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How IFLS supports libraries and their communities

We manage MORE, our popular online shared catalog.

Our shared catalog gives all cardholders in our service area access to over 1.4 million items that can be sent to any IFLS library for pickup. Over 30,000 items a week move through our courier system. If you can't find what you need here, our Interlibrary Loan service can locate it for you.

We build capacity.

IFLS develops virtual and in-person educational opportunities for library workers and trustees. In addition to webinars and workshops that we develop in-house, we also collaborate widely to expand the scope of what we offer to our libraries. Our website organizes webinars, workshops, technical briefs, and a wide range of other resources to be easy to find.

We collaborate to provide cost-effective technology services.

Our communities depend on library infrastructure, and we're committed to improving and protecting that investment. Appropriate technology and timely support adds value for our users and improves workflow for our library staff. Most of our libraries opt into shared website services that ensures functional and accessible library websites.

We show up for our libraries.

We consult on all aspects of library operations and services. including technology support, building projects, programming, youth and adult services, Interlibrary Loan, circulation, trustee development, and more. Our busy HelpDesk makes sure that requests go to the right staff and are answered quickly.

Libraries are infrastructure¹, and provide access to information and technology, support literacy, and drive local economies and civic engagement.

We partner with our network of amazing libraries to provide outstanding, engaged and inclusive services that contribute to informed, connected and literate communities. Our mission is to inspire and facilitate library success by providing member libraries with the tools to serve, empower and lead their communities.

1-<https://attwoam.medium.com/why-libraries-still-make-economic-sense-in-2025-even-if-you-never-use-one-994928cbe79e>



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IFLS Library System staff is living up to their vision statement: to inspire and facilitate library success by providing member libraries with the tools to serve, empower and lead their communities. They do an exemplary job of this by providing knowledgeable, kind, compassionate staff, great resources timely continuing ed opportunities and support in literally every aspect of the community library, from facility accessibility, construction and improvement to technology, legislation our collections and everything in between. The result is confident library staff who can serve and engage communities and the individuals who make up those communities. - *Cameron Public Library*

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Every year we ask people in our library communities to share how their library helps them, their friends and family, or their community. We hear from people of all ages; lifelong library users and those new to libraries; people who have just moved here or whose families have lived here for generations.

Here are the more than 300 responses we got this year. Happy reading!

Altoona Public Library

I attend Faith Lutheran Mission Church in Eau Claire, and one of the members named, Joann is in her late 80's, and she can barely see and has a hard time hearing but LOVES to read. I also love to read, and it broke my heart that Joann isn't able to pick up a book and read it anymore as she cannot see, and her eyesight is deteriorating by the day. So, I had the idea to go to the Altoona Library and see if they had any CD players to check out and to get some books on CDs for Joann to listen to. When I went there, the librarian was so very helpful, and she explained that they didn't have a CD player to rent out and instead did some research for me while I was there to locate a reasonably priced CD player that I could purchase.

Then I gave the librarian the list of genres that Joann liked to read about, and she picked out about 5 books on CD for me to check out and picked out 2 of them that Joann could keep.

I was so pleased with the kindness and help that I received at the library and Joann was blown away and so thankful to be able to listen to books. *Melissa Nelson, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Bruce. I am fully convinced that the Altoona Public Library is the best library of all time!!! The staff at this library are extremely friendly and helpful. The staff make a dedicated effort to get to know those who visit this library. You can tell that the staff are passionate about working there and offering programs that serve the needs of the community. The programming at this library is educational, fun, and fantastic! Shoutout to Bruce for giving the BEST science fiction book recommendations!

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My favorite librarian: Martha. Martha and the other librarians are so helpful and kind. *Chris, community member*

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The local library was the only way to economically share my love of reading with my children when they were young. We borrowed lots and lots and LOTS of books (and ebooks) and my kids have had a much easier time in school because of that. Ebooks allowed them to hear the words being pronounced by someone else, and physical books forced them to slow down and use more brainpower and attention. **Both forms of reading have furthered their vocabulary and thinking processes, transferring to other skills in school and life.**

As an adult I can explore authors I don't know as well -- I don't have the money to spend on a whim for new authors. If I fall in love with an author that I revisit a lot, I'll go buy those copies for myself, but the library allows me to explore.

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My daughter and I attended a lefse-making demonstration because she's missed her grandma's since she passed. We were absolutely thrilled to learn we could check out an entire lefse-making kit from the library of things! She checked it out, took it to her dad's,

and they rekindled the tradition. It was a beautiful time.

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I enjoy coming to our little library because it's quiet so I can read and they have fun things to play with. *Evelyn, community member*

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Moved here from Mass this summer and the library has given me many resources since moving! *Lyn, community member*

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Thanks to public libraries I have a choice of any book I choose to read for no cost to me. Stop banning books. If someone does not agree with the subject, they do not need to read it.


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It has a fun play area and lots of fun books! We love coming to story time! *Emma, Emily and Kiah, community members*

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Library staff are always very helpful when looking for specific books or needing recommendations. *Wyatt, community member*

Amery Area Public Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!  *Dana, business or organizational partner*

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My family loves the Amery Library! This library is particularly beloved by my kids because the craft space is always available for use, and the play area has a puppet stage. I love the available art supplies and that the play area has a door that kids can't open. My mom

friends and I feel comfortable coming here with our children and knowing that our toddlers are secure. We often meet up here for play dates. My reading averse tween even loves it here. They have the most extensive manga book collection in the area. We love this library! *Megan C, community member*

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My 4th grader would only read comic books. A librarian helped find a chapter book that sparked his interest and now my son loves reading chapter books.

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I love my library because I love stories.

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I love my library because I love to read and libraries are fun!

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I love my library because it keeps me in touch with many different types of people in my community, it connects me with resources (language-learning, free entertainment, community organizations), and it helps me keep learning and growing as an adult.

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I love my library because libraries are rad!

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My favorite librarian: Miss Emma. I love my library because Miss Emma and librarians.

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I love my library because it offers more than just books! I also like the feeling that the staff gives like family, not strangers.

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I love my library because it's a fun, safe, and educational place to bring my grandbabies.

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I love my library because I love books *Hazel, community member*

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I love my library because they do so many different activities for all ages. It's a beautiful library to hang out at the library.

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I love my library because it is nice and quiet.

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I love my library because everyone is welcome.

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I love my library because of the **3D printer**, of course! And it's so easy to find the books I want! Explorer Academy, Prince Warriors, etc.! And I love the Librarians! *Emma L., community member*

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I love my library because they have my favorite book genres!

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I love my library because it feels like home.

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My favorite librarian: Miss Emma. I love my library because the staff is amazing! Miss Emma is so great with the kids and then is also a wonderful friend and helper for all!

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I love my library because I don't own a **printer**, so I use the one at the library for free!

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I love my library because I love to read and there are nice people.


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I love my library because anyone and everyone can benefit for using it!

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Happy Valentine Amery Library!

Baldwin Public Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!! 
Dana, business or organizational partner

Balsam Lake Public Library

My favorite librarian: Sam and his summer reading programs. My Grandchildren and I loved summer reading programs like Fawn-Doe-Rosa Wildlife Educational Park, at our Pine Park, here in Balsam Lake. This was wonderful for our community. The children got a chance to see animals up close and actually touch or hold the animals. Keep up the cool programs! I support you. *Jessee Mattocks, community member*

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My favorite librarian: Sam. I love the Books and Brews book club that I joined last year at a local brewery sponsored by the library. I have met a very diverse group of people and enjoy the lively conversation that we have every month. The book club has actually gotten me out of my regular genres of books and into some very interesting reads. Love it! *Missy Meyers, community member, Book club attendee*

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My favorite librarian: Sam Linder. My family has loved this library for years! They have

more activities and events than any other area library and we especially love their summer programming. This past year they seemed to increase the number of adult events available, which I've personally enjoyed. They also added youth librarian Sam to the team in the past couple of years and he has had a huge impact.

My tween in particular has been positively affected. Over the past year she has developed a close friend group through the library who come together weekly. I've seen her social confidence and joy soar.

As a family, we love to come to the library to play. I've often verbalized my love for the organization in the children's section. We can always find wonderful books about just what we're looking for. My middle child loves to come and put together puzzles and play games.

This location is beloved by the community, and we regularly schedule meetups here with other families. *Megan C, community member*

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Our family is very grateful for the Balsam Lake Library and especially for Sam! Their events are so creative, inspiring, and fun! My daughter used to be extremely shy and reserved. She really found her voice and came out of her shell playing Dungeons and Dragons with Sam! He also does 'forest school' activities called Wildwood Labs. At all these events my homeschooled kids finally connected and made lasting friendships. They have really blossomed this last year since Sam started working there. Balsam Lake Library is a safe, friendly, inviting space bringing our community together! Our days there are the highlight of our week! *Katie, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Sam. Balsam Lake is where me and my sister first met our circle of friends, when we started playing D&D there,

around a year ago, and me and my sister still go there to today. Sam is really a amazing librarian, he's really nice and takes so much time to make everyone's day better, and ever since going there, even since the first day my sister became more outspoken and less shy. Wildwood Labs is also amazing, I'm sure Sam puts a lot of time making something new for everyone to enjoy, every other week. And Chess Club inspires so many people to improve and get better. I've seen so many people find joy in what he does for people, so **thank you**, Balsam Lake library. *Asher, community member*

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I love Balsam Lake Library! It's the only library I feel comfortable going to. Everyone is really nice and they don't tell us to be quiet. Sam is my favorite librarian. He is kind of like a big kid! He laughs a lot and makes everything fun. He teaches us lots of interesting things at Wildwood Labs. My favorite is Dungeons and Dragons where I met all my friends. *Zaia, community member*

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We've been going to the Balsam Lake library for about a year now. The librarian, Sam, is absolutely fantastic! He has planned a variety of amazing experiences for the kids, including snow tubing, a mini renaissance fair, and an escape room. He also regularly runs cool activities like Story Time for kids, Chess Club, and our favorite, Dungeons and Dragons!

Sam, and the Balsam Lake Library, have really brought the local community together, and helped the kids connect with other children in the area.

Thank you! *SV, community member*

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A year ago, I had basically no friends after completely losing all my old friends. But on February 14, 2025, I joined a Dungeons and Dragons group run by Sam at the Balsam Lake

Library. Long story short, eventually everyone in the group ended up becoming the greatest community I've ever been a part of, and I met some of the best friends I've ever had. None of us ever would have met if it weren't for the library. The Balsam Lake Library really helped bring together our amazing friend group, and I truly don't know where I would be without it!

I also really want to thank Sam. He is truly amazing and runs lots of absolutely fantastic activities through the library such as snow-tubing, a mini ren-fair, chess club, an escape room, a group called "Wildwood Labs", and, of course, Dungeons and Dragons. **Thank you** so much, Balsam Lake Library, and especially **thank you**, Sam! <3

Barron Public Library

I'm on a pretty tight budget, but I drive through Barron every day on my way to work, and the MORE system makes it so easy to transfer things to this library. Last time I stopped in they were having a video game tournament for the youngsters. They are always friendly and helpful. I love my library and use it often. *Elise Kallenbach, community member*

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When I'm stressed and need some time to myself, I go to the library. The time spent browsing titles provides a level of calm that can be much needed. Especially in today's world, the library is absolutely essential for our well-being.

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Barron Public Library staff are awesome! They are so helpful and friendly. They always greet you with a smile and many times ask about my day and spend a minute or two talking with me. Staff are also great at locating an item if I cannot find it in the online catalog. I am so grateful for the Barron Public Library, and all the libraries in Barron County.

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After I moved here from Germany, I was happy to have a place in town to go to with my 2yo daughter. We quickly learned how lovely and welcoming the staff is. They often helped me print papers for my green card process, and they are always open for a little chat and exchange of thoughts and ideas. We often attend story time and all the fun events hosted by the library; I am always amazed about how much love and effort they pour into every event. You can feel the determination they have. On many days we just spent our afternoon there. The library is a huge part of why me and my daughter started to feel home in Barron. It's a safe space for families and I am thankful it exists! Every single staff member welcomed us with open arms and hearts. As soon as I mention to go to the library my daughter's eyes spark and she can't wait to be there with the "nice ladies and toys and books". The library is more than a place for books; it's a place where lifelong passions are born, where creativity sparks and people feel community. We hope temperatures get warmer soon, so we can go on another walk to the library.

