



Library Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda - FINAL

Chair, Lonica Rowley
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Boardmember Ellen Bachman
Boardmember Christal Cline
Boardmember James Martherus
Boardmember Megan Sterling
Boardmember Karina Wilhelm
Boardmember Jo Wilson

Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

5:30 PM

Library Board Room

1 Call Meeting to Order

2 Approval of the minutes from The January 20th, 2026 & The March 24th Library Advisory Board Meeting

3 Items from citizens present**

4 Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

5 Discussion items:

5a- Hear a presentation on The 2025 Summer Reading Program and a preview of the 2026 Summer Reading Program

5b- Hear a presentation on the libraries ULC Civic Makers Lab Grant

5b- Hear a presentation on the libraries proposed FY 26/27 Budget

6 Identify Items for Future Agendas*

7 Hear reports from Library Advisory Board Members on current events, meetings, and/or educational topics related to public library matters*

8 Adjournment

* These items are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken on the items.

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Summer Reading
2025



Program Name	Registered Users	Achievers	Minutes Read
Prereaders (ages 4 and below)	1629	842	1,102,580
Kids (ages 5 to 11)	4590	2197	3,660,405
Teens (ages 12 to 17)	1503	864	2,556,319
Adults (ages 18 and up)	4268	2505	4,659,446
Total	11990	6408	11,978,750



Summer Programs

Age of Participants	Number of Programs provided	Number of Participants
Younger Children 0-5	152	6005
Older Children 5-12	62	1376
Teens 12-18	53	493
Adults 18 and up	79	430
All Ages Events	89	3397

Spending
time
together!

We came to the library
more often than usual
and got to know some
of the workers there
who are super nice.

The
Programs!

I loved that it
encouraged
my boys to
read more!

It gave good ideas
on how to improve
literacy in a small
child!

Keep
being
Awesome!

Coming to the
library more
often!

The
Prizes!

It helped replace
some screen time and
encouraged bonding
time at the end of
each day.

Civic Makers Lab for Adults

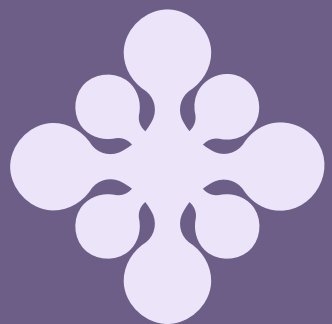
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May 2025 - Sept 2027

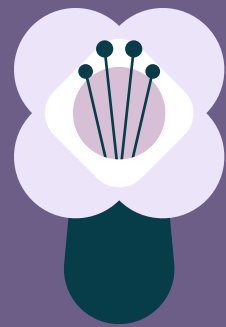
Mesa Public Library was one of ten chosen libraries to participate in this opportunity to empower young adults to be active contributors to their communities.

OBJECTIVES

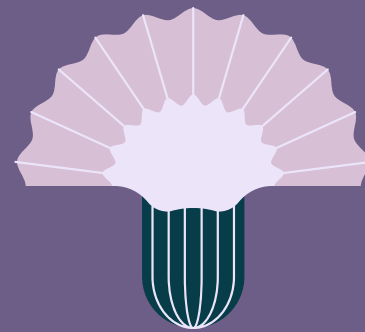
- Train librarians in experiential civic learning
- Expand civic learning opportunities for young adults
- Strengthen local civic ecosystems through partnerships
- Build a national network of civic-minded libraries
- Generate new, replicable models of civic engagement



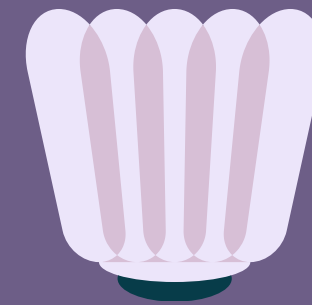
GRANT COMPONENTS



\$15,000 Program
Support Funds



Civic-Based Micro-
Pilot & Large Program



Young Adults Civic
Learning Experiences



Library Services

May 19, 2026



Fiscal Year 2026/27



Library Services Department

The Library Services Department exists to **provide enriching opportunities and social connection** through **reliable access to information resources, diverse learning experiences and quality community spaces**, advancing Mesa's vision of a thriving and prosperous city.

