127 | 520 253 | 260 127 | 780 380 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | 260 127 | |
| Subtotal | 32,900 | 793 | 4,675 | 1,595 | 8,318 | 983 | 387 | 847 | 1,216 | 2,321 | 3,264 | 522 | 1,611 | 6,367 |
| RLTA Expenses | 161,188 | | | , | | | | | | , | | | , | 161,188 |
| OTHER OPERATING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | , |
| Attorney Fees | 1,000 | 178 | 85 | 131 | 255 | 44 | 19 | 6 | 51 | 125 | 64 | 20 | 22 | |
| Audit Bank Fees | 11,550 | 2,052 195 | 983 94 | 1,515 144 | 2,947 281 | 511 49 | 223 21 | 67 6 | 585 56 | 1,438 137 | 742 71 | 230 22 | 258 25 | |
| Credit Card Fees | 1,100 400 | 71 | 34 | 52 | 102 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 50 | 26 | 8 | 9 | |
| Business Office Software/Supplies | 2,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,000 |
| Delivery: Courier Delivery: TriCollege/Minitex | 54,500 6,000 | 9,682 1,066 | 4,638 511 | 7,147 787 | 13,907 1,531 | 2,412 266 | 1,053 116 | 315 35 | 2,759 304 | 6,786 747 | 3,500 385 | 1,086 120 | 1,216 134 | |
| Director's Discretionary | 2,000 | 1,000 | 311 | 707 | 1,551 | 200 | 110 | 55 | 304 | 141 | 303 | 120 | 104 | 2,000 |
| Insurance - General Liability | 26,500 | 4,708 | 2,255 | 3,475 | 6,762 | 1,173 | 512 | 153 | 1,341 | 3,299 | 1,702 | 528 | 591 | |
| Lease: Regional Office Rent Lease: Copiers | 39,100 3,400 | | 378 | 378 | 756 | | | | 378 | 378 | 378 | | 378 | 39,100 378 |
| allocation | 3,100 | 228 | (228) | 94 | (94) | | - | | 3,0 | 95 | (95) | 85 | (85) | 3,0 |
| Lease: Postage Machine | 550 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 550 |
| Maintenance Contract: Copiers allocation | 5,000 | 336 | 556 (336) | 556 138 | 1,111 (138) | | | | 556 | 556 140 | 556 (140) | 124 | 556 (124) | 556 |
| Maintenance Contract: Printers | 7,750 | - | 554 | 1,107 | 1,107 | 554 | - | 554 | 554 | 2,214 | 554 | - | 554 | - |
| allocation Maintenance Contract: Microfilm | 3.450 | 335 | (335) | 138 | (138) | | 379 | (379) | C42 | 139 | (139) | 124 | (124) | |
| Maintenance Contract: Microfilm allocation | 2,450 | | | 76 | 613 (76) | | | | 613 | 613 154 | 613 (154) | | | - |
| Memberships - LARL Directors | 1,250 | 222 | 106 | 164 | 319 | 55 | 24 | 7 | 63 | 156 | 80 | 25 | 28 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense Postage | 2,000 4,700 | 355 835 | 170 400 | 262 616 | 510 1,199 | 89 208 | 39 91 | 12 27 | 101 238 | 249 585 | 128 302 | 40 94 | 45 105 | |
| PO Box Rental | 900 | 90 | 400 | 260 | 1,199 | 208 | 91 | 160 | 238 80 | 310 | 302 | 94 | 100 | |
| allocation | | - | - | - | - | | 110 | (110) | | - | - | | | |
| MN Director's Fund - CRPLSA Payroll Processing/Timesheet | 2,500 7,950 | 119 | 1,145 | 354 | 2,100 | 175 | | 135 | 243 | 568 | 844 | 40 | 359 | 2,500 1,868 |
| allocation | 7,350 | 692 | (692) | 261 | (261) | | 92 | (92) | 243 | 212 | (212) | 80 | (80) | 1,000 |
| Marketing | 15,000 | 2,665 | 1,277 | 1,967 | 3,828 | 664 | 290 | 87 | 759 | 1,868 | 963 | 299 | 335 | |
| Marketing - Software Subscriptions Recruitment | 9,350 4,500 | 1,661 67 | 796 648 | 1,226 201 | 2,386 1,189 | 414 99 | 181 | 54 76 | 473 138 | 1,164 321 | 600 478 | 186 22 | 209 203 | 1,057 |
| allocation | | 392 | (392) | 148 | (148) | | 52 | (52) | | 120 | (120) | 46 | (46) | 2,007 |
| Supplies - Copier/Fax/Microfilm | 700 | 124 | 60 723 | 92 1,115 | 179 | 31 376 | 14 164 | 4 49 | 35 430 | 87 1,058 | 45 546 | 14 169 | 16 190 | |
| Supplies - Office Supplies - Public Services | 8,500 6,000 | 1,510 1,066 | 723 511 | 1,115 787 | 2,169 1,531 | 376 266 | 164 116 | 49 35 | 430 304 | 1,058 747 | 546 385 | 169 120 | 190 134 | |
| Equipment Repairs | 2,500 | 444 | 213 | 328 | 638 | 111 | 48 | 14 | 127 | 311 | 161 | 50 | 56 | |
| Telephone/Telecom allocation | 18,300 | 3,758 459 | 759 (459) | 1,571 252 | 2,025 (252) | 1,573 | 243 | 355 (243) | 3,959 | 2,129 89 | 355 (89) | 885 129 | 576 (129) | 355 |
| Subtotal | 247,450 | 33,311 | 14,453 | 25,342 | 46,337 | 9,084 | 3,793 | 1,278 | 14,165 | 26,843 | 12,527 | 4,547 | 5,406 | 50,364 |
| | 247,450 | 33,311 | 14,433 | 23,342 | 40,33/ | 9,084 | 5,/95 | 1,2/8 | 14,100 | 40,843 | 12,52/ | 4,047 | 5,406 | 30,304 |
| VEHICLES Subtotal | 1,500 | _ | _ | - | 1,500 | | - | - | _ | - | _ | _ | - | - |
| MATERIALS | _, | - | | | -, | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 443,390 | 78,771 | 37,735 | 58,146 | 113,144 | 19,620 | 8,563 | 2,564 | 22,443 | 55,205 | 28,471 | 8,838 | 9,890 | - |
| CAPTIAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 40,000 | 7,106 | 3,404 | 5,246 | 10,207 | 1,770 | 773 | 231 | 2,025 | 4,980 | 2,568 | 797 | 892 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 4,420,178 | 446,679 | 245,169 | 353,416 | 931,132 | 117,780 | 61,647 | 26,533 | 143,237 | 450,016 | 275,876 | 67,178 | 149,847 | 1,151,450 |
| REV. (UNDER)/OVER EXP. | (152,579) | 31,161 | 26,501 | 9,274 | (22,832) | 10,130 | (8,327) | (1,063) | (17,787) | (115,786) | (19,496) | (1,908) | (46,147) | 3,919 |
| Allocate RO Rev/Exp | 3,919 Balance | 696 31,858 | 334 26,834 | 514 9,788 | 1,000 (21,831) | 173 10,303 | 76 (8,252) | (1,040) | 198 (17,588) | 488 (115,298) | 252 (19,244) | 78 (1,830) | (46,060) | - |
| | DataffCt | 31,858 | ∠0,634 | 3,788 | (41,631) | 10,303 | (0,252) | (1,040) | (11,388) | (110,298) | (19,244) | (1,030) | (40,060) | |