Thank you, Barron Public Library! *Mina Valadez, community member*

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I grew up loving the library. I looked forward to the summer reading program when school was out. It was a place to meet friends and participate in library sponsored activities. When my children were young, I introduced them to the library. As a senior citizen, the library is still important to me. I love listening to audiobooks and that need is filled by the Barron Public Library and IFLS - for FREE. I also love the variety of programs offered - lunchtime music concerts, murder mystery gatherings, weekly crafting afternoons, movie talks, and occasional classic movie showings. More than 50 years later I can still participate in the summer reading program 

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Our public library is a great benefit to our community. It's a safe place to go and explore, read, and learn. The staff are always friendly and coming up with interesting and relevant programs to help keep kids engaged in learning and reading such as Lego club, teen book club, movie night, bingo nights, summer reading programs, and making a hot chocolate bomb. The list could go on and on. The library also gives adults an opportunity to explore culture and learn new things through sack lunch music days, knitting club, author reads, murder mysteries, puzzle tournaments, escape rooms, agriculture day, movie discussions, and many other programs. I'm so thankful we have a library in our community, and that people have the opportunity to look for a good book and fall in love with reading, or for those that may not have **internet access** a chance to do **homework or research** something online. I think our community would be at a great disadvantage if our library was to ever stop being funded or ceased to exist.

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My favorite librarian: Justina Smyth. The Barron library does so many wonderful events for the whole community. Justina does a terrific job organizing and running these events

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I love the Barron Public Library! It is a wonderful place for all ages to come in and enjoy books, down time, and just to be. They have a wonderful Summer Reading Program not to mention all the other programs they put on for the community.

If you haven't visited the small local rural libraries, you should. They try so hard to give back to the community.

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We've always been met with patience and a smile- Our librarians are very creative in their

activities for the public and interior decorating! They always go the extra mile in helpfulness.

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My favorite librarian: Susan Christianson. The Barron Public Library has been a part of my life for many years! Being able to check out & return books has saved me thousands of dollars due to the fact that I LOVE to read.

I also enjoy attending the Stitching Hour on Wednesday & have made new friends while attending.

Since Susan has arrived as Director, the atmosphere has become more inviting, relaxed & friendly!! *Jennifer Cox, community member*

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When we first met, I knew this was the beginning of something special. Books to touch my heart and soul and feed my mind. May our relationship deepen as we grow together on our life's journey! (A valentine to my favorite library and staff.) *Ann B., community member*

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Almost 20 years ago, I would go to the Barron Public Library with my Grandma and play checkers, browse and check out books, and pick out a movie for the family to watch. Every time I would visit my grandparents, I would ask to go to the library. I loved spending time there! *a HAPL librarian*

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The Barron Public Library has been one of my favorite places since I moved here many years ago. I am an avid reader of many genres & appreciate the variety available at my library.

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The Barron Public Library is my favorite "Store" to shop. I order books from the library website, and I come and pick up my

books and return the ones that I have read. I always read the books that are due in 14 days as I know others are waiting for them. It is hard for me to get books from the bottom 2 shelves in the library. I order the coming soon books as I read favorite authors, so i have already read most of their books.

My daughter bought me a Kindle for me and Justina helped me set it up, but I gave it all back to my daughter as I like to hold the book that I am reading. I have a Hotmail account and I use it at the library as I don't have a **computer** and I don't want one. If you need to print something, the librarians on duty help me as it is too hard for me to do myself. It is \$.10 per copy, and I always give the library extra to help someone else. I use a walker or a cane so if it is really slippery out, they bring the books out to me and take in the ones that I have read. I try to read a book every day as I retired to read and that is what I do and I enjoy it. *Gladys Birkholz, community member, Library Patron*

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This library provides events that benefit all ages and walks of life. It doesn't just involve the city of Barron but a very large surrounding area. It's the best in the county! And they really try to get children interested in reading again. A hard task to master! I love the Barron Library! It's bright and clean. The librarians are ever so courteous and helpful and quite aware of what's happening in the "bookworld".

I'm almost 80 years of age, (no old allowed here) and books have always been my friends. From the baby books my Dad read to me to the encyclopedias of the door-to-door salesmen era. I bought them! What entertainment! What information! What enjoyment!

My world would be very small without the library and the books I read. To sit down with my coffee, the cat (there's been many), and a good book can get me lost in another world-

places I'll never see and some I wouldn't want to, and imagination takes over. The people I meet! **Thank you**, library, for being there. Please stay and remain my friend. *Maggie Knight, community member*

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I've worked at BNPLfor almost 2 years. It's by far one of the best jobs I've ever had. Many of our librarians go above and beyond to do whatever they can to keep our patrons happy. Whether that means helping with printing, scanning, helping them on the **Computer**, and so forth.

Another thing I thoroughly enjoy is being able to have one-on-one time with the kids when they come walking in the very front door. To be able to engage with them is truly amazing.

The gal who does ALL of our event planning does an excellent job. I love how some of the board members are always willing to jump in to offer a hand after an event, helping takeout the garbage pr whatever needs to be done, and of course our patrons. Without them we wouldn't have jobs. The patrons are what keeps our libraries alive. Some check out one book, others check out 20.

Support your local libraries!! *Cathy Erickson, library staff*

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The Barron Library hosted an event to spread the word about the new Pioneer Village Museum Welcome Center. They laid out refreshments and beverages for everyone to share. The provided a projector & audio for a presentation. It was a lovely evening spending time with the community. Public spaces like these are so important in our world today. I'm grateful for all the library offers to our town.

Bloomer - G.E. Bleskacek Family Memorial Library

We visit our local library (Bloomer) weekly. My young kids know it is a safe, fun, and welcoming space. Everyone is so friendly and kind. You can tell all the staff care about the library and the impact it has on the community. Not only does it provide us with books-a-plenty, but also fun contests, engaging programs, and a warm, welcoming escape during the drab of winter. **The library is truly one of the main reasons we stay in this community.** Thanks for all you do Bloomer librarians!!

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My family moved to Bloomer in 1998. At that time, the library provided me with a connection to the community as well as providing excellent books. My young children enjoyed learning, celebrating the seasons and meeting new friends.

Shortly after moving here, I resumed a teaching career. I learned that the library did and continues to provide a strong home, school, and library connection. It offers opportunities for underserved families to participate in fun and educational opportunities. It offers them access to **internet** and most importantly, quality literature for the whole family.

Fast forward to today, I use the library for my personal reading, both for pleasure and informative topics. The current director does an amazing job bringing in presentations on varied topics. There is something to appeal to everyone and all ages!

Although I have used the library for a lifetime, the one thing that has remained consistent is that the employees truly love books and their job. They are always willing to help with any questions. I now bring my grandchildren when

they are visiting. Though they live in cities with libraries 4 times the size of ours, they always ask to go, love to choose books and participate in programs.

Bloomer library is an integral part of our community! *Cathy Salm, community member*

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I have been going to the Bloomer Library since my mother would take me when I was a small child. We were poor and the library was one place we could go outside of the house to have fun for free, which was a rarity to us. The summer programs were something I always looked forward to and now it feels almost like a second home as I bring my own child to the library for story time.

Cadott Community Library

Thank you! *Billie White, business or organizational partner*

Chetek - Calhoun Memorial Library

My favorite librarian: Emily. Our Chetek library is one special place. My family attends story time weekly. Our fearless storyteller Emily does an amazing job with the kids, keeping everyone engaged and having fun! We also appreciate her helping find new books for us whenever we want to explore a new topic!

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I love the Chetek library! It is such a fun and friendly place to visit. Library staff are always quick to greet me and ask how they may help me. **Besides stopping in for books and movies, I have made copies, faxed and scanned documents, and if I have a question, someone is always available to help.** The Chetek library has also fun, new programs, like the Try it Club, Technology Tutoring and

its Lit Happens Book Club. How lucky Chetek is to have such a great library, especially in a town its size. I visit the library every opportunity I get and I urge the Chetek community to do the same. **It really is a gem.**

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LOVE Calhoun Memorial Library in Chetek! All the librarians are exceptionally nice and very helpful!

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I Love our librarians. They are always pleasant, treating patrons like the neighbors they are. And so helpful.

Often, I have had someone suggest a new book or movie because they pay attention to my requests and actually listen when we have conversations. They are respectful. They are a very special group of people quietly supporting their community six days a week. I am grateful.

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I borrow many audio books and ebooks from the library each year but have not physically stepped foot into the library in a long time. This service is important to me as I work long hours, care for others, and don't have time to get to the library. Reading and listening to books is my 'self-care' time. **Thank you** for this service and making it accessible for me 24/7!

Chippewa Falls Public Library

Everyone is friendly and helpful. The library is FREE. It provides books, resources, **computers**, and items to check out and try. Programming provides education and entertainment for all ages. It's my home away from home. *Connie Russell, community member, past library Trustee, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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With DVDs, books and ebooks this library system enriches my life continually, and it does so without a charge. I also benefit from database access that I otherwise wouldn't have. Ben Franklin's idea was brilliant, and the MORE Libraries Consortium in Western Wisconsin is a great realization of that idea. I can't imagine how much American life would suffer without libraries (or even with underfunded libraries). *Scott, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Krister. Our librarians are always so helpful. Krister has helped me find books, use the online system, use various technologies at the Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire libraries, utilize the seed library, and taught me about Library of Things! There is great programming at both of my local libraries—on organ donation, foraging mushrooms and other Spring edibles, first aid, mental first aid, Stop the Bleed, and many others! (Death Cafes!) I so appreciate our librarians and their efforts in our communities. *Dani Higley, community member*

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Our family wishes to express our gratitude for all you do for us and our community each and every day. Our lives are enriched by the many worlds we get to experience in the books, movies, and even video games we have access to through your warm and welcoming institution. **Thank you** for your patience and approachability. **The Library is our favorite thing about our town.** *Clint, Betsy, Duncan and Loki, community members*

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I appreciate all the staff members at the Chippewa Falls Public Library. They are always helpful. This is such a great resource for my 11-year-old daughter, who LOVES to read. This is a very economical way to fuel her passion. I would go broke if I had to buy the

200 books she reads in a year!! I appreciate you all!! **Thank you** for what you do.

I also appreciate having a quiet space to work while she enjoys "shopping" through all the books. *Cindy, community member*

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The library is indispensable for my family and I. It has afforded us a treasure trove of media be it books, movies, or video games that we all enjoy. On cold or rainy days, it is also a great place to take my younger kids to play. It's a safe place for my oldest to come hang out with friends after school. One time I needed a meeting room to conduct a job interview and the library graciously accommodated me as well. Of course, **the MORE system and Libby have opened up so much for us as well.** I can't stress this enough. I'm a huge fan of the library. *Daniel Baker, community member*

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As a little girl I remember my first trip to the library at the encouragement of a teacher. It opened the door to almost 70 years of many expanding services, which I still utilize.

I do not have a **computer** at home but have utilized the system, with the assistance of staff. When I retired, I took the Master Gardeners class via Chippewa County Ag Agent. It required weekly readings that I did at the library.

In retirement I read a lot: **the interlibrary loan program allows me access to reading materials I otherwise would not be able to enjoy.**

I have also attended numerous classes held at the library. Examples: "How to Write an Obit" and recently "Organ Donation." Very beneficial knowledge!

I THANK the staff and community for our library.

I almost forgot:

A few years ago, a group of crocheting/sewing ladies utilized a room at the library. My dog had chewed a hole in a very nice scarf. The ladies mended the scarf during their weekly "get-togethers."

Love is strong word, but I sure "Like" the library. *Emily Bowe, community member*

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The Chippewa Falls Public Library has always been a spot I know I can count on for resources and events. When I was younger, I loved checking out library books and movies, as well as attending special events like story-times and educational classes.

My family didn't always have a lot of "fun money" for myself and my siblings, so it was special to have access to everything the library provided.

As an adult, I still appreciate having access to so many books and resources. In fact, I always head to the library if I need something printed. It's just much more convenient to head over to the library for the one or two items I need to print, rather than wasting money and space on a personal **printer**.

The library provides a much-needed space for myself and others to enjoy year-round! **Thank you**, CFPL <3 !

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I have been coming to the Chippewa Falls Library since 1980. My children and grandchildren have participated in their Story Time programs since the mid 1980s to now. The kids all love coming here to spend time in the children's section and picking out books. The library is a wonderful place for resources to help with a variety of issues. We check out movies also, besides books. *Sue Boettcher, community member*

As a relatively new member to the Chippewa Falls library, I'm thrilled to discover the wealth of resources at my fingertips, and the

Wisconsin library system's music has been a game changer for me, thanks to the staff's expert guidance and support. **A++ in my view!**
Robert Boettcher, community member

Chippewa Valley Technical College Library

Note: Chippewa Valley Technical College is a member of the MORE consortium of libraries, and their academic library is open to the public. This is the first year we've included their stories!

As a teacher, my students and I access news and scholarly research that otherwise would be prohibitive to use in the classroom and for research projects. Having access to these resources makes for a richer discussion of the concepts being taught and connects it to the real world in a way that would be possible without free access for students.

In addition, I am able to access resources that help me to become a better teacher, from the latest educational research to guides and books on how to improve classroom interactions, design lessons for long term retention, and help students gather larger lessons on critical thinking that will help them not just in the classroom, but in their future lives.

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My students love spending time in our CVTC library. I teach adult ELL so many of my students are amazed that the resources and study space are free to the public, including them! Having a safe and cozy spot to read, meet with a tutor, practice **computer** skills, read books, and MORE is a privilege and one that I'm proud we hold in our city, state, and country. Libraries are a safe haven to learn!
Alyssa Hedenstrom, business or organizational partner, community member

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I LOVE the CVTC library!! The staff is always friendly and helpful. I work at CVTC, so this library is extremely convenient for all of my book needs. I appreciate this library and all who work here!!!

