

**AGENDA - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 - 7:00 PM
HAMMOND ROOM
320 PARK AVE.
GLENCOE, IL 60022**

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.
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13) CLOSED SESSION	
Per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21), the Library Board of Trustees may vote to go into closed session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes mandated by Section 2.06.	
14) ADJOURNMENT	

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HAMMOND ROOM
320 PARK AVENUE, GLENCOE, ILLINOIS 60022**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER:

President Parfitt called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL:

The following Trustees were present: Jim Fiffer, Bob Kimble, Linda Lin, Roger Parfitt, Michael Pope, and Nan Weiss-Ham. Present were library management team members Danny Burdett, Grace Hayek, and Andrew Kim, Executive Director. Also present were Library Foundation Vice President Kathy Doyle, Friends President Marti Wick, and library staff member Jeff D'Anastasio. And guest Joe Laudont, a Principal from Lauterbach & Amen, attended the meeting virtually. Absent: George Krafcsin.

3) ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

4) CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of the May 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting (RBM) minutes (“REVISED” Supplement)

Trustee Lin corrected an amount stated in 8) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION from “\$212,000” to “\$443,000” (Supplement page 1).

A MOTION was made by Trustee Fiffer, and seconded by Trustee Lin, **TO APPROVE THE MAY 20, 2026, RBM MINUTES (“REVISED”) AS AMENDED.**

The **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS** voice vote of those present.

Ayes: Fiffer, Kimble, Lin, Parfitt, Pope, Weiss-Ham

Nays: None

Absent: Krafcsin

5) PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

6) PRESENTATION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY LAUTERBACH & AMEN:

Principal Joe Laudont from Lauterbach & Amen presented a summary of the firm’s audit of the library’s CY 2025 finances. The “Independent Auditor’s Report” included in the

Annual Financial Report conveyed an unmodified opinion, the highest possible conclusion (Supplement pages 1-2).

The *Management Letter* Supplement was also summarized, with a general recommendation to all clients to strengthen IT security, the status of Prior Recommendations, and Upcoming Standards from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GSAB).

Trustee Lin asked about financial elements the library should be aware of due to the upcoming renovation. Mr. Laudont responded that areas to monitor were identifying any necessary budget amendments, keeping track of bond expenditures, and considering the effect of the renovation on depreciable assets.

A MOTION was made by President Parfitt, and seconded by Trustee Kimble **TO ACCEPT THE CY 2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY LAUTERBACH & AMEN AS PRESENTED.**

The **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS** voice vote of those present.

Ayes: Fiffer, Kimble, Lin, Parfitt, Pope, Weiss-Ham

Nays: None

Absent: Krafcisin

7) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

President Wick presented the Friends' library program funding donations from their May meeting. A total of \$9,637 was donated. The final sale dates before the renovation are October 3–5, with the possibility of extended hours. The Friends intend to remain active during the renovation but will not be collecting donated materials.

8) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION:

Vice President Kathy Doyle reported the Library Foundation's assets were a total of \$2,121,163. Acknowledgment was made of an unsolicited \$250,000 donation. Work was progressing on sending reminder letters to pledgers and thank you letters to donors. The Foundation intends to send an update on its efforts in a mid-July email newsletter. A new website domain has been established (gplf60022.org). The group will also participate in Glencoe's Al Fresco events this summer and continue to plan a Lemon-Aid Stand Day near the start of the school year.

9) COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no comments regarding Communications.

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Building & Grounds:

Facilities Supervisor Juan Rodriguez detailed June's completed and upcoming maintenance activities (Board Packet [BP] pages 10-11). Director Kim added that a Request For Proposal (RFP) had been sent on Monday for potential Pre-Construction Management firms. Responses have already been received from twelve firms, and three building tours are scheduled for next week.

b. Building Renovation Committee (BRC):

The BRC, URBAN-ReSOLVE, and Director Kim continue to investigate options for a temporary location. Erin Cabonargi, Director Kim, and attorney Derke Price of Ancel Glink met on June 10 to discuss a private residence option.

Meanwhile, the management team is making progress in planning services, programs, and access to materials during construction. Trustee Fiffer asked for more detail on these efforts.

The Village of Glencoe received confirmation from Standard & Poor's (S&P) reaffirming the Village's AAA bond rating for the upcoming bond issuance for the Village and library. Bond sales are scheduled for June 18.