| | | | Circu | lation | | | Custom | er Visits | |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | 20 | 24 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 024 | | 025 |
| | | | Circulation | Circulation | Circulation | Annual | Customers | Projected | Customers |
| | Weekly | Annual | Per Open | through | Per Open | Customer | Per Open | Customer | Per Open |
| | Hours | Circulation | Hour | 9/30 | Hour | Visits | Hour | Visits | Hour |
| Becker County | | - | | | | | | | |
| Cormorant LINK | 7 | 2,934 | 8.06 | 2,706 | 9.91 | 1,508 | 4.14 | 1,300 | 3.57 |
| Detroit Lakes | 55 | 121,106 | 42.34 | 97,190 | 45.31 | 74,945 | 26.20 | 114,946 | 40.19 |
| Frazee LINK | 7 | 2,825 | 7.76 | 2,637 | 9.66 | 1,547 | 4.25 | 2,275 | 6.25 |
| Lake Park LINK | 6 | 2,365 | 7.58 | 1,747 | 7.47 | 273 | 0.88 | 533 | 1.71 |
| County Total | 75 | 129,230 | 33.14 | 104,280 | 35.65 | 78,273 | 20.07 | 119,054 | 30.53 |
| Clay County | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnesville | 36 | 11,936 | 6.38 | 10,089 | 7.19 | 9,750 | 5.21 | 7,176 | 3.83 |
| Hawley | 32 | 26,802 | 16.11 | 19,287 | 15.45 | 22,503 | 13.52 | 21,320 | 12.81 |
| Moorhead | 64 | 161,185 | 48.43 | 119,118 | 47.72 | 158,080 | 47.50 | 149,604 | 44.95 |
| Ulen LINK | 6 | 3,272 | 10.49 | 2,218 | 9.48 | 1,196 | 3.83 | 1,326 | 4.25 |
| County Total | 138 | 203,195 | 28.32 | 150,712 | 28.00 | 191,529 | 26.69 | 179,426 | 25.00 |
| Clearwater County | | | | | | | | | |
| Bagley | 32 | 13,339 | 8.02 | 10,855 | 8.70 | 7,046 | 4.23 | 6,617 | 3.98 |
| Gonvick LINK | 7 | 3,163 | 8.69 | 2,250 | 8.24 | 637 | 1.75 | 546 | 1.50 |
| County Total | 39 | 16,502 | 8.14 | 13,105 | 8.62 | 7,683 | 3.79 | 7,163 | 3.53 |
| Mahnomen County | | | | | | | | | |
| Mahnomen | 32 | 8,852 | 5.32 | 5,639 | 4.52 | 5,798 | 3.48 | 6,877 | 4.13 |
| County Total | 32 | 8,852 | 5.32 | 5,639 | 4.52 | 5,798 | 3.48 | 6,877 | 4.13 |
| Norman County | | | | | | | | | |
| Ada | 32 | 11,195 | 6.73 | 8,451 | 6.77 | 7,059 | 4.24 | 7,566 | 4.55 |
| Halstad LINK | 6 | 1,763 | 5.65 | 1,889 | 8.07 | 559 | 1.79 | 585 | 1.88 |
| Hendrum LINK | 9 | 2,611 | 5.58 | 2,883 | 8.21 | 1,482 | 3.17 | 1,664 | 3.56 |
| Twin Valley LINK | 7 | 2,109 | 5.79 | 1,364 | 5.00 | 728 | 2.00 | 845 | 2.32 |
| County Total | 54 | 17,678 | 6.30 | 14,587 | 6.93 | 9,828 | 3.50 | 10,660 | 3.80 |
| Polk County | | | | | | | | | |
| Climax | 20 | 4,647 | 4.47 | 3,222 | 4.13 | 4,342 | 4.18 | 4,368 | 4.20 |
| Crookston | 57 | 45,846 | 15.47 | 35,353 | 15.90 | 42,003 | 14.17 | 46,345 | 15.64 |
| Fertile | 32 | 12,651 | 7.60 | 9,033 | 7.24 | 11,856 | 7.13 | 13,078 | 7.86 |
| Fosston | 41 | 27,551 | 12.92 | 19,194 | 12.00 | 24,414 | 11.45 | 35,035 | 16.43 |
| McIntosh | 21 | 5,907 | 5.41 | 5,007 | 6.11 | 3,666 | 3.36 | 2,704 | 2.48 |
| County Total | 171 | 96,602 | 10.86 | 71,809 | 10.77 | 86,281 | 9.70 | 101,530 | 11.42 |
| Wilkin County | | | | | | | | | |
| Breckenridge | 44 | 26,216 | 11.46 | 17,585 | 10.25 | 21,567 | 9.43 | 24,765 | 10.82 |
| Rothsay LINK | 9 | 1,819 | 3.89 | 1,449 | 4.13 | 650 | 1.39 | 715 | 1.53 |
| County Total | 53 | 28,035 | 10.17 | 19,034 | 9.21 | 22,217 | 8.06 | 25,480 | 9.25 |
| Total | 562 | 500,094 | 17.11 | 379,166 | 17.30 | 401,609 | 13.74 | 450,190 | 15.40 |