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A few months ago, I sustained a serious injury and was told to limit screen time. Thankfully, someone reminded me of the app called Libby, which allows users to check out books using their local library credentials. I found and listened to over 10 audiobooks in a month, all thanks to resources supported by my local libraries, specifically the CVTC and Phillips libraries. This past year, I broke my record of books read in a year with over 20!

Additionally, the MORE system has enabled us to borrow movies, TV shows, and books of interest from other libraries in our area. It's been so helpful that, for a time, we didn't have streaming services! This is not to mention the numerous programs that both libraries offer community members. **Thank you** to both libraries for supporting community members like me!

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Having access to libraries is incredibly important! I help run the CVTC Wellness Book Club, and we strongly encourage our members to rent their books from the library system. When researching our topics, we always use the library system to make sure our options are easily accessible for every member.

Outside of work, my husband takes our two daughters to the library every week, and it's always a highlight of their week! We love seeing their love of books grow every week!

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The library has been such a cornerstone of my community. The CVTC librarians are always ready to answer research questions,

provide an awesome place to study, and they have an amazing collection of books, games, and entertainment when I just need a break from studying. I appreciate this space so much!

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I appreciate all the staff at the Chippewa Valley Technical College Library. I love the ability to drop off books at this location or any other location, regardless of where the book(s) were checked out. This is AMAZING!

I love the unique items you have available for checking out, such as games, puzzles, projects, etc.! You also change up the items you have, so it is not always the same material. Your library is a very economical way to enjoy different things and to keep us coming back.

I appreciate you all!! **Thank you** for what you do and the services you offer. *Cindy, community member*

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My family and I are not wealthy. The library has been an invaluable service for when I've needed to print a couple of things sometimes. Staff are also always so friendly, helpful, and go the extra mile even when it's not necessary. **I also appreciate libraries for being spaces you can exist in without having to pay a fee/ be a customer or get out - third spaces, if you will.** *J.D., community member*

Colfax Public Library

Jolene is so wonderful with the children! She has an absolutely fantastic Storytime program for the kids, and summer reading program. All of the kids love her. She is such an asset to the library. All of the other librarians at Colfax are wonderful too!

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My favorite librarians are Jolene, Jess, and Lisa. **The Colfax public library is a place of**

community. When you walk in, you are greeted with a welcoming smile and helpful attitude. No matter what resource you are looking for, the librarians take time to help you. If they don't have the material, they help put in a request via library loan. They nurture a love of reading in children and welcome them with open arms. They take time to assist elderly patrons with technology barriers. The community is better because of the library and the librarians.

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We love the library. All the librarians are so great at helping us find books we need for our school projects and other fun activities.

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Colfax Library is a cozy warm space where young and old minds can go, and it feels like home. When I was a child, it was where to go to find the resources for your school reports. Now with technology a lot of this information can be found at your fingertips. Colfax library still draws in young and old. It has many programs for all ages and is truly welcoming to all. Activities such as Children's story time, and much more. Adult reading clubs and crafts. Though times have changed, our wonderful Library staff keeps us coming back for so much more. *Nan Wallace, community member*

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Love our library! Jolene is great with the kids!!

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Before I began working for the Village, **I didn't fully realize just how central the Colfax Public Library is to our community.** It didn't take long for that to change. One of the first things that struck me was the constant flow of people coming through its doors. The library is truly alive—welcoming residents of all ages throughout the day, from young children discovering the joy of books and programs, to

adults and seniors finding connection, resources, and a quiet place to belong.

What stands out most to me is the sense of joy that fills the library. Children laughing during programs, families spending time together, and individuals finding comfort or inspiration in its spaces all reflect the important role the library plays in everyday life in Colfax. It is more than a building filled with books; it is a place where curiosity is encouraged, relationships are formed, and **community is strengthened**.

I am continually impressed by how the Colfax Public Library goes beyond traditional library services to meet the needs of our residents. A powerful example of this is the food pantry the library operates—run entirely through donations and community support. This effort speaks volumes about the library’s heart and its commitment to caring for neighbors in meaningful, tangible ways. It demonstrates that the library sees itself not just as a resource, but as a partner in the well-being of the entire community.

The Colfax Public Library embodies what a community institution should be: welcoming, inclusive, compassionate, and responsive. Seeing the positive impact it has on people of all ages is truly heartwarming, and it makes me proud to be part of a village that values and supports such an extraordinary place.
Julie Mitchell, local government and community member

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Colfax library does so much more than just for books. It truly helps the community.

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The help I've received from the Colfax Library is unbelievable. Finding books, information off the **internet**, technical questions about software programs, what's going on in town, you name it. They've got or know where to find the answers.

Cornell Public Library

My favorite librarian is Denise. The love for our little Library is very strong. I recently moved to Cornell in November 2025 as a new mom with a toddler and a baby due soon. I started attending the rural play-and-learn events that were held biweekly and ran into other moms in the area. When that program lost funding, we decided to continue meeting up together and formed our own Mom’s club that has been a pivotal resource in our community.

Denise from the Cornell library still continues weekly to come and read books to the kids and brings them coloring pages and sing stories on her own Free time. The little library in Cornell has a very special place in our hearts! Even though the library is lacking on space, it’s still one of our favorite places to go when the weather is not ideal.
Miranda Buckli, community member

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My favorite librarian is Denise Korenuk. Denise is the director at the Cornell Public Library and she is just absolute sunshine and joy. She loves her job, that's so obvious, and serves the patrons so well.

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I love our little library! They offer so many amazing programs. The kids love the craft cart they have now. They loved the petting zoo they brought in for a couple hours. I live close so I can hear the music in the summer and that is always a great time. They host some play groups when they can. We definitely need a bigger library.

All the staff in Cornell are amazing! They are very helpful whenever you need them. I just love using the library. I don't have to buy movies; I can just go to the library and borrow them. I also love that you can request something from other libraries in the system and the great librarians are very helpful with

that if you can't find what you are looking for. The kids love picking out movies and books. I also love that they have the audio book app. I can't read regular big long books but I love to listen to them. *Brandy, community member*

Cumberland - Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

I stopped by the library with my two sons while my daughter was taking her dance classes next door. We had so much fun while staying warm! One week, my older son was able to get his **homework done, connecting to the wifi**. Another time, the boys played on the Switch 2! There are so many activities for kids to do that **I wish we had started coming sooner. Everyone is so welcoming and friendly!**

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This library is so beautiful and has such a magical atmosphere. My children's imaginations take off as soon as we arrive. There is an abundance of events offered. **We particularly love the summer program.** *Megan, community member*

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Thank you for your continued support to Wisconsin's community libraries! The Thomas St. Angelo Library (located in rural Cumberland, Wisconsin) is the heart of the community: **a gathering place where people of all ages and all backgrounds come together to enjoy each other's company during programs and to gain access to resources and information at no expense.**

The library is more than warehouse of materials; the staff is often assisting its patrons with technology (tablets, smart phones, and a variety of software), scanning and faxing documents, printing off tax forms and shipping labels, helping patrons find reading and

viewing materials, and hosting a variety of programs (author presentations, youth story time, home schooling educational activities, Mah Jong & chess clubs, craft and makerspace activities, ukulele lessons and music concert/ events).

Young parents often thank the staff for providing free youth educational and engaging programs as they are living on an extremely tight budget.

Adult patrons thank the staff for selecting books which are interesting reads and allows them to save money on checking out items rather than having to purchase them in store.

Thank you, Legislators! You are supporting a place where people of all ages and all backgrounds can come together to support each other, be entertained, and gain additional knowledge. *community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member, business or organizational partner*

Dresser - Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library

My favorite librarians are LeAnn French and Mark. I am a preschool teacher and had been spending hours on Saturday morning trying to track down books that fit my theme of the week. One Saturday morning, I ran out of time to do the research and was passing through Dresser, so I stopped at the Dresser Public Library. I was greeted with a, "How can I help you?" when I walked in the door, and left with more than I needed.

Ever since then, I have made the Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library, my library. The librarian pops right out of his/her chair and is eager to help me. He/she also checks the database and is more than willing to find me additional books from other MORE libraries. They use my first name when they talk to me and our conversations are genuine. The

Dresser Public Library might be a small library, but it has won over my heart! **Thank you** to its dedicated librarians. *NH, Osceola community member*

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Leann French, Librarian at the Dresser Library has been so helpful to me. Prior to my having back surgery almost 2 years ago, Leann helped me by sending me information and showing me where to find information for the type of surgery they wanted to do. This allowed me to make the decision to have the surgery.

She also knows the type of reading I do and will make suggestions that always keep me entertained.

I have read over 530 books since I moved back to Dresser in 2014. I am a 76-year-old woman whose hobbies include reading. I love how I can go on the library website, look for the type of books I want, whether they are at my location or elsewhere. I select the books, and they are either at Dresser or they come delivered and I am able to walk to the library to pick up.

I'm always met with a smile and a helping hand if needed. **Having a library in this little town of 900+ people that is open 6 days a week to pick up or stop in and find what will keep me occupied, has been a blessing for me.**

Our community doesn't have much to offer since it is so small. As a child that grew up in this town, I remember a grocery store, a hardware store, and several businesses on Main Street. Now...what I see is JUST the library! This library knows its clientele because they are small and tend to be more helpful than going to a larger library. This library even delivers to customers unable to get to the library (ie: nursing homes, etc). I love this little library!!! *Karen Andri, community member*

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I love access to a **printer**, and the librarians are always nice and very helpful! *Grace, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Leann French. The Dresser Library is my favorite public place in our little village. It's filled with interesting novels and non-fiction books and because it's connected to the MORE system, I have access to almost any book I'm curious about. The staff is always friendly and welcoming. I would like to single out the head librarian, Leann, who is knowledgeable about the books in this library and beyond. You can tell she's a reader herself! She's learned my taste in novels and often recommends some I might enjoy. My husband and I have also checked out many DVDs. I like the cozy children's section and the activities she has designed just for kids. It's important to get children interested in books and reading early on to ensure a lifetime of reading. It's a wonderful place! *Ruth, community member*

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I like getting books for free since money is tight. I like vegan cookbooks and cleaning books. I also like the DVDs. **There is no judgement. Everyone is welcomed.** The staff is very friendly. If they don't have a book, they will order it if you request it. It is a great source of information. *Paula, community member*

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Since we discovered the library in Dresser (roughly a year after moving here), it has become one of our favorite family to-dos. When my daughter was younger, she loved story time and the craft (she's too old for story time now) but, with the addition of the craft cart, we cannot visit the library without her using it.

We always come away with a pile of stories that have **helped my daughter excel at**

reading and spark her interest in learning new things.

In the summertime, when the weather is nice, walking my daughter to the library is my favorite way to get exercise as it is time I get to spend with her. I love that the library is there for us. *Chulsea, community member*

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My favorite librarians are Leann, Linda, and Mark. I appreciate the staff at the Dresser library. They are friendly, helpful, and patient. I find having a local library close to our home makes checking out books accessible and easier to visit multiple times a week. Though not large in size, the Dresser library has a good variety of books. I have checked out many books from this library, the MORE system, and have used **computers** and **printers** there as well. Lastly, I don't have small children, but the kids' area looks really welcoming for little ones beginning to read.

Durand Community Library

My favorite librarian is Lori Gilles. I first fell in love with the public library nearly 60 years ago. Back then, we only lived a few blocks from the library, and my brothers and I were allowed to ride our bikes there. I will always remember the coolness in the summertime, the child-sized tables and chairs, and our kind and supportive librarian with the white hair. As I grew older, I gravitated to all of the Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, and Little House books, along with many others. Our librarians would help us find newspapers, magazines, and books when we were doing research for school papers. I will always be in awe of how they could bring stacks of information to your table long before microfiche was common!

Many years later, my teenage daughter worked at the library in the evenings and summers when it became attached to the middle and high school in our town. As an avid reader

herself, she reintroduced me to the treasures that could be checked out for FREE instead of purchased!

Upon retirement a few years ago, I once again started visiting our library! Our librarian, Lori Gilles, along with all of her dedicated assistants, are so helpful and kind! I joined our library book club! Often our library hosts authors, crafts, and many activities for kids and adults alike! My grandkids have built marble runs, made slime, held insects, and played in the children's section full of books and toys for kids! They love our library!!

Libraries are such a special place for members of the community to come together.

Libraries do not care what your race, income, or political views are!

Libraries simply serve the purpose of bringing joy and the love of discovery to all who walk through their doors. *Jane Winter, current library Trustee*

Eau Claire - L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

Andria does a great job with our teens and the teen space/collection - well done

Staff on the floor are always helpful and knowledgeable - if they don't know the answer, they go looking and pinpoint the best services and resources.

