Oak Park Public Library



OAK PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report

Summary of Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)
www.OPPLibrary.org

14200 Oak Park Blvd. | Oak Park, MI 48237
Monday - Thursday 10AM - 8PM
Friday 10AM - 5PM
Saturday Closed
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Letter from the Director



Library Director, Kimberly Schaaf, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, and current Library Board President, Noson Daitchman

Oak Park Public Library is proud to announce that we have made huge strides in several different areas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The library received numerous grants, expanded youth and adult programming, launched a new website, and started the strategic planning process.

The grants we received allowed us to establish a circulating STEM kit collection for ages 2 - 13.
We started a fiber arts club aimed at fighting isolationism in seniors while providing hats and scarves for a community closet. We are in the process of digitizing the Oak Park News, years 1958-1963 (access coming soon to our website) and we now offer family archive kits in the form of high speed photo scanners to help you preserve your family photos and archives.

We are proud to continue to support and expand early literacy offerings through our “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program (sponsored by VIBE credit union, Mayor McClellan, and City Manager, Erik Tungate), weekly story times, partnerships with our local schools, the TALK program, and other offerings designed to get toddlers and young children excited about reading.

Our strategic planning process kicked off with a subcommittee representing residents, city administration, and library staff members. The committee embarked on space assessments, area library comparisons, resident surveys, focus groups, and staff surveys to achieve an understanding of what residents want to see most from our library and what has led to success at other libraries. This process will lead to future improvements and a committment to excellence on behalf of residents.

Kimberly Schaaf
Oak Park Public Library Director



Library Board 25-26



Oak Park Public Library Board Members are appointed by City Council and serve a two-year term. Board Members meet monthly to oversee Library finances and represent Oak Park Community interests. The Library Board is comprised of volunteers who receive no compensation.



Library Board Members in Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

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Noson Daitchman – President
Cheryl Daniel – Vice President
Leslye Richie – Treasurer
Dana Braxton - Secretary
Hilery Cash – Board Member
Ken Sherman - Board Member
Solomon Radner – City Council Liaison
Stephanie Crawford - City Council Liaison alternate



Friends of the Oak Park Library!

The Friends of the Oak Park Library is a 501c3 volunteer organization that raises money to fund programs and materials for the Oak Park Public Library.

The Friends donated over $3,500 to Oak Park Public Library in 25-26 to fund events and programs for the whole community to enjoy.



By the Numbers

Materials

125,321 Items Checked Out in 25-26

Physical Items Checked out: **91,044**
Electronic Items Checked out: **34,277**

34,579 Items Interloaned with Other Libraries

82,952 Items Currently in Oak Park Public Library

People

80,653 People Entered Oak Park Public Library in 25-26

8,667 Total Registered Library Card Holders

1,387 Newly Registered Library Users in 25-26

11,626 People Used the Public Computers in the Library

Accessibility Matters

The Oak Park Public Library delivered **725 items to almost 300 people** who could not physically get to the library due to permanent or temporary disability. The items were delivered on a bi-weekly basis.

HERE TO HELP

Librarians and other staff members answered **18,609** reference questions

87 people participated in One-on-One Technology Instruction

1,548 People used the Study Rooms

158 People used the notary service



Programs and Events



3,781 Community Members Attended 248 Events and Programs in 25-26!



2,533 community members attended 126 Kids and Teen Programs and Events.





Early Literacy

Oak Park Public Library Offered 67 Early Literacy Programs with 1,658 in Attendance.

Literacy development begins at birth and is closely linked to a baby's earliest experiences with books and stories. Babies learn language through social literacy experiences - parents interacting with them using books. (ALA.Org)

Summer Reading Sponsors 2025-2026

274 Youth Registrants!
172 Adult Registrants!



Thank You to these Businesses and Friends of the Library!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 SUMMER READING SPONSORS!