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Monthly Report to the Board Meeting Date: November 20, 2025 From: Liz Lynch, Executive Director

Director's Meetings

September: Spark Center, 12; Polk County, 16; Interviews, 16; Coordinating Team, 17; Youth Services, 18; LARL Full Board, 18; Interviews, 22; The Loop (furnishings), 22; Joint Hub Meeting, 23; CRPLSA, 25; The Loop (Meeting Room Software), 30; Mayor's Circle, 30

October: Youth Services, 1; Orientation, 1; System Directors, 2; Interviews, 2; Tour of The Loop, 2; MLA Legislative Committee, 3; LINK Site Meeting, 3; Interviews, 3; Becker County, 7; Staff Day, 13; NWLINKS, 14; Coordinating Team, 15; The Loop Essentia Announcement, 16; LARL Executive Committee, 16; Fundraising Visits, 21; CRPLSA, 22-24; Hub Supervisors, 27; Dilworth City Council, 27

November: Automation/IT, 4; Area Library Directors, 4; Cormorant Site Visit, 6; Detroit Lakes Library Board, 6; MLA Legislative Committee, 7; CPR/AED Training, 12

LARL Staffing

Open positions:

LARL Systems Technician, Regional Office

New Employees:

Welcome to the following new LARL employees: Aleah Philion, Crookston Librarian; Lisa Manteufel, Fosston Substitute; Becky Andres, Barnesville Librarian; Ryan West, Routing and Rotation; and Lori Krause, Hawley Substitute.