The new building is also so lovely - it isn't chaotic or too busy. It's a breath of fresh air when I walk in - I'm not immediately overstimulated or overwhelmed like in many other libraries, businesses, and spaces. We particularly enjoy the gallery space and ability to hang out outside. I appreciate their willingness to almost always purchase materials that I request. Thanks to their help -

and the many libraries in the MORE system - I was able to read over 80 books and e-audiobooks in 2025 for both personal reasons and for my job. Their meeting spaces are also incredibly helpful and beneficial. They deserve all the accolades, raises/benefits, staff increases, and budget increases!

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Our librarians are always so helpful. I so appreciate our librarians and their efforts in our communities. *Dani Higley, community member*

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The Eau Claire Public Library is my favorite place to go in the summer. I love to look through the "Too Good to Miss" section and take my books to the rooftop space where I can sit outside and enjoy the warmth of the sun and my new book. *Kristi, community member*

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I grew up here. Many happy summer days looking for stacks of books to take home. They always had graphic novels and audiobooks galore. As a young person, L.E. Phillips was foundational to who I am as an adult. Whenever there's a library in a book, I think of my home library (pre-remodel). Their new kit section is so impressive and useful! I love you, L.E. Phillips! *Elise Kallenbach, community member*

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I attended a Music in the Age of Streaming conference event with author Liz Pelly as Part of the Chippewa Valley Book Festival.

Pre-Pandemic, the Chippewa Falls Public Library did a few concerts. I love when libraries integrate music, concerts, etc. that challenges the idea that libraries should be dour, quiet places. I view them as engaging community hubs and would love for more libraries to offer music and cultural events.

They are perfect venues and ways to connect people to knowledge, reading, and community.

In 2018, the Mitchell Street Library in Milwaukee held a wrestling match to inaugurate its new location. It was amazing. *Andy Freeburg, community member*

Elk Mound Public Library

My favorite librarian is Monica. I love going into the Elk Mound library and talking to Monica about books and life in general. 😊
Pam Severson, community member

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Happy Valentines' Day, Ms. Monica. You are the best librarian. Love, Natalie

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Picking out books

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Checking out Books

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playing with toys coloring pictures

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I like the toys. Books. Checkers

Ellsworth Public Library

Thank you so much for all you do for the kids at the library. We LOVE Storytime and really appreciate all your hard work.

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Thank you for being a bedrock of learning in our community and for feeding our family's love of books, curiosity and discovery. Your work enriches our lives, and your smiles brighten our days. *The Flemings, community members*

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All the librarians are so friendly and helpful. I love the library for its book club. A friend invited me to the Only Murders in the Library book club. I have so much fun talking books. I have read more books this year, and so many different authors than I would have otherwise.

I also love to go in to see the artwork by visiting artists and the student art show.


Another thing I like is the self-checkout. I like to grab the materials I ordered, check out myself, and be on my way. **Thank you**, EPL! *Jill, community member, Friends of the library, donor*

My favorite librarians are Mrs. Caroline & Ms. Heidi! In 2022 I had a newborn, who wasn't eating/sleeping and I was truly struggling. It was recommended from friends to go to storytimes - well I took it to more of an extreme I suppose - and I attended ALL of the local storytime opportunities at the local libraries. Mrs. Caroline has been truly an amazing asset to the library. She is always generally interested in my family and how I am doing. This significantly **helped as I struggled with postpartum depression/anxiety**. Her kindness and encouraging words every time we stop into the library do not go unnoticed. **The library is a place of warmth and a welcoming space no matter who you are!**

Ms. Heidi is always so excited to engage with my children the moment we enter the library doors. There is never a time that she is too busy to stop and greet us! My daughters are always checking the parking lot to try and see if Mrs. Caroline and Ms. Heidi's cars are parked in the lot. It's always a fun surprise to

see them each time we visit. Another gem at our local library!

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So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!  *Dana, business or organizational partner*

I love the Library for all they offer to the community: kids - adults - elderly - all!! Trips to Museums - Educational classes for adults - crafting - volunteer opportunities - author visits - art displays - State Park visit passes - Game nights - puzzles - and of course - Book Club! Since I've retired, the Library has been a great place for me to meet people, keep busy, learn new things, and volunteer!! **Thank you** E.P.L. I love you!! *Gwen VanHandel, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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My favorite librarian is Caroline. Caroline has always done a truly wonderful job with my children, especially when it comes to story time. From the very beginning, she has had a natural ability to connect with them in a way that makes them feel comfortable, engaged, and excited to learn. Story time with Caroline is never just about reading words on a page—it is an experience she brings to life with patience, warmth, and enthusiasm.

She takes the time to understand each child's personality and interests, adjusting how she reads and interacts so everyone feels included. My children genuinely look forward to story time because Caroline makes it fun, interactive, and meaningful. She encourages questions, sparks imagination, and helps them think about the stories beyond simply listening. **I have seen how her approach has helped build their attention, listening skills, and love of books.**

What stands out most is the care and consistency Caroline brings to everything she does. She creates a calm, positive environment where my children feel safe expressing

themselves. Her kindness and dedication are evident in every interaction, and it gives me complete confidence knowing my children are in her care. Caroline has had a lasting, positive impact on my children, and I am incredibly grateful for the role she plays in their growth and development.

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The library holds space for everyone's stories. Both the written kind and the ones made every day. It's a place of community enrichment where you can trade plants, find friends, learn Spanish, join a parenting group, create something cool, sit in on a board meeting, learn robotics, play board games, play with Legos, and of course find something new to read.

It's a place for the mom who is having a hard time and needs somewhere for her child to play but most of all needs someone to listen to her and tell her she is doing a good job.

It's a place for the family who can't afford **Internet access** and the teen who is learning independence in a safe space by hanging out and playing games with friends.

It's a place for the child who needs a tutor, the group that needs a place to meet, and the lonely who come in so they can feel included. It's a place for families who want to meet with friends on a cold day, the person who just got out of prison and needs someone to care, and the homeless who need a warm place to sit and charge their phones.

On the surface it's a place where you can disappear into someone else's story for a little while but underneath it's a place where people care about you because we are all deserving of love.

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My favorite librarian is Caroline Herfindahl. We love the story time at our library.

I also love the book clubs that are offered.

It is a great place to come on a cold winter day.

I also love the different artwork that is on a rotating display. It is great way to display the wonderful local artists.

I also attended a talk by the author PJ Tracy that the library sponsored in conjunction with the Prescott library. *Diane Kammerude, Library Friends Group or Foundation member, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Ms. Caroline! **Our small town would not be what it is today if it weren't for the public library!!**

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We love Miss Caroline and of course the ladies at the front desk have been very helpful as well. I first came to the library when I found out about story time. This is when I met Miss Caroline. I found out about other activities that the library like Lego time and other things that the makerspace that my grandkids really love to do now.

It's also wonderful to get the state park pass from the library. Read the email that comes out because I definitely want to know what's going on. I'm so thankful for the Ellsworth public library and libraries in general." *Deb Overbye, community member*

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EPL has been a great resource for our family over the past few years. My daughter did the 1000 books before kindergarten and it made her so excited to read and color in the mark on her sheet. She is now in preschool and has wanted to start chapter books, and the library has been amazing to check those out for her! She loves when I ask if she wants to go to the library. We just got my son signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and he loves picking out his books to read.

Our family also does the play and learn that the library hosts on Wednesdays, and my son loves it and gets to socialize with other kids.

I myself love that our library offers the **Libby app** and I can check out books to read on my kindle. I have read so much more having the Libby app and am so grateful our library has this! Our family loves the library and I love seeing how excited my kids get when they get a new book and want to read it right when we get home. *Brittany Boyer, community member*

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I love Ms. Caroline, Storytime, and snacks, and playing with the dollhouse. *June, age 5, community member*

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I love LEGO at the Library and Ms. Caroline. *Leland, age 7, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Ms. Caroline. All of my grandchildren love to come to the library to play, color and read. They also have a special friendship with Ms. Caroline. *Angela, community member*

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The library helps me to RELAX 😊

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My favorite thing at the library is coloring. *Ryland, age 8, community member*

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I love the Makerspace!

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I love playing with the dollhouse, Storytime, playing, checking out books and puzzles and craft time. *Leighton, age 4, community member*

\We love Storytime, checking out books, playing with toys and all the fun events like the Community Trick or Treat and Dia de los Muertos and so much more! *Addie (momma) and Amy Jo, community members*

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My favorite librarian is Caroline Herfindahl. I recently moved to the area and was looking for ways to get involved in the community and meet people with similar interests. I've always had a love for reading and crafting and stopped by the Ellsworth Library to get a library card and see what programs they had going on. They had a Mystery Quilt program that was just about to begin that I am now a part of. I look forward to the clues every Monday. It's a fantastic way to glide through the darkest parts of winter. I'm excited to quilt again and even more excited to meet all the other quilters that are also doing this program and see what they've come up with.

Programs like these help build community and build connections between people that may have otherwise never known each other.

I would like to send a personal **thank you** to those running the programs at the Ellsworth Library and the librarians for being so welcoming! *Chloe Anderson, community member*

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My library and its staff always greets me and my grandchildren, encourages us to partake of the events and resources. We especially value the library resources to grow our reading experience as well as a safe place for my grandchildren to learn and play year-round. *Kristi Miller, community member*

Fall Creek Public Library

My favorite librarian is Charlene Conradi. **A small community library is a hub for kids, adults and more.** Charlene and the Fall Creek Library make it a destination, of fun, exciting books, movies and events to attend. LOVE this library. *Kim Gillett*


Frederic Public Library

This little library is committed to their community. We love coming here for story time. Stay-and-play is so much fun!

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The Frederic Library has been my home away from home. Everyone is very kind! Its a very good atmosphere at the library. And **a necessary place in a small town.** *Micah Stellrecht, community member*

Hammond Community Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!  *Dana, business or organizational partner*

Hudson Area Joint Library

I moved to Wisconsin in 2005, I got a job in Hudson, a community about 20 minutes away from my home, in 2007. The Hudson library was my very first library as a Wisconsinite and I still have and use the same library card. While I've since moved, I refuse to give up the card that I've memorized for book holds! *Ashley Cochran, library patron*

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I get such satisfaction from watching **people of all ages and walks of life find connection, knowledge, and inspiration at the library!**

From toddlers and their parents working on 1K Books before Kindergarten, to kids gleefully participating in the Summer Reading Program (both reading and events), to adults making friends while learning new skills, there is something for everyone at the library.

While I'm a big reader who encourages others to try out various books and genres, I also recognize the value of a space that is free to everyone. I see that value in every senior who makes a daily trek to read the paper, the teens who come for a safe place to land, and the families playing and learning together in the children's area.

I am grateful for the leaders in our community and state who support local libraries and all the resources and support they offer. Thank you! *Sarah Eral, staff member*

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My favorite librarian is Cori Pierson. The Hudson Library has always been a favorite place for me and my kids (Ages: 12, 10, 7) to go to the past 10 years! A place to discover new adventures and characters found in new books. They are always SO excited to bring home the new books and begin reading. We have also thoroughly enjoyed being able to borrow other things that we normally would not get to try like: lego build kits, makers kits, explorer kits, board games, STEM kits, lawn games, and so much more. We school at home, so without our public library system it would not be possible to have access to as many rich books and literature. It allows our low income family access to so many books and resources we might otherwise not have been able to get or use. We are so thankful for our public libraries! Hudson has also had great events and activities available for children and community members to attend. Keep up the great work Hudson!

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The importance of our libraries to our communities cannot be overstated. Our libraries provide safe spaces for all residents to learn new things, to interact with their neighbors, to gain access to resources they might not be able to afford on their own. Our library in Hudson provides programs for children, for seniors, for adults with disabilities. Our family visits the library at least once a week; we check out traditional books as well as items from the Library of Things. We attend the special community party events, participate in the Reading with Dogs program, and participate in the activities for adults with disabilities. All of these things improve our lives and provide bright spots on life's cloudy days. We LOVE our library!!!
Paula Yager, community member

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The Hudson Library is such an incredible resource for our community. It's a rare third space accessible to everyone with no expectations that you need to purchase anything. I probably check out 50 books each year. I'm so thankful to be able to learn new things and experience the world through books. **Thank you for supporting our public libraries. They play a vital role in our communities.** *Ashley Burt, community member*

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When my kids were growing up, we always went to the library on the first day of summer vacation (they even continued this into college years!) Wonderful memories. The newer Library of Things is incredible, being able to check out things like hot spots and a sewing machine when my niece visits. I love the lizards! My younger family members want to visit the lizards, and also love reading with the service dogs. The librarians are always kind and helpful, I love going to the library!
Angi Reynolds, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member

My favorite librarian is Miss Michelle. The Hudson library is a weekly staple in our household. There is always something new to discover. We borrow tons of books that we would otherwise not have access to.

Our 3-year-old is participating in the 1000 books before kindergarten program and has already completed more than 800 hundred books ranging from classic tales to deeply specific nonfiction. The library is easily his favorite place to be. He is always greeted by the wonderful team in the children's area by first name and with a smile.