-  WHY WE EXIST
-  OUTCOMES-base of kpis
-  HOW WE ALIGN TO THE PRIORITIES

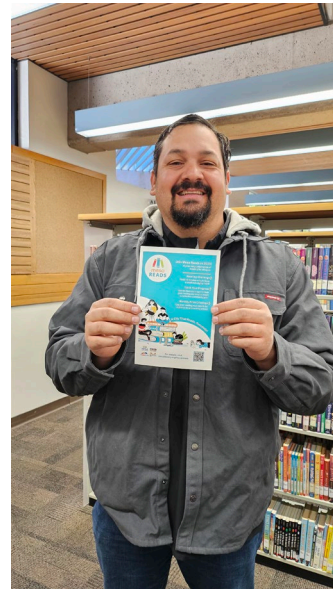
Team LEAP (Literacy Engagement Access & Programs)



Mesa Reads



**Over 15,000,000 Minutes
Read in 2025!**





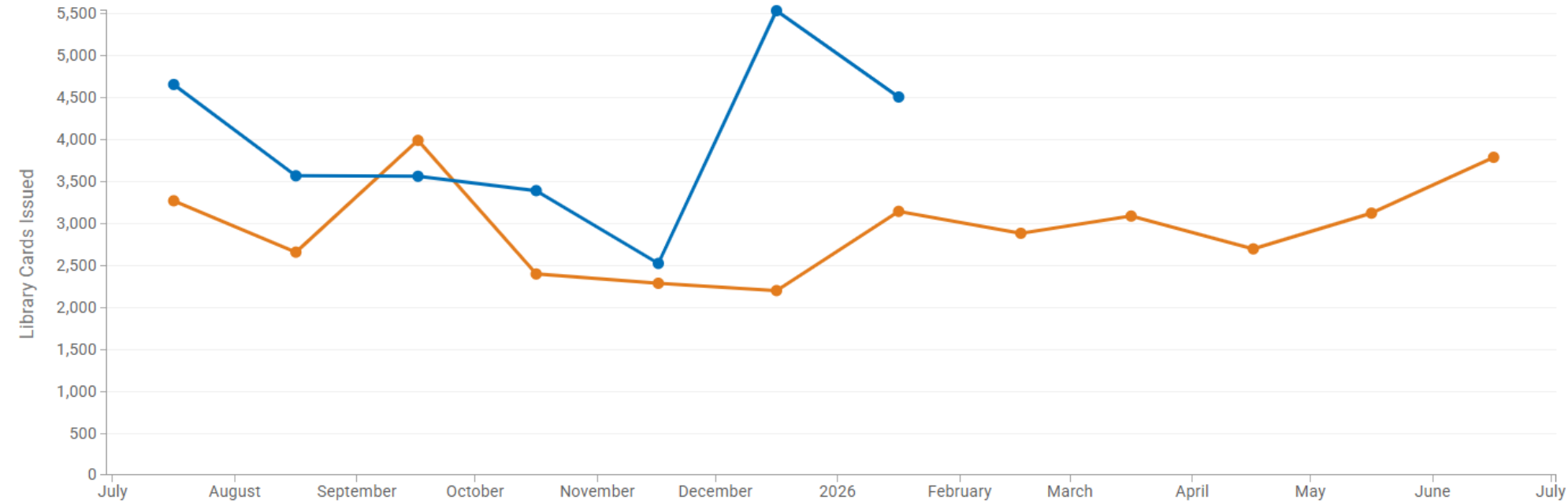
Gateway Library Opens!



Engagement and Access – New Library Users

Library Cards Issued Monthly Targets and Actuals

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- Target Cards Issued
- Cards Issued