Thank you and Congratulations:

Thank you to Sharon Douglas, LARL Automation Coordinator for her 22 years of service to LARL. We wish her a happy retirement, which will occur at the end of 2025. Congratulations Sharon!

LARL News

Carnegie Corporation of NY Announcement:

The Carnegie Corporation of New York recently announced \$20M in new funding to support libraries. Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Carnegie Corporation will be providing \$10,000 to 1,280 Carnegie libraries across the US that are still standing and to others that have moved into new locations. The LARL recipients include the Detroit Lakes Public Library, which is still located in a Carnegie library, the Crookston Public Library, which is situated next to the original Carnegie library (which is still standing) and the Moorhead Public Library, which is situated within a block of the old Carnegie library which was demolished years ago. We are grateful for the generosity of the Carnegie Foundation to remember LARL locations after all of these years!"

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LARL Staff Day:

LARL's Staff Day was held on October 13 at the Moorhead Public Library with approximately 75 employees in attendance. The day included strategic planning exercises, in addition to training and discussion on G Suite and programming to serve the community. The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

- Asha Osborn, Ada Librarian 5 Years
- Sharyl Ogard, Frazee LINK Site Substitute 10 Years
- Christy Underlee, Halstad LINK Site Substitute 10 Years
- Jodi Harrington, Hendrum LINK Site Coordinator 10 Years
- Hillary Stevens, Regional Office Marketing Director 10 Years
- Laura Pierson, Fertile Substitute 10 Years
- Sandra Duval, Substitute 10 Years
- Marlys Winkels, Rothsay LINK Site Coordinator 10 Years
- Carol VanBrocklin, Barnesville Substitute 10 Years
- Paula Jones, Detroit Lakes Assistant 10 Years
- Michelle Fjeld, Substitute 15 Years
- Linnea Dimich, Regional Office Business Office Associate 15 Years

Baker and Taylor:

Baker and Taylor, one of libraries' leading book vendors, and LARL's primary vendor, has gone out of business, creating a disturbance in the acquiring and processing of library materials. Thank you to LARL's Collection Development and IT Departments for their ability to pivot, problem-solve, and work through the issues/additional tasks required in order to order, receive and process materials during this time.

The Loop:

Congratulations to the City of Moorhead on their \$1M donation from Essentia Health for the walking track located in The Loop.

The Loop should be ready for occupancy in mid-February. We are currently working on moving logistics for both the Regional Office and the Moorhead Public Library.

A celebration is currently being planned by the Friends of the Moorhead Library to say good-bye to the current Moorhead Public Library on February 12, 2026.

Food for Fines:

LARL is seeking approval from the LARL Board to offer a Food for Fines program, December 1-31. Food for Fines is a program in which library customers have an option to bring in a nonperishable food item to the library in exchange for a waived \$2 late fee. This program is a benefit to both the customer who may have an opportunity to reduce the number of late fees on their account and is also opportunity for LARL and community members to provide food for local food banks. The last time this program was offered by LARL was in March 2017, providing over 2,278 items to the residents of the LARL region.

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Statewide News

Minnesota Library Association's 2026 Legislative Priorities

Capital Investment for Public Libraries: \$10M in state bonding support for public library construction and renovation grants distributed through the Department of Education's \$1:\$1 matching grant program, an increase in the grant cap from \$1M to \$2M, an increased flexibility in the matching dollars to be "nonstate", and an improved, less complex B3 process.

Ebook Legislation – More to come...

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Executive Meeting, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. as needed
- Finance Meeting, January 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the LARL Full Board meeting at 5:30 in the lower level of the Moorhead Public Library (Adopt the 2026 final budget).

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to **LuAnn Durant** and **Gary Wilhite** for their 9 years and to **Chizuko Shastri** for her 6 years of service and dedication to LARL! And, thank you to **Ben Grimsley** for participating as the Becker County representative this past year!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Strategic Plan 2026-2028



Goal
1

Increase Visibility and Public Awareness

Objectives

Increase awareness of all locations and the value of LARL Promote LARL's cost saving resources for the community

Increase collaboration with community partners to cross-promote resources

Goal
2

Establish the Library as an Anchor of the Community

Objectives

Continue to grow excellent customer service practices

Establish relationships and partnerships to better serve the community

Provide equal access to a diverse collection of resources

Promote the Library as a place for community and connections

Goal 3

Evaluate and Evolve for a Strong, Sustainable Organization

Objectives

Evaluate LARL programs, services and operations to better meet the needs of the community

Evaluate LARL operations to create consistent and sustainable experiences across the region