The library has been instrumental in his development of social skills providing interactive opportunities like cooperative play, asking and offering help to others (scavenger hunt), and learning about the care of animals (Toothless and Bindi).

We've also checked out some of the "library of things" which has given our older children the opportunity to explore interests before purchasing. We've love the teen cooking class too.

I truly appreciate the Libby app which we all use on a weekly basis whether for a school reading competition, class or leisure we love having easy access to so many materials.

All this to say, **thank you for your continued support of the Hudson library.** The Hudson team provides fantastic programming that brings the community together.

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My favorite librarian is Miss Sara. My daughter (3 years old) is primarily cared for by my mom (her grandmother) during the work week. The Hudson library is a weekly stop (sometimes 2 or more times) for her to get out some energy, do story time with Miss Sara, and interact with other kids. The library is one of her very favorite places, and we love going with her. The community events are wonderful - from the Christmas party, to Space Day and family movie watching, there is always something to

bring the community together and foster knowledge. We love ours and all libraries!

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My favorite librarians are Sara, Emelia, and Annie. The librarians in the children's area are like teachers to my children. Story time has been like a first experience in a "school" setting, preparing my kids for preschool and beyond. They remember my children by name. Their meaningful connection makes books, learning, and the library an exciting positive experience from the start. I would have been lost without the library as a new mom! *Greta Lewis, community member*

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My public library is one of the only places I can spend time in public without buying something. Through times of recent economic uncertainty, I haven't always had extra "fun" money, but I have always had books. I'm so grateful to have an endless supply of reading materials in my own community. *Lindsay S, community member*

The programs for all age groups are outstanding! There is little else for seniors locally, but the library has not forgotten us 🤗

The library in Hudson is a vital part of the "downtown core" that acts as the community center and gives Hudson a cohesion that's special--one of the reasons people love Hudson. *community member, past library Trustee*

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We love our library! Everyone there is wonderful and they help make our library a special place. They make every month special with programs for kids and adults, from babies to the elderly everyone is included! *Amanda Peterson, community member*

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We love our library and visit at least once a week! We are nearly halfway to our goal of reading 1,000 books before kindergarten. We love that our library offers so many educational programs and ways to connect with other families. Some of our favorite programs are the Kids' Yoga, Reading with Therapy Dogs, and Science Guy Saturdays!

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My favorite librarian is Annie. The Hudson Library brings the community together better and more often than any other entity in the city. It's a place to connect, learn, engage with the community, and for children to play and learn to love books. I could not be more impressed with the Hudson Library and their connection to the community. It's an invaluable resource and is one of the last locations where people from all walks of life are welcome and not expected to spend money. They also have amazing events out in the community throughout the year. I don't know a single person in Hudson that doesn't love and appreciate our Library program. *Kylie, community member*

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Our favorite librarian is Annie Goldberg. We LOVE our library! There are so many fun events that bring community members together and allow people of all ages and abilities to connect. It's the perfect place to bring our toddler to read and play with different toys yet also provides a calm atmosphere for our older children to browse books, get comfy and read in a quiet area. We all enjoy seeing the library lizards, reading to dogs, and borrowing good books. The staff are so helpful and friendly. **Our Hudson library has overcome its share of challenges in the last few years with the support of the community. It is a beloved and integral part of our city! Thank you for your support!**

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My family visits the library at least two times a week! We use the inter library system to pick up holds to give us quicker access to new books or rarer items. We use the app to locate new books or use the created lists to find items on certain topics. The children's library area in Hudson is interactive, entertaining, and inviting! My kids adore the scavenger hunts and activities. My family also looks forward to the escape room that is created over Winter Break! The Wicked one almost got us this year!

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Shelley Tougas has been a great asset for our library. She works hard to improve and maintain the free library and the many services that are offered for the community.

Over the years, the Hudson library has been an important place for our family. Story times and kids' activities, adult crafts and events, a place to gather, read, explore, participate in events and hear speakers, and join community members in planned events. We appreciate the planned activities, social events, and informative displays and presentations that are offered. The Hudson Library is free for all and a wonderful place for our community. We've checked out books, music, games, puzzles, baking kits, and other items that are available. What a wonderful resource for so many things. The Hudson Library is a welcoming space for all to use, enjoy, gather, learn, and participate. *Dawn Lewandowski, community member*

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My favorite librarians are Joan Bushman and the director of the Hudson Library, and every single staff member, so warm and helpful!

I have gone often to the Hudson Public Library for books that have expanded my mind and heart and delighted me, enriching my life. I could never alone have afforded all the books on my own or been given the book tips I get from the librarians. The books are good and

the online audiobooks through Libby have been so helpful for sleepless nights, household chores, and car rides.

I also find the library as such a warm, welcoming community space and also quiet reading and study space. I love watching the mothers and fathers with their children and the joy of the children.

And I see teens looking at books and chatting. I often go there to pick up a book and read or to sit and stare at the river when I came to write. The views of the river are so beautiful and calming, so even in that, the Hudson Area Public Library is an essential space. Where else could I do that in the cold? *Marybeth Lorbiecki Mataya, community member, writer and researcher*

Luck Public Library

Our favorite librarian is Jill. This library was my family's entry way into the community when we first moved here 7 years ago. They connect with the Family Resource Center to host Play & Learn a few times a year. Through that my children were able to stay to form community and find friends. Over the years, Jill has helped us to connect to resources to support our family in their homeschool journey. And the kids, again, found community through the after school programs. We've attended game and art clubs, and followed along through social media learning about sourdough bread by way of Edgar Allen Dough. You can regularly find my family here-checking out books and movies, meeting with friends, and connecting with community. We love this library. *Megan, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Eric Pearson. Eric helped my young son learn how to play Pokemon and will sometimes play with him (when he is not busy with library work that is). My son loves these special trips to the library. Eric has also created a Pokemon club that meets monthly at the library and it is a really

fun time for the kids in the community to gather together, play, and share their interests with others. This club has helped my son make new friends and I appreciate that very much.

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My favorite librarian is Jill Glover. Jill's after-school program is amazing! Whether it is science experiments, baking, or art, she always has something fun planned for the kids afterschool on Tuesdays!

Menomonie Public Library

I appreciate the staff-picks displays that the library has, and the variety of materials, including board games that would be too expensive to purchase!

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FREE JIGSAW PUZZLES

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BOOKS!

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Dear MPL - LOVED the music addition of the instrumental music. Makes if feel peaceful as soon as you walk in. Thanks for being a great part of our community. *Anna Rekow* 😊

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The library.

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Books, reading!

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I Love to read.

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I like all the fun things for children to do like the lego day and book club.

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I love the wonderful staff

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I like the MORE library "book sharing" from other libraries.

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I like that this library has "up-beat" workers!!

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I like all the activities they set up.

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I am always amazed at how kind and unassuming many of the people that work at Menomonie Public Library are. It reminds me that there are so many good people in the world that care about one another. **Thank you.**

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Appreciate the vast amount of FREE resources!

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My favorite librarians are Jodi and Ray. Becoming a first-time mom can be lonely. I remember hoping to find a sense of community locally, where i could socialize and also entertain my daughter. When my daughter turned 8 months old, I started going to Menomonie Library for story time. I instantly felt a connection to Jodi and Ray, who run story time, and the caregivers that regularly attend. It has turned into a weekly outing that my daughter (who is now 2 and a half) and I look forward to. I am so grateful to have such an amazing Library locally, with such a wonderful staff. Everyone is warm and welcoming. I feel so lucky. **Thank you.** *Annie, community member*

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I was able to use the **computers** and **internet** to apply for financial assistance for a past due bill I had due to being laid off work. The staff were friendly and helpful when I needed a little guidance on the application. I know the application was not through the library but the staff were so kind and helpful without judging me. I really appreciate our library and the people who work there.

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My favorite librarian is Joleen. I recently moved to Menomonie and needed to get a library card. Joleen helped me sign up and even provided me with a mini tour of the library, services, and a neat library bag that a community member made for new card holders! I've lived many places and always become a library cardholder; **this library is exceptional!** *Brit B., community member*

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I appreciate the **WPLC digital library very much as I am homebound** and not always able to get to the library in person because I am a full time caregiver. When I am able to go to the library I appreciate the chance to enjoy the beautiful environment both inside and outside. I also appreciate the music programs.

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The library is one of my favorite things about living here! They offer a wide range of programs to Dunn County residents and the staff are always---repeat, ALWAYS---ready and willing to assist. I can't give them enough kudos! **The inter-library loan system is also phenomenal.** Honestly, I brag about the Menomonie library and the IFLS every chance I get. *Library Friends Group or Foundation member, community member*

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Here is just a taste of why I love my library so much! I love the treat of plcking up MORE

books that I've ordered for myself or for the little girl I watch in my home. I love the book sales!! Sometimes I'm the volunteer but always I'm the shopper. The book sales fund our outstanding Music Over Menomin outdoor summer concerts. Nothing beats a summer night on the library lawn by the lake listening to local bands! Depending on the day, you may see me reading book covers, playing with a 4-year-old in the kids' section, picking out a new series of books for a reluctant reader, or borrowing a new puzzle for cozy winter nights. I appreciate the amazing yoga on Mondays, too. The Menomonie Public Library is the best! *Jane Hulett, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation*

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This is an expression of appreciation.

1. Books!!! Free! Accessed any time. No waiting for delivery.
2. **Computer** help.
3. Weekly community yoga classes. Free!
4. Community event information available.
5. Helpful, knowledgeable, friendly staff.
6. Clean, welcoming and well-maintained facility.
7. Great place to spend time with grandchildren.
8. Amazing book sales throughout the year.
9. Parking never a problem.
10. New events planned throughout the year.

Susan Zavada, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member

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I especially appreciate the curbside pickup! I can call ahead and mention the **book that has arrived from the MORE system library** and a very helpful librarian looks it up and brings it out to my car! *Sally Schendel, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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My favorite librarians are Ms. Debbie and Jodi Bird. Story time was so helpful for me as a grandma providing daycare for twins. Being able to go to story hour and then having playtime in the children's area saved our sanity! Especially when the weather did not allow outdoor play. Now that I have more time for reading, I love using the Libby app and also being able to **request books from other libraries** to be delivered to my local Menomonie library. *Nila Natzke, community member*

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I spent 2025 getting really into nonfiction, mostly history books. Some of those are really hard-to-find or expensive (there's a Princeton Press series of economic histories that are like \$40 a pop for the ebooks!). I put in a purchase request, and while the library didn't have the budget to buy it, I was able to **get those books through interlibrary loan**. I read so much more widely and deeply this year thanks to the library!! *Emily Dannels, community member*

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Started the divorce process last year and borrowed many different "how to" books from my library, mostly from neighboring libraries through the app. They all had differing approaches and aims and spoke to different audiences. All had great nuggets for me. One day, I was browsing my local library's divorce shelf, and I found the perfect book for my

needs! It had all the answers I didn't know I needed. **Thank you**, library! You saved me a fortune on books and shelf space in this transitional time!

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It's always fun to use the Ancestry App if I think there's something I missed or some new information about a relative comes about.

I love **ordering books online and picking them up**. Public Libraries NOT Amazon!!!

Our library has a great meeting room, good bulletin board, beautiful music venue, and helpful way to get copies.

I always feel SAFE when I am in the Library. This is not to be taken-for-granted anymore.

Jan, community member

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The library is an awesome place to check out books, etc., and is an indispensable asset to the community. I've checked out numerous health and wellness books that have helped me greatly over the years.

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The library is a great community resource! I found yoga on Mondays, The librarians always assist you with questions. And I also **find out about important news, businesses and local organizations** that I would never have heard about, since I am newer to the area.

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My favorite librarians are Tracey & Joleen. We have the best library and the staff are amazing! We especially love the "Music Over Menomin" during the summer!

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I loved going to the library as a kid, participating in events as a teen, and now, I have the pleasure of working at the library and

seeing first-hand how the library is an essential cornerstone of any community. *Megan Katcher, Circulation Clerk*

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Both my husband and I love to read. We end each day in our library reading for at least one hour. We love hard books to hold in our hands. Our reading interests include history, biographies, mystery, fictional history related topics, and at times animals, birds, plants, gardening, decorating, crafts, construction and furniture. The Menomonie library provides these topics.

The library changes out the two display cases as you enter the main area on a monthly basis. The topics display local talents and community services/programs. My husband has displayed his hobby on model railroading in a display case at the entry. There are multiple areas to meet, sit and read in comfy chairs, at tables, by windows with wonderful outdoors views of our lake and outside tables with umbrellas when it is warm outside (usually April through October). Local information is posted such as city council meetings, election information, and local events of all kinds.

The stacks have books to read on special topics, new books section, CD's, DVD's: music, movies, and there are used and new book sales during the year. Books are pulled out on each shelf section as a suggestion for a person to read. Books are "advertised" well. Kudos to the staff for doing a stellar job on the behalf of us readers young and old.