Trustee Pope requested more details about efforts to find temporary locations for library services. Trustee Fiffer and Director Kim expressed the view that further time is needed to consider potential locations and approaches. President Parfitt noted that the RFP asked for firms to include a phased construction alternative in their proposals.

c. Capital Campaign:

Included in **8) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION.**

d. Finance:

Trustee Kimble emphasized the continued uncertainty about Property Tax Revenue and whether amounts received apply to 2025 or the current year (BP page 14). In more positive news, Library expenditures for May at 39.3% aligned closely with Year To Date (YTD) expectations (41.7%). Personnel expenditures of 40.6% were also in line with the YTD.

e. Marketing:

There was no report.

f. Plan Commission:

The agenda for the May 27 meeting was provided (BP page 27). Trustee Pope confirmed that the former Walgreens site in the Hubbard Woods Plaza had secured a tenant.

g. Planning:

There was no report.

h. Policy & Bylaws:

There was no report.

- i. Sustainability Task Force (STF):
Trustee Lin referred to the May 26 STF Agenda (BP page 28) in her update: 3C. EV Charging Station Construction – on the Village Court side of Village Hall; 3E. 2027 Green Bay Trail Construction Project – Open House June 6; and 3G. Park District Small Business Shredding Station – available to the public in the Takiff Center.
- j. Technology:
Trustee Weiss-Ham summarized the Technology Committee Report about repairs to a 3D printer and firewall filters for the July 6 public launch of the BiblioCore catalog (BP page 29).

11)REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Director Kim provided the following updates since the May RBM:

Director Kim and Trustee Fiffer attended the S&P Bond Ratings call with Village staff on May 27. The bond sale is on June 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The Director thanked the Friends for approving the latest round of requests from the management team. Nearly \$10,000 in new funds will support several of the library's most popular programs and purchase a new bookbinding tool for Technical Services.

Technical Services Processing Assistant Heidi McGarry has transferred to the Circulation Department to a Shelver position. Director Kim thanked Heidi for agreeing to move her talents to the Circulation team.

Children's Program Coordinator Michelle Litchman, Trustee Weiss-Ham, and the Director represented the library at this year's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Carnival at Central school. And the team of Head of Programs and Communications Grace Hayek, Head of Adult Services Dale Heath, Adult Librarian Haley Kedzierski, Michelle Litchman, and Trustees Fiffer and Weiss-Ham, led a successful Ice Cream Social. Patrons congratulated them on a successful referendum vote and enjoyed the balloon artist, the glitter tattoo artist, and Culver's frozen custard.

The Director thanked Children's Services and Public Operations Manager Ann Finstad for hosting William as Librarian for a Day. His family won the bid at Glencoe Junior Kindergarten's auction.

12)NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to adopt Board Resolutions for Naming Rights to the Children's Department and Lobby Lounge
Two board resolutions were presented for gift/grant agreements.
 - i. The Children's Department naming rights will go to the Lefkowsky Family Foundation for \$500,000 for 36 years, or the end of the useful life of said department.

- ii. The Lobby Lounge naming rights will go to Patty and Bruce Becker for \$150,000 for a period of no less than 36 years. T Trustee Fiffer raised concerns about the terms and language of the Resolution regarding the Foundation's role in the process and a term agreement regarding grantor's approval of signage locations.

The Trustees considered the points raised, and after further discussion determined that the next step in the process should be Director Kim stating in a letter to the Lefkofsky Family Foundation that the project had obtained all the Village Approvals possible at this point, and the first Milestone was achieved.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Pope, and seconded by Trustee Kimble, **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-06-17A THAT THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFICIALLY BE NAMED THE STEPHANIE LEE KRAMER CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AS AMENDED.**

The **MOTION PASSED BY** a roll call vote.

Ayes: Kimble, Lin, Parfitt, Pope, Weiss-Ham
Nays: None
Abstain: Fiffer
Absent: Krafcisin

A MOTION was made by Trustee Weiss-Ham, and seconded by Trustee Kimble, **TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-06-17B THAT THE LOBBY LOUNGE SHALL OFFICIALLY BE NAMED THE PATTY AND BRUCE BECKER LOUNGE AS PRESENTED.**

The **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS** roll call vote of those present.