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Lake Agassiz Regional Library Check Register For the Period From Oct 1, 2025 to Oct 31, 2025

| Check # | Date | Payee | Cash Account | Amount |
|----------------|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| eft-10/01/25-1 | 10/1/25 | Lakes Country Service Cooperative | 1000-000 | 33,711.88 |
| cc-10/01/25-1 | 10/1/25 | NameBadge.com | 2010-000 | 21.42 |
| 72978 | 10/1/25 | AFSCME Council 65 | 1000-000 | 604.82 |
| 72979 | 10/1/25 | AFSCME PEOPLE | 1000-000 | 34.00 |
| 72980 | 10/1/25 | Jeanne Anderson | 1000-000 | 108.50 |
| 72981 | 10/1/25 | Baker & Taylor | 1000-000 | 1,063.89 |
| 72982 | 10/1/25 | Crookston Building & Rent-it-Center | 1000-000 | 147.75 |
| 72983 | 10/1/25 | Custom Graphics, Inc. | 1000-000 | 1,885.00 |
| 72984 | 10/1/25 | LuAnn Durant | 1000-000 | 60.00 |
| 72985 | 10/1/25 | Forum Communications Company | 1000-000 | 380.89 |
| 72986 | 10/1/25 | Jodi Harrington | 1000-000 | 46.90 |
| 72987 | 10/1/25 | Lisa Holzgrove | 1000-000 | 63.35 |
| 72988 | 10/1/25 | Callie King | 1000-000 | 74.20 |
| 72989 | 10/1/25 | Megan Krueger | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 72990 | 10/1/25 | Chris La Tray | 1000-000 | 700.00 |
| 72991 | 10/1/25 | Julie Malmanger | 1000-000 | 147.00 |
| 72992 | 10/1/25 | Heidi Moore | 1000-000 | 24.15 |
| 72993 | 10/1/25 | Jerome Ness | 1000-000 | 1,500.00 |
| 72994 | 10/1/25 | New Century Press | 1000-000 | 180.00 |
| 72995 | 10/1/25 | Overdrive, Inc. | 1000-000 | 4,854.45 |
| 72996 | 10/1/25 | Pelican Rapids Press | 1000-000 | 65.00 |
| 72997 | 10/1/25 | Roberta Schake | 1000-000 | 7.70 |
| 72998 | 10/1/25 | Ashley Slininger | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 72999 | 10/1/25 | Emily Spieker | 1000-000 | 98.00 |
| 73000 | 10/1/25 | Hillary Stevens | 1000-000 | 127.40 |
| 73001 | 10/1/25 | Christy Underlee | 1000-000 | 67.55 |
| cc-10/1/25-1 | 10/1/25 | SHRM | 2010-000 | 299.00 |
| | 10/2/25 | Apple Store | 2010-000 | 0.99 |
| eft-10/2/25-1 | 10/2/25 | Attendance On Demand | 1000-000 | 252.00 |
| eft-10/2/25-1 | 10/2/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1010-000 | 15,000.00 |
| cc-10/2/25-1 | 10/2/25 | TechSoup | 2010-000 | 5.00 |
| cc-10/2/25-2 | 10/2/25 | Encore Data Products, Inc. | 2010-000 | 525.00 |
| cc-10/2/25-1 | 10/2/25 | Aldi | 2010-000 | 12.82 |

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Check Register For the Period From Oct 1, 2025 to Oct 31, 2025

| Check # | Date | Payee | Cash Account | Amount |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| eft-10/3/25-1 | 10/3/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 95.31 |
| eft-10/3/25-2 | 10/3/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 115.55 |
| eft-10/3/25-3 | 10/3/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 96.40 |
| eft-10/3/25-4 | 10/3/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 47.94 |
| eft-10/3/25-5 | 10/3/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 103.36 |
| cc-10/3/25-1 | 10/3/25 | SR Fax | 2010-000 | 33.11 |
| eft-10/06/25-1 | 10/6/25 | Cardmember Service | 1000-000 | 7,729.89 |
| eft-10/7/25-1 | 10/7/25 | Pitney Bowes Purchase Power | 1000-000 | 300.00 |
| eft-10/07/25-1 | 10/7/25 | Amazon Capital Services | 1000-000 | 5,198.48 |
| 73002 | 10/8/25 | Alliance Courier | 1000-000 | 1,057.70 |
| 73003 | 10/8/25 | Jeanne Anderson | 1000-000 | 59.85 |
| 73004 | 10/8/25 | Becky Andres | 1000-000 | 109.20 |
| 73005 | 10/8/25 | Baker & Taylor | 1000-000 | 1,018.39 |
| 73005a | 10/8/25 | VOID | 1000-000 | |
| 73006 | 10/8/25 | Black Stone Publishing | 1000-000 | 462.99 |
| 73007 | 10/8/25 | Christine Boike | 1000-000 | 196.00 |
| 73008 | 10/8/25 | Meaghan Cronin | 1000-000 | 11.90 |
| 73009 | 10/8/25 | Pam Goebel | 1000-000 | 172.20 |
| 73010 | 10/8/25 | Jodi Harrington | 1000-000 | 107.80 |
| 73011 | 10/8/25 | Cindy Lichtsinn | 1000-000 | 88.20 |
| 73012 | 10/8/25 | Marco Technologies LLC | 1000-000 | 2,003.22 |
| 73013 | 10/8/25 | Krissa McGraw | 1000-000 | 19.60 |
| 73014 | 10/8/25 | City of Moorhead | 1000-000 | 5,523.00 |
| 73015 | 10/8/25 | Amy Nelson | 1000-000 | 46.20 |
| 73016 | 10/8/25 | NW-Links | 1000-000 | 24,828.47 |
| 73017 | 10/8/25 | Asha Osborn | 1000-000 | 20.97 |
| 73018 | 10/8/25 | Overdrive, Inc. | 1000-000 | 2,883.61 |
| 73019 | 10/8/25 | Oliver Michael Anderson | 1000-000 | 10.00 |
| 73020 | 10/8/25 | Roberta Schake | 1000-000 | 106.75 |
| 73021 | 10/8/25 | SELCO | 1000-000 | 4,570.78 |
| 73022 | 10/8/25 | Hillary Stevens | 1000-000 | 258.30 |
| 73023 | 10/8/25 | Christy Underlee | 1000-000 | 55.65 |
| 73024 | 10/8/25 | Carol Van Brocklin | 1000-000 | 36.40 |

