



Annual Report

Medina County District Library

2025

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Executive Director's Notes



As I reflect on 2025, I am proud of a year defined by growth, connection, and meaningful service. Our activities highlight the essential role public libraries play in strengthening information literacy, advancing inclusion, bridging the digital divide, supporting early literacy, and promoting lifelong learning. Unfortunately, the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate voted to remove the Public Library Fund from permanent law and reduced state funding for

libraries. Doing so, without reducing the tax burden on residents, created challenges in a year where we had more than 550,000 library visits, and patrons borrowed more than three million items.

We provided digital and in-person learning to help patrons navigate information and technology. A robust calendar of events offered opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, and connect with others. Technology classes, ESOL groups, GED testing, and an expanded storytime schedule supported patrons in employment, education, and personal goals. These efforts reinforce the library's role as a center for curiosity, creativity, and growth; supporting a successful community.

MCDL increased accessibility across our locations with expanded sensory-friendly features. Our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library continued to place free books in the hands of thousands of children countywide. Ongoing staff training and Dementia Friendly Community efforts strengthened our ability to serve all residents with dignity.

The achievements of 2025 reflect our dedicated volunteers, partners, staff, and community. We remain committed to meeting evolving needs while staying grounded in our mission to improve quality of life in the communities we serve. I look forward to continuing this important work in the year ahead.

Julianne Bedel
Executive Director



Buckeye Library rolled out a new train themed feature wall and lower book bins that are easier for kids to browse.



Brunswick Library grew a Baby Garden, a safe, enclosed space for babies to play with supervision. (pictured: Finnegan)



Medina Library upgraded a study room into a Sensory Study Room thanks to donations in memory of Michael A. Phillipp.



Collection

3,023,389
Items checked out

531,811
Items in collection

84,977
Items added



Library Cards

8,602
New library cards issued

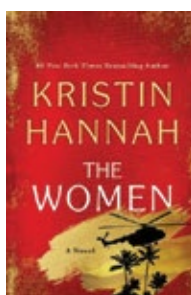
2,272
New eCards issued

Check Outs by Item Type

59%
Physical

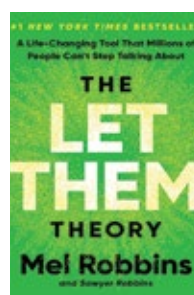
41%
eMedia

Most Checked Out Titles



2,267
Adult
Fiction

The Women
by Kristin
Hannah



2,172
Adult
Nonfiction

*The Let Them
Theory* by
Mel Robbins



1,160
Teen
Fiction

*Sunrise on
the Reaping*
by Suzanne
Collins



4,116
Children's
Series

*Who Would
Win* by
Jerry Pallotta

New Online Resources

ASLdeafined teaches basic to advanced American Sign Language vocabulary and grammar, and allows users to practice communication skills.

Peterson's Test Prep features practice tests and resources for the GED, SAT, ACT, GRE, and more.

Udemy offers 25,000+ video courses, in multiple languages, focused on improving skills across business, tech, design, and more.

New to the Collection

Social Emotional Learning Discovery Packs debuted in October.

The collection comprises **19** unique topics including anxiety, boundaries, and kindness. They were checked out **51** times in the last quarter of the year.





Come on In

556,501

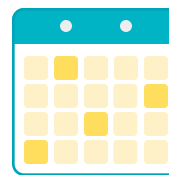
People visited the library



Bon Voyage

3,958

Passports issued



Events

3,042

Events held

88,657

Attendees

Six weeks of Storytimes were added in 2025. Several locations experienced between a **20%** and **60%** increase in storytime attendance overall.

Summer & Winter Reading Games

7,065 **Kids** played the game,
1,480 played a second round

1,207 **Teens** played and read
more than **1 million** minutes

1,477 **Adults** read and
logged **11,104** books



Family History & Learning Center



FHLC added a full-time librarian position to accommodate demand. Staff expanded digital resources by publishing **five** new collections (containing **2,238** images), digitizing **41** yearbooks, and adding **706** pages of historical newspaper.

Staff Honors & Awards

Miranda Fein and **Madison Thomas**, FHLC staff, received the Ohio Genealogical Society writing contest award. Madison also won the Society of Ohio Archivists' New Professional Award.

Evan Furillo, Technology Services Coordinator, graduated from Leadership Medina County LEAD Institute.

Dementia Friendly Medina County

Medina became the eighth Ohio county to join the Dementia Friendly America Network, providing 17 educational sessions on inclusive service for those with memory loss.

The action team includes: Catholic Charities of Medina County, Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Medina County Health Department, Medina County Home, Medina County Prosecutor, Medina County Senior & Adult Services, Western Reserve Masonic Community.

General Operating Fund

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2025: \$ 13,676,334

Revenues

Property Taxes (Medina County)	\$ 7,236,375	55.6%
Public Library Fund (State of Ohio)	4,608,010	35.5%
Fees	282,241	2.2%
Investment Income	614,631	4.7%
Refunds/Other	264,418	2.0%
Total	\$ 13,005,675	100.0%

Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,672,987	50.2%
Supplies	140,359	1.0%
Contracted Services	2,350,525	17.7%
Library Materials	1,953,693	14.7%
Capital & Other Expenses	184,818	1.4%
Transfers to Other Funds	2,000,000	15.0%
Total	\$ 13,302,382	100.0%

Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2025: \$ 13,379,627

Full financial report available at mcdl.info/AnnualReport.

Grants

\$100,000

IMLS National Leadership Grant

\$4,000

Will Eisner Graphic Novel
Growth Grant

Donations

\$35,500

Friends of MCDL

\$21,262.98

Anonymous Donors

\$1,400

Various, in memory of
Michael A. Phillipp

\$1,000

Perry & Mary Doermann

\$1,000

Marc Mitchell

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