Hungry Howie's Flavored Crust Pizza

DIA Detroit Institute of Arts

Oakland County Parks

Creative Arts Studio Royal Oak

Scheer's Ace Hardware 8601 W Nine Mile Rd. Oak Park 248-542-1802

Jerusalem Pizza

Dept. of Public Works City of Oak Park Michigan

Chuck E. Cheese

Friends of the Oak Park Library

Zap Zone

The Home Depot

Oak Park Public Library

Community Partners

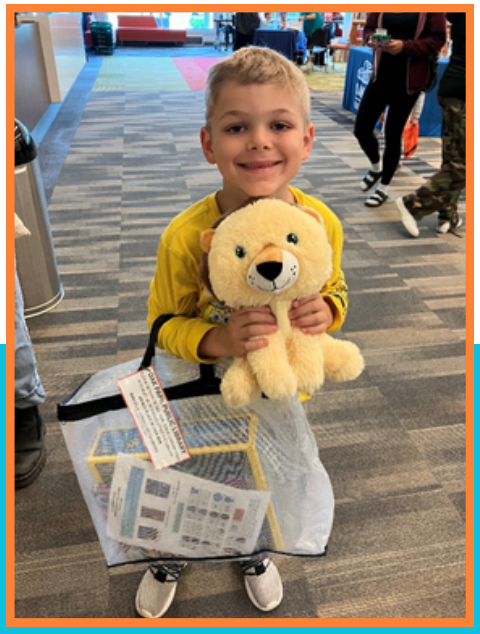
We rely on collaborations with numerous community partners to facilitate cost sharing, create awareness, and assist with providing education and information!



Lakeshore Legal Aid | AgeWays | Central Michigan University Oakland County Parks | Girl Scouts | Early On Oakland Congregation Beth Shalom | Library of Michigan | Oakland Thrive Oak Park Schools | Oak Park Public Safety | Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Commission | Oak Park Youth Assistance | Oak Park Recreation | Oakland County | Book Beat | Lions Club of Royal Oak DIA | Jazz Federation of America | IRP | Sloan Museum | Oakland County Health Division | Michigan Financial Wellness Network Michigan Credit Union Foundation | Bel Canto Choir | Vibe Credit Union | Mother Handome | Oak Park DPW | Huntington Woods Public Library | Southfield Public Library | MSU Extension | Priority Health | Detroit Repair Cafe | Molina Healthcare Community Foundation | Insititute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEEE



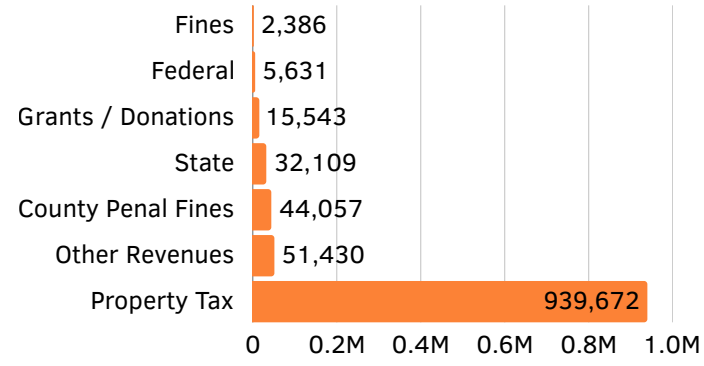


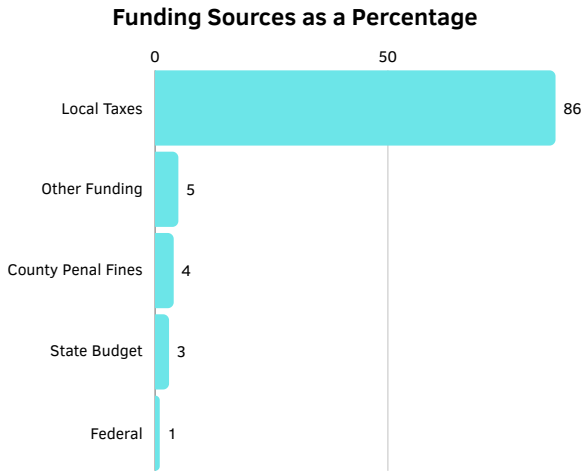


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2025-2026 Library Budget

Revenues





Expenses