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| eft-10/08/25-1 | 10/8/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1010-000 | 50,000.00 |
| cc-10/09/25-1 | 10/9/25 | Ting | 2010-000 | 17.73 |
| cc-10/09/25-2 | 10/9/25 | Netgate | 2010-000 | 6,542.00 |
| cc-10/09/25-3 | 10/9/25 | Panera Bread | 2010-000 | 689.07 |
| cc-10/11/25-1 | 10/11/25 | Red River Communications | 2010-000 | 46.40 |
| eft-10/12/25-1 | 10/12/25 | BPAS (VEBA contributions) | 1000-000 | 2,523.20 |
| eft-10/12/25-2 | 10/12/25 | WEX - HSA Contributions | 1000-000 | 633.19 |
| eft-10/12/25-3 | 10/12/25 | WEX - HSA Contributions | 1000-000 | 1,198.80 |
| eft-10/13/25-1 | 10/13/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1010-000 | 120,000.00 |
| eft-10/13/25-2 | 10/13/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1000-000 | 70,000.00 |
| eft-10/14/25-1 | 10/14/25 | Allstream | 1000-000 | 159.84 |
| eft-10/14/25-2 | 10/14/25 | Minnesota UI Fund | 1000-000 | 51.52 |
| eft-10/15/25-1 | 10/15/25 | Garden Valley Telephone Company | 1000-000 | 47.24 |
| eft-10/15/25-2 | 10/15/25 | AFLAC | 1000-000 | 353.44 |
| cc-10/15/25-1 | 10/15/25 | Halstad Telephone Company | 2010-000 | 35.72 |
| cc-10/15/25-2 | 10/15/25 | Halstad Telephone Company | 2010-000 | 74.91 |
| eft-10/15/25-1 | 10/15/25 | Rothsay Telephone | 2010-000 | 72.83 |
| eft-10/15/25-3 | 10/15/25 | Federal Income Tax deposit | 1000-000 | 21,416.10 |
| eft-10/15/25-4 | 10/15/25 | Minnesota State Income Tax | 1000-000 | 1,973.00 |
| eft-10/15/25-5 | 10/15/25 | Payroll Professionals, Inc. | 1000-000 | 147.60 |
| eft-10/15/25-6 | 10/15/25 | ING (Deferred Compensation) | 1000-000 | 1,956.51 |
| eft-10/15/25-7 | 10/15/25 | Public Empoyees Retirement Associati | 1000-000 | 13,717.04 |
| eft-10/15/25-8 | 10/15/25 | LARL Payroll | 1005-000 | 72,602.11 |
| 73025 | 10/15/25 | Becky Andres | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 73026 | 10/15/25 | Baker & Taylor | 1000-000 | 63.21 |
| 73028 | 10/15/25 | Black Stone Publishing | 1000-000 | 40.46 |
| 73029 | 10/15/25 | Sheila Capistran | 1000-000 | 72.80 |
| 73030 | 10/15/25 | Barb Davis | 1000-000 | 605.32 |
| 73031 | 10/15/25 | DEMCO | 1000-000 | 664.79 |
| 73032 | 10/15/25 | Farm & Home Publishers, LTD. | 1000-000 | 70.60 |
| 73033 | 10/15/25 | Pam Goebel | 1000-000 | 172.20 |
| 73034 | 10/15/25 | Laura Gullickson | 1000-000 | 95.90 |
| 73035 | 10/15/25 | Jodi Harrington | 1000-000 | 95.90 |