Ayes: Fiffer, Kimble, Lin, Parfitt, Pope, Weiss-Ham
Nays: None
Absent: Krafcisin

13)CLOSED SESSION:

There was no Closed Session.

14)ADJOURNMENT:

President Parfitt adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff D'Anastasio

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc: The Friends of the Glencoe Public Library
From: Andrew Kim, Executive Director
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Approval to close the library building and suspend services on September 25, 2026, until 1:00 p.m. to hold Staff Development Day

This year's Staff Development Day planning will be led by the management team. The management team is requesting that the library building close, and services be suspended until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2026, to hold Staff Development Day.

Staff Development Day is an annual event that includes operational training, professional development, and social activities.

June 2026: Comments Logged in Gimlet

Compliments

Program	6/3/2026	[My wife] and I frequently listen to audiobook mysteries as lunchtime and dinner entertainment and make use of both Libby and HooplaDigital. Nevertheless, I thought it wouldn't hurt to learn a few tips and tricks to become a better Libby user. I signed up for the June 3 presentation at the library, but when I got the message there was a recorded March 2026 presentation, slug that I am I decided to watch it at home. Boy, did I learn how much I didn't know about Libby! It has so many features I never explored that will make it a more valuable a resource. Once again, thanks to you and the library for what you add to life in Glencoe.
Reference	6/4/2026	I like your videos you've been posting on instagram!
Children's	6/6/2026	"Thank you so much! This is absolutely the best place in Glencoe! And it's largely because of all of you that work here!"
Reader's Advisory	6/12/2026	One of our regular patrons, a member of the Fiction Book Club, remarked how much she liked our new banners.
Children's	6/12/2026	R. A on the phone with one of our wonderful families with twins that moved away. Now 17, the girl twin wanted suggestions from Ann F, and wanted to tell me about old books I recommended. They miss us. No YA librarian at their local library.
Reader's Advisory	6/13/2026	the summer reading prizes are great this year!
Reader's Advisory	6/15/2026	"I love the Pride display out front!"
Children's	6/20/2026	This (summer reading) has been so motivating!
Children's	6/20/2026	The prizes for the src spin wheel are spot on this summer. You guys have upped your game!
Children's	6/24/2026	"I like it here because you have a lot of programs for the kids, a lot of things to encourage them."

Complaints/Constructive Criticism

Reference	6/15/2026	Patron had called last week to request an extension for her hold time for Yesteryear. She was told it would be held until 6/16, but when she got here today, it had been pulled and put on the hold shelf for the next person.	Patron had an email showing that she had requested the extension. I told her that we would let her know as soon as a copy is available and that I would escalate the issue with Danny at Circ. She seemed satisfied with that answer.
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Program Feedback

Program	6/15/2026	(re Big Books) I absolutely loved the spring session of The Portrait of a Lady with Barbara Joyce. She was masterful in making everyone feel comfortable enough to contribute to the discussion. The amount of assigned reading per session was well thought out. Barbara brought relevant historical information to the sessions which is always appreciated. I especially enjoyed the long format as it allowed the group to coalesce and develop an easy rapport that greatly contributed to the discussions. I'm looking forward to the summer session.
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Renovation Feedback

Reference	6/30/2026	"I'm just admiring that beautiful room. I hope it doesn't change." (patron talking about the Johnson Room)
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Social Media Comments

Virtual	6/8/2026	Go Glen CoCo, you go Glen CoCo	Comment left on Library Renovation Tiktok video
Virtual	6/8/2026	🤪🤪🤪 bahahahahahaha. you are brave & hilarious	Comment left on Summer Reading TikTok video
Program	6/18/2026	A comment on the video of the 8/8/2024 program "Jens Jensen, O.C. Simonds, and Today's Native Gardens" - "Thank you for providing this! Libraries are invaluable."	

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Trustee Parfitt and Trustee Krafcisin, Building & Grounds Committee; Juan Rodriguez, Facilities Supervisor
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Building & Grounds Committee report

Overview

As we move further into the summer season, the Facilities Department is focusing on maintaining a comfortable indoor environment for staff and patrons while addressing the challenges associated with increased heat and humidity. The department will continue to monitor building conditions closely and perform preventative maintenance to ensure all systems operate efficiently and reliably.

Seasonal HVAC and Air Quality Maintenance

With the arrival of warmer and more humid weather, the Facilities Department will be closely monitoring condensation levels throughout the building and servicing HVAC equipment as needed to provide an adequate and comfortable indoor climate.