We feel it is important to donate monetarily to our library so that it can service our community members of all ages. The library staff is knowledgeable and friendly. There is always someone available at the help desk who greets incomers with a smile and a "hello". Someone is always present to help at the checkout desk. It is a warm and welcoming environment for all who enter.

Our public library and its staff in Menomonie are FANTASTIC! *Pat Condon, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Jolene Sterk. My mother was an avid reader and at 92 years old read a book a day. She would go to the public library and check out a big load at one time. So thankful for our library! *Nancy Ponto, community member*

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i Love The Books

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The books and crafts 😊

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I love the books

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I like the workers. They are nice.

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Playing books loved Legos and prizes.

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The books are good

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The resources provided!

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Toys, books to read- there are nice people here. *Liam, community member*

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Kids' maker space

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scavenger hunts in kids' area =)

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I love my library and every body is nice

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My library is the best library

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I love to read

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I love the books. *Felicity, community member*

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The sweetie whimsy people that work here!

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My favorite librarians are Joleen and Stephanie. I brought several English Language Learner students to the library in groups as well as individually. Several of their family members are now English readers, thanks to the Menomonie Library. Their children are excited about reading, too.

Joleen provided an extensive tour of the library for Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement folks. (The attendees' feedback was unanimous: "I didn't know my library offered that!")

The online book request process option is FANTASTIC!!

My husband and I have requested numerous books from libraries located outside Dunn County; some books were even from out of state.

We have added several books to the "books to purchase" and have eventually received them to read.

I have reserved and used the two gathering rooms for different community events. Very simple process.

The Music Over Menomonie summer music program is incredible!! It is what makes Menomonie special.

Thank you for being the hub, the heartbeat, and the center of so many things Menomonie!!! *Joan Jepsen-Burger and Ed Burger, community members, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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My favorite librarians are Jolene & Tracy. They started the Menomonie in Motion program. It has helped many people to get moving. *DiAnn Rudiger, community member*

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My favorite librarians are Tracey Sorenson Joleen Sterk, and Megan. Tracey Sorenson is a great ambassador for the library. When she works the info. desk, she is the face that greets you with a welcoming smile and a heartfelt welcome. She is amazing at helping multiple people at a time with a smile on her face. It is obvious she loves the library and believes in its mission to be a place for all. When she is not working the info. desk, she is using her amazing graphic design skills to create beautiful, inviting posters, postcards, websites, and other communication tools.

Joleen Sterk continues to be a positive force as director of the library. I am always amazed to hear her greeting patrons by name and inquiring about how she can help them. Her insight and commitment to getting the right materials to patrons is an invaluable asset.

Megan is always a beacon of sunshine. She is knowledgeable, friendly and willing to lend a helping hand in whatever she can.

I love that the library is a gathering place for community members young and old. It is a place you can still get things for FREE. The

library encourages curiosity and learning-two important lifelong skills. **Thank you** for all you do and for the ways you enrich our community! *Stacey Siegle, community member, volunteer*

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The library and our excellent local history museum have collaborated to make both of our organization better and more accessible to the whole community. The library is a great driver for the local economy. *RK, Rassbach Museum and Fulton's Workshop*

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I love how active in our community Menomonie Public Library is! I've donated blood there with the Red Cross, participated in a quilting fabric exchange, taken free yoga classes, and checked out many books, CDs, and DVDs over the years. Music over Menomin is a wonderful program that brings our community together! *Ann Cummings, community member*

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Spending time with my daughter!

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I love the Menomonie library. I recently retired and find I am using it enormously both for physical books and ebooks I listen to with Libby. I've read more books this last year than I did in my entire adult life!! **Thank you** to all who work or volunteer for the Menomonie Library, you are amazing!!! *Barbara, community member*

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Clean & welcoming <3 xoxo

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BOOK SALES ARE GREAT!!

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LOVE THE PUZZLES!

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LIBRARY BOOK LOAN NOTHING BUT NICE!

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I love the library so much! I love reading books of all kinds and playing. I love taking puppets and books home.

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I love the LIbrary so very much!

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The librarians check out our books and they are the best people! *Adley, community member*

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I LOVE THE CHILDRENS AREA. *DELLA RAE, community member*

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I love you, Ray. Love, *Betty, community member*

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This library is really nice. The staff is wonderful and the books are well kept and organized. I love the library; keep up the good work, you all are lovely. 😊

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I love reading but... there are over 1700 video games that can be borrowed through the MORE system!

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Thank you for giving me a place to bring my kids. They've become so eager to learn about new things and find books to help them do so.

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I like how helpful and nice everyone is. I would spend all day here!

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The most whimsy staff! So sweet! You all are the best!

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The library fosters an educated society!

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The staff. 😊

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The library & staff is the <3 of our community!

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Playing w/friends + meeting NEW friends.

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My favorite librarian is Natalie. Hello there! I would love to brag on the warm, lovely atmosphere of our dear library. I feel so cozy and ever so welcomed by the feels of the darling library, and most especially the amazing librarians! Every single time our little family enters the library, there is always an endearing, gentle smile that waves us in. Natalie is especially the very most sweetest. Her lovely, kind soul has literally made my day every time we come to the library. She is such a ray of whimsy, happy joy! I am so thankful to have a local library that feels so homey and safe! Along with that, the library provides a perfect place to study in peace or just sit reading children's books for nostalgia's sake! We love our library dearly and are extremely

grateful to have such a dear learning-filled place❤️!

Milltown Public Library

My mom is independently living on her own but does not drive and is also deaf. She gets her exercise by walking around town and one place she enjoys going is the library. The librarians help my mom find books that she will like and make her feel welcomed even when having a conversation is hard. And if she doesn't come in and visit recently, they will ask how she is doing and if she needs reading material when I stop in. In the summertime she will walk with my children to the library to enjoy story time, activities and pick out books.

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We've only recently discovered this library, and my kids are in love! They have so many amazing educational toys, and the play area is so fun. My tween has been so excited by the available book selection. She also met up with a friend to participate in the community art project. We're interested in discovering more from the homeschool connection.

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My favorite librarian is Stephanie. Milltown Public Library is a safe place for my kids to learn and check out books. They also like checking out DVDs.

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New Richmond Community Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!❤️
Dana, business or organizational partner

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WE LOVE THE LIBRARY!

We are counting down the days until the new library building in New Richmond opens for business. **The benefits of the new library to the community will be countless**, and we cannot wait to be a part of it all. Libraries have something for EVERYONE in the community, and it is a place where we can all learn new things with our neighbors in a safe environment. *Paula Jean, community member*

Osceola - Wilberg Memorial Public Library

Anne Miller (the Director) is incredibly skilled and knowledgeable. Michelle (the Youth Librarian) is a fun and exciting presence. All of the staff librarians are welcoming and helpful.

We started going to the library in Osceola when our son was 18 months old. We have always read to him and didn't want to buy books that were only going to be used for a short period of time. This was also around the same time we started having enough free time to read books for fun again. In the few years we have been visiting the library, we feel like we are part of the library community and have always felt welcomed. We bring our son at least once per week to pick out new books and to attend the weekly children's activities (Lego Club, Chess Club). Our son is now five and can easily read and comprehend at a first-grade level. This would not have been possible without the resources and books available from our library and the recommendations from our librarians.

As for us, the **books we can get from our library and through the inter-library loan system have been invaluable**. We have easily saved thousands of dollars. And the amount of free community events they offer is wonderful.

Support for libraries means support for a strong community. It also means a strong educational support for young and old minds alike. Please ensure that our libraries stay fully funded! *Brenna Weston, community member, business or organizational partner*

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As an elementary school student, I spent lots of time at my local library in small-town Montana. My friends and I would walk to the library often. The downstairs of our Carnegie Library was the children's section. I remember perusing the shelves for the next great read. I remember its aroma, and I remember the lovely librarian who was ready to help any second.

Now 77 years old that library experience still stands out in my memory.

Now I go to a great library in small town Wisconsin. **Our library is the hub of our community. It THE place that everyone is welcome and people can get books and help with their daily lives.** It is the first place my husband and I connected with when we moved to rural Wisconsin and has been where we've found friends and great activities.

I am now a member of our Friends of the Library Group where we have lots of fun as we sort books for our monthly book sales. Our book sales are community events. We have many regulars and are often surprised by new customers who have just learned about our book sales. It brings me joy to see buyers from toddlers to oldsters find reading treasures. *Cheryl Beardslee, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

Park Falls Public Library

The Park Falls Library has the most awesome book club. The selections are outstanding choices; the meetings are not only very serious but also fun - always great discussions.

The adult activities - bingo, crafts, etc. - are enjoyable, appreciated, and well planned.
Suzy Boyle, community member

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Our library is wonderful! It's in the middle of the city! If you ever drive by at night when the lights are on, it is so impressive. **It's our community center!** Besides lending out books, CD's, etc, they offer many services and fun things to do. Just to name a few, Quilting group, Knitting group, Grief Support, TOPS, Pickleball, Book Club, Bingo, Puzzles, Adult crafts and activities, Authors come and discuss their books, and not sure if they do it now but they had a toe nail clinic for seniors awhile back.

They have an awesome Children's Library with many programs, fun activities, educational stuff and treats throughout the year!

The staff is outstanding! They will help you with anything, find a book, order a book or help you with the **computer!** **The library is like a WELCOME sign, everyone is welcome and no one is turned away!** **We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful place in Park Falls!**
Mary Miller, community member

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The people

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The ladies are wonderful and for 17 years our Monday Afternoon Yarn Group has been meeting on the 3rd floor. The library is

beautiful. *Kathleen Wilson, community member*

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I love the great service and in the past, I **took an online class, and it was a great place to study and get my work done!** 🧡🧡🧡🧡
Joan Page, community member

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I started working at the library about a year and a half ago. I love all the staff, they are very welcoming and help answer my questions. I've seen them work together to help patrons. I personally loved the bubble wizard who came over the summer for the kids programming and the busted canvas and ghost craft for the adult programming. There's also a nice selection of items to check out. *Library Staff*

My favorite librarian is Cindy Koller (Mrs. K). I moved back to Park Falls, my hometown, after about 15 years away, with my husband and 4 kids under 6 years old. I didn't know many people anymore, and I wanted my homeschooled kids to make friends, so we started going to weekly Storytime at the library. Mrs. K puts on engaging, fun, educational programs for kids that families want to attend, so we met several families pretty quickly.

I connected with other moms, and my kids made friends easily there. We love getting new books every week and my oldest is now reading chapter books, and Mrs. K has been helpful as we navigate the next level of books for her as well as giving book recommendations for read-alouds and books that other homeschool moms have used frequently.

We have been attending Storytime, Lego Club, and all of the Summer Reading Programs for over 3 years now, and I am constantly amazed at the quality of programming Mrs. K does here, and how many families attend. I have also attended several adult programs and

believe **the library is the heart and soul of Park Falls**. I tell new families all the time to get involved with the library programs. **Thank you** to all of the wonderful ladies who work at our library! *Elissa McGhee, community member*

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The very friendly helpful caring staff! They are all great!!! *Judi Borley, community member*

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I love the Park Falls library. They allowed me to start a yarn group 17 years ago. We meet every Monday upstairs on the third floor. I can't imagine my life without that group and all the wonderful ladies at the library that are so helpful and caring.

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I haven't been part of a library for decades. I am so grateful, not only for the books I would typically buy, which I can get for free at the library, but for the helpful staff. They really make you feel comfortable and welcome, and that is appreciated.

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Libraries are the greatest institutions for communities!!! Free use of so many wonderful materials for learning, enjoyment, relaxation, amusement and more! Love my libraries and librarians. They are so very helpful in every way! **Thanks**, and keep up the great job. So glad you are taking this action to take to the state. *S. Kurtz, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Mrs. K. My library raised me. Growing up homeschooled, books were my teachers. I studied pyramids, plagues, and puppy breeding before I turned 6. Mrs. K, my children's librarian, knew me so well she put books on hold for me when a good one came in. I believe the Park Falls Library has made me who I am, leading me to a perfect

ACT score and the State Senate Scholar program. For community and knowledge, we need the public library. *Libbie Hilgart, community member*

My favorite librarians are all of them. Each one has been extremely helpful. I started my journey with them when I heard about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for my daughter. I had just moved here, so everyone was helpful in explaining where I had to go and what I had to do. The children's programming ROCKS! I love how much time and dedication Ms. K puts into her programming, and I especially enjoyed when she was able to do programming outside last year during the summer.

All the crafts/ cooking classes/ puzzle challenges/ adult bingo that Judy does are awesome to. They are a huge asset to the "aging" community.

All of the aides are nice and friendly. They make me feel welcome every time I am in there. If they aren't sure about something, they escalate to one of the other librarians so that we can see if we can get an answer. All of them know my daughter and enjoy seeing her when they are in.

It is so nice to be able to have a safe, warm, and inviting place to be able to share my passion of reading with my daughter. Their collection is pretty extensive as well. It is a great place to share with friends. My daughter and I will continue to have playdates there with her friends.