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| 73036 10/15/25 Dorothy Hoover 1000-000 3,718.80 |
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| 73037 10/15/25 Innovative Office Solutions, LLC 1000-000 439.00 |
| 73038 10/15/25 Michelle Johnson 1000-000 147.00 |
| 73039 10/15/25 Callie King 1000-000 95.90 |
| 73040 10/15/25 Julie Malmanger 1000-000 138.95 |
| 73041 10/15/25 Alyssa Manteufel 1000-000 79.10 |
| 73042 10/15/25 Emily McMillan 1000-000 63.00 |
| 73043 10/15/25 Metro Sales, Inc 1000-000 3,409.06 |
| 73044 10/15/25 Amy Nelson 1000-000 46.20 |
| 73045 10/15/25 Kathryn Nevala 1000-000 14.70 |
| 73046 10/15/25 Newman Signs, Inc. 1000-000 300.00 |
| 73047 10/15/25 Asha Osborn 1000-000 59.85 |
| 73048 10/15/25 Overdrive, Inc. 1000-000 3,919.14 |
| 73049 10/15/25 Roberta Schake 1000-000 63.35 |
| 73050 10/15/25 Kelsey Solberg 1000-000 63.00 |
| 73051 10/15/25 Rosella Sparrow 1000-000 46.20 |
| 3052 10/15/25 Emily Spieker 1000-000 315.00 |
| 3053 10/15/25 Christy Underlee 1000-000 32.20 |
| 3054 10/15/25 Carol Van Brocklin 1000-000 36.40 |
| c-10/15/25-3 10/15/25 Pizza Patrol 2010-000 23.86 |
| eft-10/17/25-1 10/17/25 Minnesota Revenue 1000-000 810.00 |
| cc-10/20/25-1 10/20/25 Sticker Mule, LLC 2010-000 405.00 |
| cc-10/21/25-1 10/21/25 Star Tribune 2010-000 731.64 |
| cc-10/21/25-2 10/21/25 PsPrint 2010-000 80.34 |
| eft-10/22/25-1 10/22/25 Mutual of Omaha 1000-000 224.00 |
| 73055 10/22/25 Alliance Courier 1000-000 1,057.70 |
| 73056 10/22/25 Baker & Taylor 1000-000 291.34 |
| 73057 10/22/25 Black Stone Publishing 1000-000 72.98 |
| 73058 10/22/25 The Child's World 1000-000 337.30 |
| 73059 10/22/25 Kathy Dewey 1000-000 97.65 |
| 73060 10/22/25 Darrell Dodge 1000-000 170.00 |
| 73061 10/22/25 Caese Haroldson 1000-000 147.00 |
| 73062 10/22/25 Jodi Harrington 1000-000 90.65 |