The Facilities Team will also be cleaning and servicing HVAC condensers to ensure optimal system performance and energy efficiency during the peak cooling season. To help maintain healthy indoor air quality, the Facilities Team will continue cleaning and inspecting air ducts and HVAC supply lines. Special attention will be given during periods of high humidity to help prevent moisture buildup and reduce the potential for mold growth within the system.

Stormwater and Drainage Maintenance

To prepare for seasonal storms and heavy rainfall, the Facilities Department will be cleaning exterior window wells throughout the property. This preventative maintenance will help ensure proper drainage, reduce algae buildup, and minimize the risk of clogged or flooded drains during periods of significant precipitation.

Scheduled Maintenance and Vendor Services

July 14 – Monthly Pest Control Inspection

Aerex Pest Control will be onsite to perform the library's monthly pest inspection and preventative treatment service.

July 24 – Elevator Preventative Maintenance

A technician from American Hoist will perform the monthly preventative maintenance inspection and service of the library elevator system.

Ongoing Facilities Operations

- Program and event room setups.
- Routine building inspections.
- Preventative maintenance activities.
- Responding to maintenance requests and work orders.
- General building upkeep and operational support.

The Facilities Department remains committed to maintaining a safe, clean, and comfortable environment for all staff and patrons throughout the summer season. Through preventative maintenance, routine inspections, and proactive building care, we will continue supporting the library's mission and daily operations.

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
 Cc:
 From: Trustee Krafcisin and Trustee Fiffer, Building Renovation Committee
 Date: July 10, 2026
 Re: Building Renovation Committee report

Temporary Location

The Building Renovation Committee (Committee), URBAN-ReSOLVE (U-R), and Director Kim continue to investigate options for a temporary location. Additionally, the team agreed to include a request for costs in the Request for Proposal for Construction Manager Services and Opinion of Probable Cost if the library chooses a phased approach to construction.

A phased approach is not ideal, but due to the lack of viable options explored to date, it may be the best course for construction.

The following is a list of potential temporary locations with whom the team had initial discussions with ownership.

1. 347 Park Avenue (former Starbucks) (2,200 sq ft approx.)

Pro(s)	• Location – centrally located in Downtown Glencoe • Retail space layout, open floor plan • Rear access for deliveries, etc. • Full basement for storage
Con(s)	• Currently leased to Starbucks • Cost

2. 67 Green Bay Road – Hubbard Woods Plaza (1,020 sq ft approx.)

Pro(s)	• Located in Glencoe • Parking available • Rear access for deliveries, etc. • Basement for storage
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Con(s)	• Small, would need to be bundled with other Hubbard Woods Plaza vacancies • Requires significant repairs for use
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3. 69 Green Bay Road – Hubbard Woods Plaza
(1,500 sq ft approx.)

Pro(s)	• Located in Glencoe • Parking available • Rear access for deliveries, etc. • Basement for storage
Con(s)	• Small, would need to be bundled with other Hubbard Woods Plaza vacancies • Requires significant repairs for use

4. 71 Green Bay Road – Hubbard Woods Plaza
(2,350 sq ft approx.)