Also, a huge shout out to Jody who just started as the director. She is a wonderful asset to the library. She is bringing more "modern" ideas to the library. I have noticed more displays and reading challenge type events. I can't wait to see where she leads the library from here.

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My favorite librarian is Jody Eckert. We have an absolutely lovely site! The staff is always

smiling, helpful, and engaging. **Our library is more than just books** - adult bingo, adult cooking, adult crafts as well as many activities for children. The summer reading program is exceptional. There is an ongoing puzzle exchange. There is a very generous DVD selection. Many pop-up reading activities are provided for adults and children. The Facebook page and the monthly calendars are full of activities for anyone in the area. *Karen S Tesmer, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member, library Trustee*

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Couldn't live without it! **Remote computer work for a job interview**, entertainment, DVD's, local news, craft groups, book sale. *CF, community member*

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I have been a patron of the Park Falls library since I was old enough to go. As a child, Alice Vincent was the children's librarian, she helped me find good books to read. When I worked for HeadStart, Sheri Ryther was helpful to me and many other parents - she had weekly reading times which I believe Cindy Koller has continued with.

My grandchildren love the library - the big tree is a puppet area/reading area. They would put together puzzles, play with the blocks - at 11 & 12 they still ask to go. If the library is open, we go. They love to read!

I also am a reader and have also done crafts that are offered by Judy. Our library is such a good resource for our community - the local papers are available, **computers**. I also worked at the PF library - what a great place to end my working career. I always tell people that we never know what a job entails until you work it. Our librarians work hard to support our community and I am very proud of them - past and present on the job they do. *Wendy Teeters, community member*

Phillips Public Library

Through the annual Adult Reading Challenge, I have read books that I would not otherwise have considered. Through volunteering and being part of the library Friends group, I have seen how local families, elderly people and other community members use the library. The library goes beyond books and movies by hosting various events like a chess club, yoga, craft making, gardening classes, and author visits. **It is a gathering place, a friendly space, and an integral part of our community.** *Pat Jones, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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It can be a struggle to find an activity with age gap children, we love going to the library where everyone in the family can find something to read or an activity. We especially love that the library **partners with our school reading programs for monthly reading challenges!** *Jerri H., community member*

Prescott Public Library

My favorite librarians are Debbie, Susan, and Kirsten. The librarians at this library have been so wonderful to me! When I moved to Prescott about six years ago, I sought out the library, and they have been so welcoming and so helpful and so much fun! I enjoy them so much! I go in there probably two or three times a week! They recommend books for me and my husband. We enjoy talking about the books that I've read and how these books relate to our lives, and we have shared many laughs and fun stories. I have also checked out toys and attended yoga. I am so grateful for the library and these special women! They have also been great helping me with use of the **computers** there. I have particularly created relationships with Debbie, Susan and Lisa. *Nancy Libman, community member*

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I mainly use this library to **print off important documents**. It's really convenient and the librarians are always super friendly. I've also checked out books in the past and have noticed they have a lot of activities for younger generations. This library is a great resource for the community. *Jessie, community member*

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My name is Scarlett, and I have been coming to the library since I was a baby. The librarians here are like an extended family, and they always ask me about my new adventures and help me find books I want to read. I've even made new friends here. It's a nice and quiet place where I feel calm and safe. *Scarlett T., community member*

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My favorite librarians are Debbie, Sue, Laura, Lisa, and Carissa. **Being part of this library community is one of the best, most positive parts of living in this area.** Debbie is immensely helpful when it comes to getting **inter-library loans requested and received in a timely fashion** (book club leaders love her!). Lisa is great at providing information on what books are available in the library system. Sue is such a fun person to talk to when it comes to what books our library should add to its collection, and she almost always orders what is requested (if the library chooses not to add it, she knows where similar materials can be found)! Laura is a fun person to talk to about life and has a fun taste in books, and she always has good book recommendations. Carissa is such a fun, happy presence to have in the library, and she is so knowledgeable about everything there is to know about the Prescott Library.

Being part of this community and visiting the library regularly helped me read over 50 books last year, which (I think) is a record for me. Allowing adults to participate in their Summer Reading Program sparked (and motivated :D) my love for reading again that I haven't had much of in my adult life since leaving

academia. **THANK YOU, PRESCOTT, FOR ALL YOU DO.** *community member, Library staff member*

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I would be hard-pressed to choose a favorite librarian or even a favorite aspect of PPL -- they do everything WELL! With heart and enthusiasm. Since moving to the area almost 30 years ago, the PPL has been a BIG part of my life. As a homeschool mom, I used the resources at least weekly. My 3 children grew up with the books, programs, & staff. I credit summer reading programs for "teaching" my oldest daughter to read & for instilling the FUN of books & rewards in all of my children. HUGE impact! Since my children have grown, I continue to take advantage of adult programs, especially yoga. I also borrow DVDs often, purchase discarded books & DVDs. I have recently attended Storytime with my grandson, making three generations of Kings GRATEFUL for our hometown library. Can't say enough GOOD things! *Julie King, community member*

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So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!! ❤️
Dana, business or organizational partner

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My favorite librarian is Darien. I loved the Homeschoolers' Hub class and all the things you taught us! *Jack, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Debbie. The entire staff at the Prescott Public Library is awesome and amazing. However, Debbie goes above and beyond to help me get the **hotspot** frequently (I edit from home in addition to being a substitute teacher). When I went to Gilman, WI last school year to care for my Grandma, she helped me figure out that the library in Cornell was part of the MORE Library System.

Debbie also listens to the good things and the not-so-good things in my life and offers a sympathetic ear. She's the "bartender" of the Prescott Public Library. **Thank you**, Debbie and the Prescott Public Library staff! I love you and am very grateful to have you as part of our community! *Tanya Mravik, community member, business or organizational partner*

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The staff at the Prescott Library are always helpful. Love the fact I can **get books from other libraries** if Prescott does not have a particular book. Being able to use the **computers** is a great help when needed for projects I cannot complete on my tablet.

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I love that I get to borrow books and think I'm in a different world when I close my eyes.

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We love finding new books and returning them when we're done.

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I love that you can read as many books as you want. That's what I love about the library. *Lucy T., community member, young patron*

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The library provides new and interesting books I can read. *young patron*

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We love kids' activities like "find the pictures," LEGO club, and storytime.

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I have been able to achieve new reading skills with help from the library. *young patron*

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I've been learning different facts from different books. *young patron*

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You are important!

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[The library stands out] because I love trains! (train table) *young patron*

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I love the Prescott Library. The staff is so friendly and helpful, especially Susan Soberg. She always has helpful suggestions, answers to my many questions and sharing new and interesting things about our library. **I love the vast interesting variety of items that are not books!** *Kris Sampson, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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I've become increasingly pleased with and involved with the local library, even joining the newly-forming Friends of the Library. I love the variety of books, videos, games, puzzles, and even toys; my grandsons enjoy going to the library with me and finding and checking out books of their own choosing. They also love the Lego and craft days, and I love taking them.

Talking with staff to learn more about library programs, I understand the library also provides programs and events for home-schooled kids. The library is a blessing for our entire community. *Sharon Monroe, community member, Library Friends Group or Foundation member*

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I was trying to look up a book on the **computer** but my 2yo kept grabbing extra books off the shelf. Our local librarians helped distract my daughter, helped her pick out a book, and read it together all while I was able to find my book and check out. That

thoughtfulness to help me out was much appreciated and also helpful to **build a love for reading with my daughters.**

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I love that the library staff visit my son's daycare to read to them every week. I considered changing his daycare schedule to do other activities (e.g., gymnastics), but the library only visits on Mondays, so I weighed my options and chose reading!

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Libraries are the heart of the community, and what they inspire exceeds well beyond the turn of a page. A library offers a sense of belonging, whether searching for that next read, joining the Lego Club, trading Pokeman cards, practicing yoga, joining the book club, Children Story Time, or signing up for an adult craft night, there is just about something for everyone at a library. A hub of acceptance, a library welcomes all. I write this not just as a 'Library Love Story' but to all the libraries that inspire our love and do so effortlessly.

Our family has moved around a lot, from living by the East Coast, to the Midwest, then all the way to the West Coast, and then recently moving back to the Midwest. The last several years have been full of adventures, especially as a young family with little children moving from place to place. However, no matter where we lived, I found that the key to making anywhere feel like home was to find a place of belonging within the community, and for me I always went to the library.

The importance of feeling like you have made it home was essential not only for myself but for my children. We attended as many children's story times as we could, and any family events we were able to go to, and soon the library became one of the children's favorite places to go to. Ending every visit, the excitement of leaving the library with their favorite Dogman adventure book, and books about unicorns and dragon bakers.

Every week my daughter and I attend the morning Children Story Time with Darren the Librarian. It has become one of our favorite events of the week that we do together. There she gets to meet with her friends from school and listen to the exciting tales Darren the Librarian reads, and always with such candor and enthusiasm. Once Darren the Librarian read "The Leaf Thief", giving the squirrel, who is in a frantic quest to uncover who keeps stealing all the leaves, a most exuberant and comedic voice over. Later that night, I was reading to the children a story that had another little squirrel and my youngest said, "No, you have to read it like library did." It was a very funny story time that night as we all then started re-enacting panicky like squirrels losing their leaves.

At the end of every Children Story Time, Darren the Librarian then has a fun craft relative to the story. It makes Story Time even more memorable, with time I just to share with my daughter but also happily pinning the craft to our art board at home afterwards.

This past Christmas the Prescott Library had "Write a Letter to the Librarian", like what you would do for Santa Claus but instead it would be talking about your favorite books addressed to the Librarian. The children would then get a bundle of books, specialty selected by the Librarian that they could then take home over the holidays. This was great initiative as it builds connection with the children, makes the kids feel special while fostering the development and growth for loving the library and its importance in the community. From "Write a Letter to the Librarian", my youngest even got an extra book from a previous Story Time, one which we did not have time to read during that day. Darren the Librarian not only selected all the books for all the children but also remembered the very specific book that she knew my daughter would like, and all just because. It's this act of generosity in these little moments that makes the biggest impact.

In this "Library Love Story" I hope to have presented how the Prescott Library made me

and family feel at home again after spending the last years moving across the country.

Because beyond the page, libraries are more than just community gathering brick and mortar building, they are the heart, the heart that connects to us all. *Laura Campbell, patron and community member*

Rice Lake Public Library

My favorite librarian is all of them! There are very few places to take children in our area where they can take part in educational activities or simply socialize. The RLPL has a beautiful children's area and the staff are wonderful! They provide a variety of events that impact every age level. **It truly is a cornerstone in Rice Lake, and we are so grateful for it!** *Taylor Hanvelt, community member*

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The library offers toddler friendly activities to help little ones engage with their community and peers. In an area where there aren't many kid friendly activities, the Rice Lake Public Library offers safe and fun opportunities. Our favorite part of the week is going to the library for story times on Friday or Saturday.

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Our local library is a place I visit at least 3x a week. I am an avid reader and read 2-3 books a week. My library helps fulfill that for me with a wide selection of books and so many other things like we can rent a canoe!!! When my kids were younger, it was a place we visited often as they loved to go there for the games, puzzles, books on tape and the many days of kids' parties, speakers and other opportunities. **Our library is a gem!! And I love we can get books from other libraries in the area!!** *Renee Decker, community member*

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As a member of a group that has a reading program list each year, it is **wonderful to be able to borrow some of those books through the library system**. There are times when we find the book definitely worth purchasing and we can have multiple people reading the book at the same time. I appreciate that some of the titles are available in large print also. I actually tried an audio book through my laptop. It was fascinating to be read to. It didn't work very well for me, though. I only had it for two weeks and then it disappeared. I can read a whole book in less than twenty-four hours, but it takes much longer to listen to someone else read it to me. It is ideal for many people who might not be able to manage the actual book. **Thank you.**

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Libraries have been one of the only things that have been constant as I've moved seven times in the last decade. The IFLS consortium has great selection and allows me to access books and movies that I otherwise would not be able to afford to. The Rice Lake library is clean and welcoming. There is something that feels so comforting about walking into their space.

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The library has been a wonderful place to bring my kids of varying ages. We all find something we love. My pre-teen finds a book, my 9-year-old makes small crafts, my 4-year-old plays pretend with the dress-up and imagination stations, while I read my book in comfort. Our library is a safe space to be when we just need to get out of the house without having to spend money, which is important for our family. **My oldest child has even begun requesting books from inter-library loan and he loves that!**

The library has also helped me with **space for uninterrupted studying while I prepare to take a licensing exam to level up in my career**. We couldn't be more thankful for our library! *Samantha, community member*

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The Rice Lake Public Library has been great in working with my non-profit. They put up posters for us and come to events. The previous non-profit I worked for hosted our autistic art group in their meeting room once a week and they were always kind and accommodating. I really love that they have **so many services beyond just books** and a helpful, friendly staff.

