

Oak Park Public Library



Annual Report

Summary of Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

14200 Oak Park Blvd. | Oak Park, MI 48237

Monday - Thursday 10AM - 8PM

Friday 10AM - 5PM

Saturday Closed

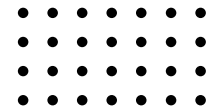
Sunday 1pm - 5pm



Letter from the Director



Zakiya Hollifield, Former Board President and Kimberly Schaaf, Library Director



Oak Park Public Library has continued to make huge strides toward offering a wide variety of activities and programs for all ages. We have continued to improve the building with new furniture additions and we have worked with numerous community partners and sponsors in order to maximize our budget.

Some highlights of this past year include increasing our early literacy participation, receiving a grant for circulating STEM kits, being chosen to host a Michigan Notable Book Tour author, starting a digitization project for our archives, and continuing a successful home delivery program.

The cooperative efforts between the Oak Park Public Library Board, the City of Oak Park Administration, and the Oak Park City Council, along with the financial support of the Friends of Oak Park Library have created a pathway for the Library to flourish as a valuable community resource and a celebrated point of pride for Oak Park residents.

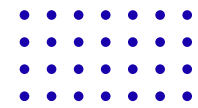
An example of this cooperation is the wonderful mural we all welcomed in the Fall of 2024. The mural embodies the spirit of Oak Park and creates a vibrant welcoming atmosphere as it faces Oak Park's new event hub and band shell areas in the space between City Hall and the Library.

The Oak Park Public Library is excited to continue to support our community in the next year as we look toward all the new exciting developments and growth across the City.

Kimberly Schaaf
Oak Park Public Library Director



Library Board 24-25



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 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

- Zakiya Hollifield – President through Nov 2024
- Noson Daitchman – Current President
- Leslye Richie – Current Treasurer
- Ken Sherman – Treasurer through Nov 2024
- Cheryl Daniel – Current Vice President
- Hilery Cash – Reappointed August of 2024.
- Shaun Whitehead – City Council Liaison through Feb 2025
- Solomon Radner – Current City Council Liaison



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 \$4,500 to Oak Park Public Library in 24-25 to fund events and programs for the whole community to enjoy.



By the Numbers

Materials

115,330 Items
Checked Out in 24-25

Physical Items Checked out: **87,254**
Electronic Items Checked out: **28,076**

28,968 Items Interloaned
with Other Libraries

80,494 Items Currently
in Oak Park Public Library

People

63,307 Visitors to Oak Park
Public Library in 24-25

8,440 Total Registered Library
Card Holders

1,320 Newly Registered
Library Users in 24-25

10,843 People Used the Public
Computers in the Library

Accessibility Matters

The Oak Park Public Library delivered **over 900 items to over 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
16,806 reference questions

45 people participated in One-on-One
Technology Instruction

1,191 People used the Study Rooms

86 People used the notary service



Programs and Events

5,025 Community Members Attended 203 Events and Programs in 24-25!



2,553 Attended 118 Kids and Teen Programs and Events.

1,838 Attended All-Ages Events. 634 Attended Events Aimed at Adults.



Early Literacy

Oak Park Public Library Offered 83 Early Literacy Programs with 1,321 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 2024-2025

280 Youth Registrants!
125 Adult Registrants!



Thank You to these Businesses
and Friends of the Library!

Thank You!
2025 Summer Reading Sponsors

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NerdOut

BOOK & BEAT

Creative Arts Studio
Royal Oak

HobbyTown

ZAP ZONE

ESCAPE ROOM ZONE

FOUND SOUND

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Mother Handsome
CAFE | PIZZERIA | COCKTAILS

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Hungry Howie's
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Community Partners

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



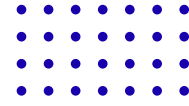
Center for Success Network | Lakeshore Legal Aid | AgeWays
Oakland County Parks | **Girl Scouts** | Friends of Royal Oak Township
Early On Oakland | Congregation Beth Shalom | **Library of MI**
Automotive Hall of Fame | **Oakland Thrive** | PBS | **Oak Park Schools**
DNR | Oak Park Public Safety | **Oak Park Recycling and**
Environmental Commission | Oak Park Youth Assistance | Oak Park
Recreation | **Oakland County** | **Tri-Community Coalition** | **Oak Park**
Corridor Improvement Authority | Book Beat | **Lions Club of Royal**
Oak | **DIA** | Eisenhower School of Dance | **Jazz Federation of America**



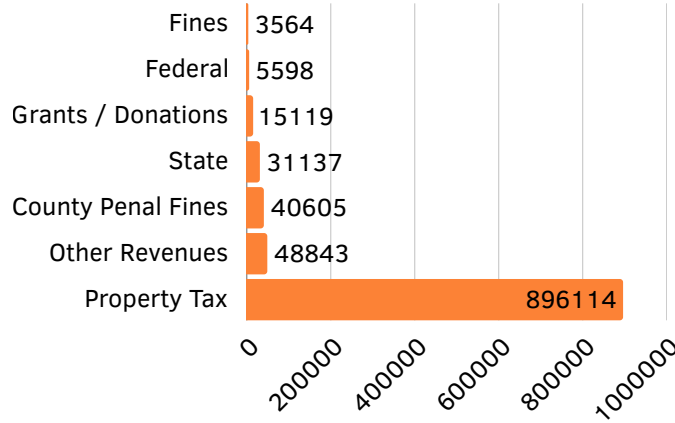
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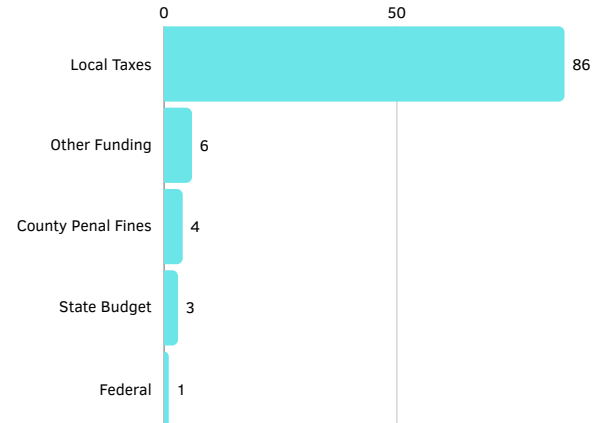
2024-2025 Library Budget



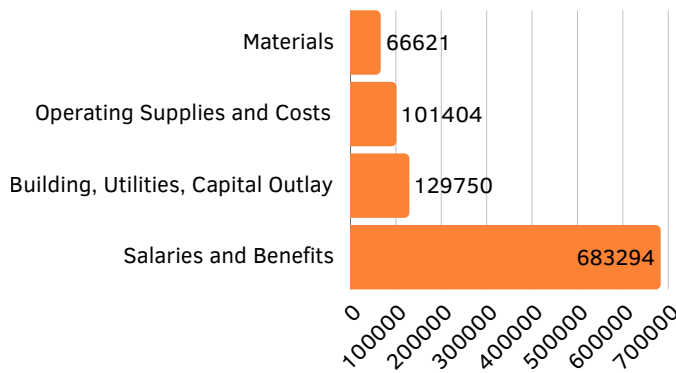
Revenues



Funding Sources as a Percentage



Expenses



Expenses as a Percentage