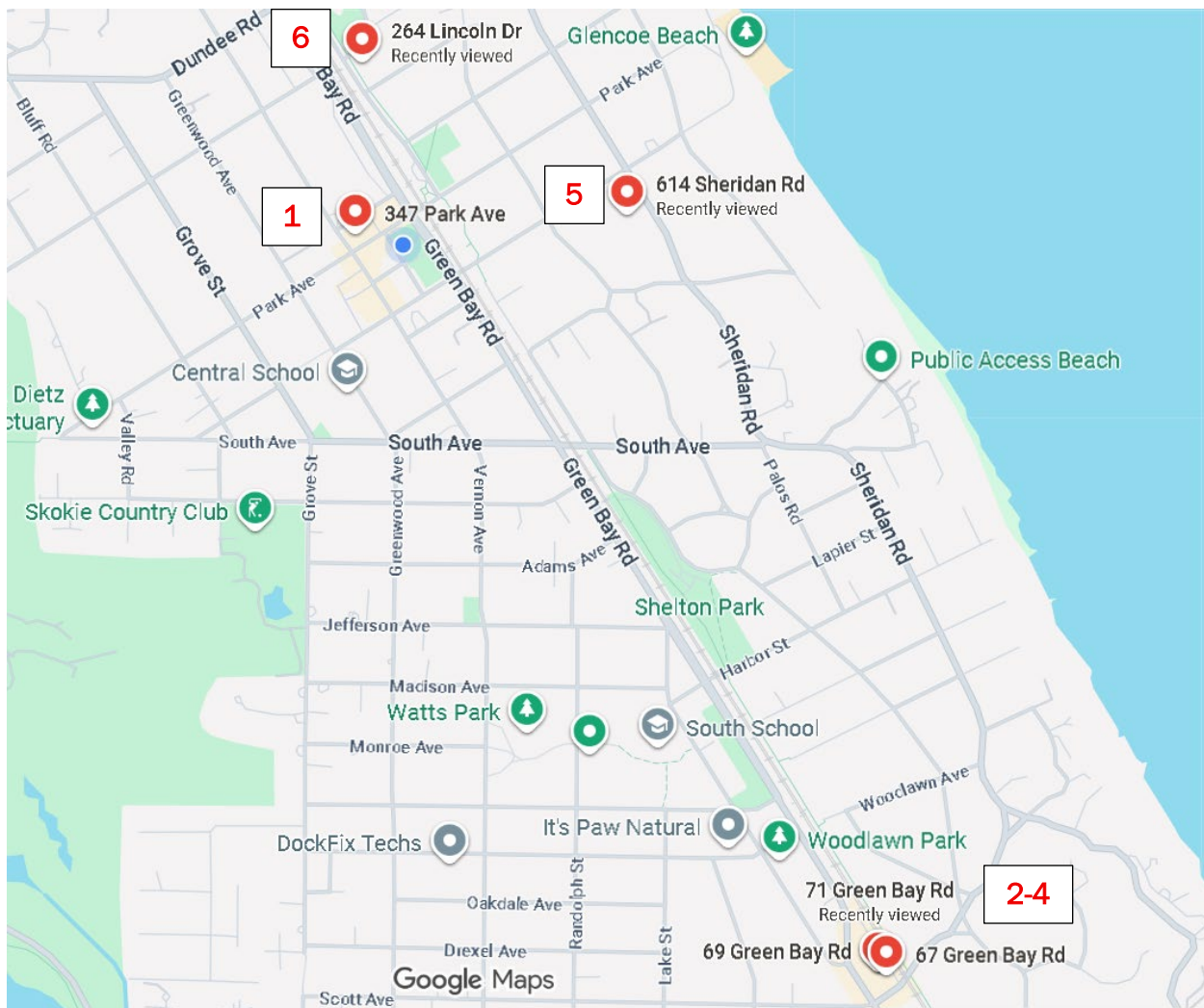
Pro(s)	• Located in Glencoe • Parking available • Rear access for deliveries, etc. • Basement for storage
Con(s)	• Small, would need to be bundled with other Hubbard Woods Plaza vacancies • Requires significant repairs for use

5. 614 Sheridan Road (private residence)
(2,200 sq ft approx.)

Pro(s)	• Located near Downtown Glencoe
Con(s)	• Not ADA compliant • Requires Village Board and Zoning Commission's respective approvals • Requires construction work to create parking spaces in the adjacent lot • No open floor plan

6. 264 Lincoln Drive (“Sunken Park”)

Pro(s)	- Centrally located in between Downtown Glencoe, Metra, Glencoe Business parking lot, Glencoe Union Church, and Takiff Center - Street parking available - Adjacent to Duke Park and near Kalk Park
Con(s)	- Requires Park District approval including at least one public hearing - Requires Zoning Commission’s approval - Sunken Park is a water retention field - Cost to lease mobile units



Other Space Options

- *Misner Auditorium, Central School*
Director Kim and Ann Finstad are discussing the use of Misner Auditorium for storage with District 35 Administration. Initial discussions revolve around using the second-floor lobby for storage of furniture, equipment, etc.
- *Glencoe Union Church*
Director Kim and Grace Hayek are scheduled to meet with Glencoe Union Church leadership to discuss using church spaces for programming.

Additionally, Grace is leading a staff group who will determine programming, space needs, and accessibility during construction. Justin Franklin and Matthew Byrd are preparing a network plan for a temporary location with consultation from the library's network support. Hope Kramer is leading the collection assessment.