On a personal note, I appreciate their wide selection of books. *Elise Kallenbach, community member; business or organizational partner*

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Our library helps all of our community try new things by borrowing something and not having to buy it before trying it. There are also adult craft nights where there is socialization and fun for a couple hours. You learn something and take home a completed project. I love the spice club where I get to try a spice for free. Maybe I will love that spice and use it more in cooking. I also love the seeds in the spring. I have tried all of them with success. My husband has borrowed **auto repair manuals** instead of buying which saves money. When I moved here, the library staff were some of my first friends. That means a lot!

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They provide interesting programs, a wealth of information, a huge variety of books and periodicals, and puzzles!!

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Problem: Boredom--Solution: My library.

My library provides many services for many age groups. I would be lost without my library. The people at my library are fantastic! Kind, helpful, always smiling! I would be lost without my library and its staff, also the new friends I've made.

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Where does one begin to sing the praises of our local library? The people that staff the desk, file the books, run the classes, etc. are a Godsend to our community. I am at the library several times a week and feel like family, not only with the employees, but also with the other patrons. There is such a sense of community there that extends far beyond just books. I personally use the system for: All reading material, DVDs, **computer**-help and usage, classes, speakers, used book sale, the varied knowledge of the librarians, to name just a few things. I see children being fed in the summer. I see people with access to a phone they wouldn't otherwise have. I see friendships form in common interests. I see the generosity of people in contributions. I see a warm place where people can escape the cold. I see people gathering to laugh and learn. I see people sitting outside at tables, visiting with strangers. I see a park where children can explore and make music freely. To me, these are many of the things our troubled world is missing these days and desperately needs. To lose this would alter the lives of so many people in a negative way. I pray that never happens. So I guess you can say I LOVE my library...and I think it loves me too. 😊

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As a homeschooler, the library has been ((essential)) to teaching my children. We use the library for a social outlet too. They also offer so much as well. The library is a vital part of our community and I'm so thankful for them!

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My family loves the library cookbooks and the "library of things" that helps us learn new kitchen skills and keeps life interesting.

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I love my library! It is very welcoming. I really like all the displays and different themes of

books. Ones that I may have never noticed. I don't have a printer at home so I use the library's **printer** and **computers** when I need to. Staff is always more than willing to help with any questions I might have. **If you want to order books, or see what else an author may have written, the staff will help with that too.** I see the library as a safe/warm or cool :) refuge. I sometimes like to hang out there, read the paper, magazines, or peruse some non-fiction. **Libraries bring people together and provide a valuable community service.**

I use **computers** at the libraries: Barron, Cameron, Eau Claire, Rice Lake. I check out DVDs monthly. Now in January, I get paper tax forms. I'm at the library 4-5 days a week sometimes.

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The maps and local history section helped me understand the history of my property.

River Falls Public Library

My favorite librarian is Monica LaVold. As a child, I regularly attended Mrs. Monica's infant and toddler story times. Each event began with the same songs that included movement and sign language! She also had a felt board activity to go along with the books she read. Fast forward to high school...I haven't heard these songs for years, but one of my courses required us to create a daycare schedule and teach a class of about 10 kids. I was very excited to lead story time, so I tried to recall some of my favorite songs from Mrs. Monica's story time! One of the songs was called "These Are My Glasses". I used that to start our reading time and my group created an "I Spy" felt board activity. I was a little nervous, because no other group in my class had a sing-along or a felt board to go with their book. But I was reassured when many of the children became excited to play "I Spy". One student even wanted to sing "These Are My Glasses" again! I give all my credit to Mrs. Monica and I

have thanked her for those wonderful library memories, as well as inspiring my own reading lesson plan for my high school class! *J B, community member*

Roberts - Hazel Mackin Community Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!  *Dana. business or organizational partner*

Somerset Public Library

I first got acquainted with the Somerset Library when I left my job to be home with my two children. It's a very isolating job, especially after spending over 40 hours a week working with other adults. Storytime with our librarian, Norma, was one of a few ways I could still have adult conversations in the middle of the day while also learning creative ways to entertain and aid my children in their growth. The library has supported my love of reading for decades, as I could never afford to purchase all the books I read. (41 last year alone.) Norma has since retired, but story time is still going strong for families, as Mr. Daniel brings the fun and play every week for a new generation of young families. *Ashley Cochran, Library Friends Group or Foundation member, community member*

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I love the library because it is not only a safe place for my children to make friends but for me as well! I have met so many new mom friends through Storytime, the mommy and me program and just playing in the kid space. It's been such a blessing during this time of homeschooling littles to have a free outlet to go get books, play and learn! *Jeana Knaak, community member*

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Somerset library creates such a warm and welcoming environment! I **enjoy getting work done in the quiet lounge** by the fire on cold days and everyone there is so helpful whenever I have questions. They give me great book recommendations and are so patient with me when I can't think of what title I'm looking for. **I wasn't always a library user, but now I can't imagine my life without my library.**

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I come from farther away in Wisconsin just to visit Somerset Public Library. It's my favorite library that I've been to! Everyone is very helpful and friendly too. *Barbara, community member*

Spring Valley Public Library

The library is an awesome place to check out books, etc., and is such **a valuable asset to the community**. I've checked out numerous health and wellness books that have helped me tremendously. **Such a gem!!**

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My favorite librarian is Becky Manley. I love to read and since the Spring Valley Public Library joined MORE, I have been reading so many books. **I love being able to go to the MORE site and order the book I want.** Having this system enables Spring Valley to meet my needs. Becky Manley is extremely friendly and helpful. She has steered me to a number of books that I have enjoyed. She knows the kind of books I like. The friendly atmosphere at the library has encouraged me to read. All of the programs they have, I feel, encourage reading in our community. **Thank you** to Becky and her staff for all they do. *Renee Tatzel, community member*

St. Croix Falls Public Library

The MORE System is very much appreciated by myself and my friends.

Thank You and **Thank You** to the St. Croix Falls Library staff for their kindness and helpfulness as well as scheduling interesting programs. *Joyce McKennie, community member*

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There are so many books to choose from, said my 7 yr old son. The staff are so willing to help and teach my sons how to find and check out books. *Lindsey Peterson, community member*

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My favorite librarian is Alex! I love our local library, I often go in and pick a book off the shelf at random or a librarian pick. And I use interlibrary loan for my book club books every month. **I've helped my nieces and nephews with school projects at the library and even worked on my taxes and printed them there. The library services are indispensable.** *Sabrina Hoskovec, community member*

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We appreciate all of the resources: books, audiobooks, movies and music that we can check out and experience. We are also appreciative of the meeting room and that we can get tax information booklets each year. The SCF library is an important and celebrated part of our community.

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My favorite librarian is Su Leslie. Su and her staff (especially Alex) are always willing to provide whatever I need to check out the books I want. They are exceptionally helpful, knowledgeable, and provide great customer service. They are a wonderful **asset to our**

community. *Barb Anderson, community member*

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The entire SCFPL team does a terrific job partnering with Dresser Library to put on Story Time in the Park for young school age children who are in day care and would not otherwise have access to fun and educational summer library services. The help is essential. **Thank you!** *Collaborating Library staff member*


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The library has been an incredible help to me always...but especially the past couple of years. I am once again living on my own and I cannot afford to purchase books, movies etc. I can count on my Library to have anything I need or want for my personal enrichment, entertainment or for research on things to help me maintain and improve my home. **I also depend on the Library as a teacher for many resources.** *Kathy Mishler, community member*

Turtle Lake Public Library

Colby is great! All the staff are sweet. I appreciate I can get help with **computer** questions. I have been able to **complete forms and submit them for the IRS.** I have also used the **printer** for posters. And above all I love having access to many books. *Cheryl, community member*

Woodville Community Library

So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!! 
Dana, business or organizational partner

“ We have good support from our library system and enjoy being a member library of IFLS. The interlibrary loan system works well, technical support is good, training and website are helpful, and we appreciate all the good services they provide.

-Colfax Public Library

FROM OUR LIBRARIES



“ IFLS Library System enables the Ellsworth Public Library to better serve our community by providing access to professional staff with deep library expertise and experience—resources that would be difficult for a small library to sustain independently.

IFLS staff member John Thompson has been an invaluable resource to the Ellsworth Public Library. Beginning in 2012, he guided the library through a comprehensive library space needs assessment and provided ongoing support throughout the complex, multi-year process of identifying and securing new space, fundraising, design, and planning. His expertise was especially critical during the logistics of relocating the library and successfully opening the new facility in 2023.

As a direct result of this expanded and improved space, the Ellsworth Public Library has experienced an increase in overall library visits. The new facility now offers public meeting and study rooms - resources that were not previously available to the community. Additional public computers have expanded access to technology, and use of digital resources continues to grow. Behind the scenes, supporting this increased computer and technology use, IFLS provides essential tech support for the library’s computer systems. This shared infrastructure allows the Ellsworth Public Library to offer reliable, up-to-date technology services to residents while using local funds efficiently.

-Sharon Hofmeister, Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees

The system is consistently a great resource and support to our library. -Balsam Lake Public Library

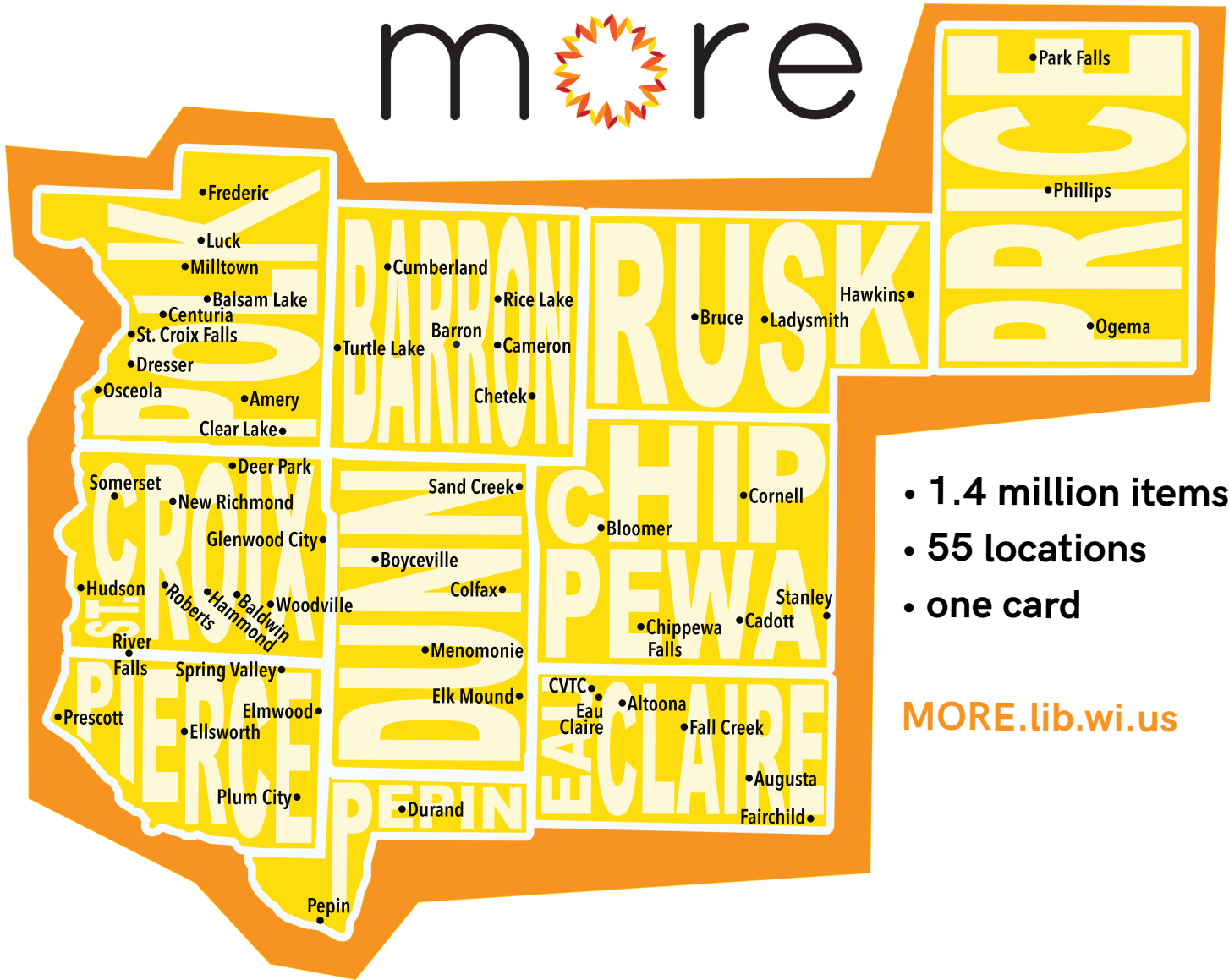
“ Our library receives consistently excellent service from IFLS staff. They offer invaluable assistance with our Annual Report.

- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Eau Claire

“ IFLS staff goes above and beyond. They have been invaluable to me as a director. I especially appreciate all the help with training our new library staff. Thank you!

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