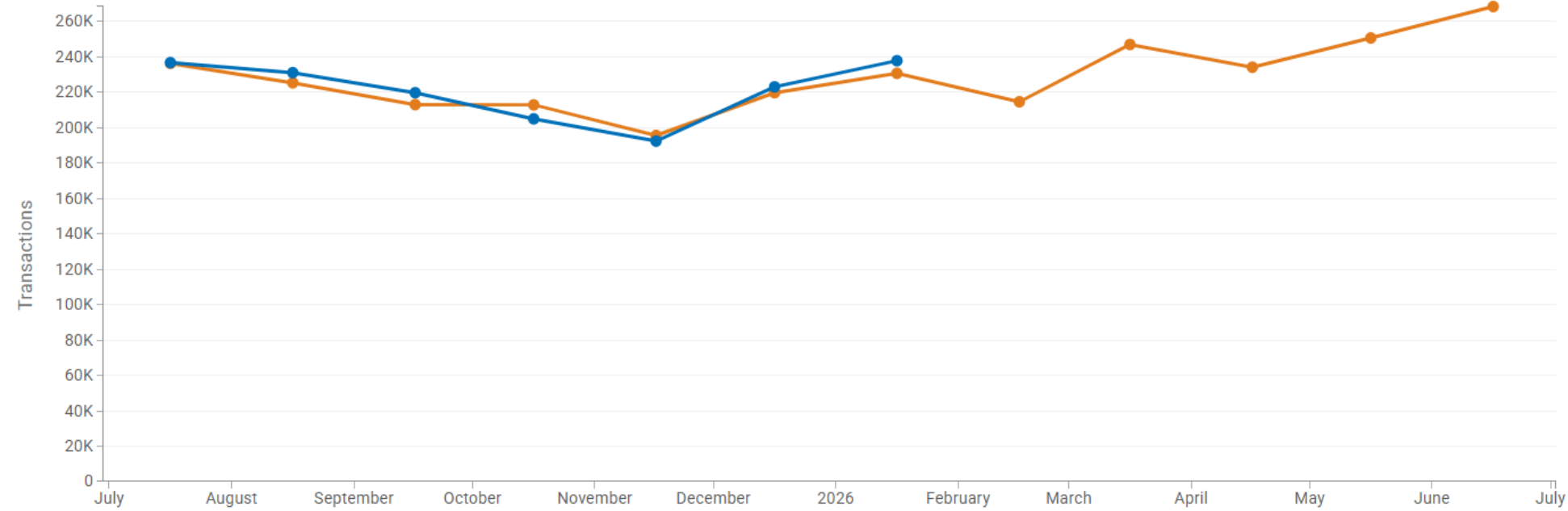


Community Literacy for All Learners - Circulation



Library Circulation Transactions Monthly Targets and Actuals

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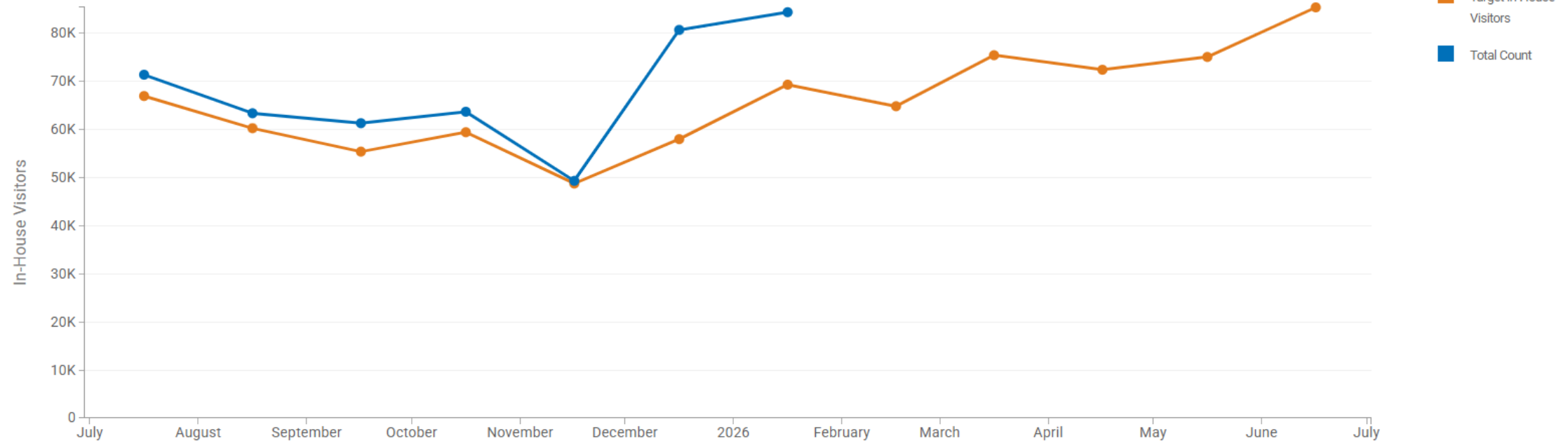




Customer Experience - In House Visits

Library In-House Visitors Monthly Targets and Actuals

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Department Financial Summary



Core Business Process	FY 24/25 Year End Actuals	FY 25/26 Revised Budget	FY 25/26 Year End Estimate	FY 26/27 Proposed Budget
Library Resources	\$3.8	\$4.4	\$4.4	\$4.3
Library Programs and Services	\$6.6	\$9.7	\$9.7	\$7.8
Total	\$10.4	\$14.1	\$14.1	\$12.1

Figures in millions, rounded

Total Base Budget	\$12.1 million	%
Personnel	\$9.5	78.5%
Operating	\$2.6	21.5%



Base Budget Reductions



Total fund reduction target: \$234,989

Reduction	FTE	Reduction Amount	Ranking
Baker and Taylor Catalog Subscription	0	-\$18,000	1
Managed Print Services	0	-\$10,000	2
Collection HQ Subscription	0	-\$28,000	3
Stackmap Subscription	0	-\$11,240	4
Morningstar Subscription	0	-\$4,200	5
Maintenance & Repair of Library Technology	0	-\$19,000	6
Main Library Page	-0.5	-\$16,944	7
Main Library Clerk	-0.5	-\$40,917	8
Library Equipment Assistant	-1	-\$86,820	9
Total	-2	-\$235,121	

THANK YOU!





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