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| 73063 | 10/22/25 | The Hawley Herald, Inc. | 1000-000 | 180.00 |
| 73064 | 10/22/25 | Steve Jacobson | 1000-000 | 44.80 |
| 73065 | 10/22/25 | Megan Krueger | 1000-000 | 72.80 |
| 73066 | 10/22/25 | Cindy Lichtsinn | 1000-000 | 63.00 |
| 73067 | 10/22/25 | Liz Lynch | 1000-000 | 207.16 |
| 73068 | 10/22/25 | Marco Technologies, LLC NW7128 | 1000-000 | 134.64 |
| 73069 | 10/22/25 | Minnesota Public Radio | 1000-000 | 260.00 |
| 73070 | 10/22/25 | Darla Moen | 1000-000 | 49.00 |
| 73071 | 10/22/25 | NCPERS Group Life Ins. | 1000-000 | 224.00 |
| 73072 | 10/22/25 | Kathryn Nevala | 1000-000 | 15.40 |
| 73073 | 10/22/25 | Overdrive, Inc. | 1000-000 | 3,446.83 |
| 73074 | 10/22/25 | Prairie Pest Control | 1000-000 | 130.00 |
| 73075 | 10/22/25 | Project : Constellation | 1000-000 | 1,500.00 |
| 73076 | 10/22/25 | Roberta Schake | 1000-000 | 103.95 |
| 73077 | 10/22/25 | Ashley Slininger | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 73078 | 10/22/25 | Emily Spieker | 1000-000 | 379.05 |
| 73079 | 10/22/25 | Mark Titera | 1000-000 | 145.60 |
| 73080 | 10/22/25 | Christy Underlee | 1000-000 | 191.10 |
| 73081 | 10/22/25 | Viking Library System | 1000-000 | 40.00 |
| 73082 | 10/22/25 | Gary Willhite | 1000-000 | 98.00 |
| cc-10/22/25-1 | 10/22/25 | Best Name Badges | 2010-000 | 100.09 |
| cc-10/22/25-2 | 10/22/25 | PsPrint | 2010-000 | -5.87 |
| cc-10/23/25-1 | 10/23/25 | Imprint.com | 2010-000 | 238.00 |
| eft-10/25/25-1 | 10/25/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 197.46 |
| eft-10/25/25-2 | 10/25/25 | Arvig | 1000-000 | 33.66 |
| eft-10/25/25-3 | 10/25/25 | WEX Health, Inc. | 1000-000 | 104.50 |
| eft-10/28/25-1 | 10/28/25 | Sangoma US | 2010-000 | 163.55 |
| cc-10/25/25-1 | 10/28/25 | Adobe | 2010-000 | 37.75 |
| eft-10/28/25-1 | 10/28/25 | WEX - FSA payments | 1000-000 | 54.00 |
| eft-10/29/25-1 | 10/29/25 | WEX - HSA Contributions | 1000-000 | 633.19 |
| 73085 | 10/29/25 | AFSCME PEOPLE | 1000-000 | 34.00 |
| 73086 | 10/29/25 | Baker & Taylor | 1000-000 | 67.29 |
| 73087 | 10/29/25 | Christine Boike | 1000-000 | 294.00 |
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| 73088 | 10/29/25 | CBM LLC Cherry Lake/Sleeping Bear | 1000-000 | 504.20 |
| 73089 | 10/29/25 | Connect Interiors | 1000-000 | 11,619.16 |
| 73090 | 10/29/25 | Jodi Harrington | 1000-000 | 46.90 |
| 73091 | 10/29/25 | Lori Krause | 1000-000 | 31.15 |
| 73092 | 10/29/25 | Megan Krueger | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 73093 | 10/29/25 | Brenda Labine | 1000-000 | 82.60 |
| 73094 | 10/29/25 | Cindy Lichtsinn | 1000-000 | 63.00 |
| 73095 | 10/29/25 | Liz Lynch | 1000-000 | 744.06 |
| 73096 | 10/29/25 | Alyssa Manteufel | 1000-000 | 103.25 |
| 73097 | 10/29/25 | Metropolitan Life Insurance Company | 1000-000 | 1,678.83 |
| 73098 | 10/29/25 | Amy Nelson | 1000-000 | 16.80 |
| 73099 | 10/29/25 | Newman Signs, Inc. | 1000-000 | 300.00 |
| 73100 | 10/29/25 | Overdrive, Inc. | 1000-000 | 4,882.18 |
| 73100a | 10/29/25 | VOID | 1000-000 | |
| 73101 | 10/29/25 | Pioneerland Library System | 1000-000 | 26.00 |
| 73102 | 10/29/25 | Roberta Schake | 1000-000 | 46.20 |
| 73103 | 10/29/25 | Christy Underlee | 1000-000 | 23.45 |
| 73104 | 10/29/25 | Carol Van Brocklin | 1000-000 | 36.40 |
| 73106 | 10/29/25 | Abdo-Spotlight-Magic Wagon | 1000-000 | 3,004.65 |
| 73107 | 10/29/25 | AFSCME Council 65 | 1000-000 | 639.79 |
| eft-10/29/25-1 | 10/29/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1010-000 | 135,000.00 |
| eft-10/29/25-2 | 10/29/25 | Lake Agassiz Regional Library | 1000-000 | 75,000.00 |
| cc-10/29/25-1 | 10/29/25 | FS.com | 2010-000 | 743.80 |
| eft-10/30/25-1 | 10/30/25 | Garden Valley Telephone Company | 1000-000 | 43.74 |
| eft-10/30/25-2 | 10/30/25 | Garden Valley Telephone Company | 1000-000 | 42.55 |
| eft-10/30/25-3 | 10/30/25 | Garden Valley Telephone Company | 1000-000 | 81.40 |
| eft-10/30/25-4 | 10/30/25 | Garden Valley Telephone Company | 1000-000 | 97.28 |
| eft-10/31/25-1 | 10/31/25 | Federal Income Tax deposit | 1000-000 | 21,900.97 |
| eft-10/31/25-2 | 10/31/25 | Minnesota State Income Tax | 1000-000 | 1,985.00 |
| eft-10/31/25-3 | 10/31/25 | Payroll Professionals, Inc. | 1000-000 | 153.00 |
| eft-10/31/25-4 | 10/31/25 | ING (Deferred Compensation) | 1000-000 | 1,964.02 |
| eft-10/31/25-5 | 10/31/25 | Public Empoyees Retirement Associati | 1000-000 | 14,137.37 |
| eft-10/31/25-6 | 10/31/25 | LARL Payroll | 1005-000 | 75,369.46 |
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| cc-10/31/25-1 | 10/31/25 | Meta - Facebook | 2010-000 | 254.50 |
| Total | | | | 863,142.28 |