Request for Proposal for Construction Manager Services and Opinion of Probable Cost

The Request for Proposal for Construction Manager Services and Opinion of Probable Cost was issued on June 15, 2026. Electronic proposals were due by July 3 and hard copies were due by July 6.

Erin Cabonargi sent out a solicitation to 12 construction management firms who had independently expressed interest in the project. Additionally, a public bid notice was posted in the Chicago Tribune running from June 19-23, 2026.

The library received 8 responses from firms interested in serving as Construction Manager at Risk for the project. U-R provided the Committee, SOM, and Director Kim access to the electronic files. Director Kim had hard copies delivered to the Committee on July 6. The firms are:

- Berglund Construction
- Bowa Construction
- Bulley & Andrews
- Gilbane
- IHC Construction
- NORCON, Inc.
- Pepper Construction
- W.B. Olson, Inc.

The team will meet and discuss the proposals in hope of finalizing a shortlist of candidates to interview. The Committee and Director Kim will confer with President Parfitt to determine the method of selecting a firm.

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Trustee Kimble and Trustee Parfitt, Finance Committee
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Finance Committee report

The following is a summary of the financial statements for June 2026.

Combined Balance Sheet

There is no report.

Operating Revenues

Though Cook County is still unable to provide distribution reports, the library received \$95,000 in property taxes last month.

Copier and Fines and Fees are performing over year-to-date, 59% and 57.4% respectively.

The library also received a \$5,000 donation from the Modest Bauer Foundation last month.

Operating Expenditures

Overall, Library Services expenditures are ~4% below year-to-date with only Video, General Supplies, and Children's Learning Kits needing to be monitored moving forward.

Personnel expenditures remain in line with year-to-date (47.8% actual versus 50% YTD).

Facilities, Overhead, and Other expenditures are also in line with year-to-date.

Restricted Fund

As Friends Board President Marti Wick reported in June, the Friends gifted \$9,637 to the library in May 2026.

GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2026

Glencoe Public Library

Combined Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances - Modified Cash Basis - All Funds - Exhibit A - See Accountant's Compilation Report

	TOTAL		
	AS OF JUN 30, 2026	AS OF MAY 31, 2026 (PP)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Cash			
1-000-10101 Cash-General	20,681.08	41,973.86	-21,292.78
1-000-10102 Cash-Operating	975.00	895.00	80.00
1-000-10118 CC Deposits-NS Bank	19,444.37	19,793.46	-349.09
1-000-10120 Petty Cash	75.00	75.00	0.00
1-000-10202 Cash-Maxsafe	2,641,080.33	2,724,752.14	-83,671.81
2-000-10202 Cash-Maxsafe (Restricted Gifts Fund)	41,732.72	41,522.08	210.64
3-000-10202 Cash-Maxsafe (Pension Fund)	74,857.73	74,857.73	0.00
4-000-10301 Cash-Maxsafe (Special Reserve)	624,055.17	622,011.14	2,044.03
Total Cash	3,422,901.40	3,525,880.41	-102,979.01
Total Bank Accounts	\$3,422,901.40	\$3,525,880.41	\$ -102,979.01
Other Current Assets			
1-000-11010 Petty Cash Clearing	6.00	106.00	-100.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$6.00	\$106.00	\$ -100.00
Total Current Assets	\$3,422,907.40	\$3,525,986.41	\$ -103,079.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,422,907.40	\$3,525,986.41	\$ -103,079.01
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			\$0.00
Equity			
Beginning of Year Fund Balances			
-4-000-28105 Special Reserve Fund Balance	364,986.06	364,986.06	0.00
1-000-28105 General Fund Balance	1,295,352.44	1,295,352.44	0.00
2-000-28105 Restricted Gift Fund Balance	43,777.43	43,777.43	0.00
3-000-28105 Pension Fund Balance	74,857.73	74,857.73	0.00
Total Beginning of Year Fund Balances	1,778,973.66	1,778,973.66	0.00
Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue	1,643,933.74	1,747,012.75	-103,079.01
Total Equity	\$3,422,907.40	\$3,525,986.41	\$ -103,079.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,422,907.40	\$3,525,986.41	\$ -103,079.01

Glencoe Public Library

Combined Statements of Revenues and Expenses - Modified Cash Basis - All Funds - Exhibit B - See Accountant's Compilation Report

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2026	JAN - JUN, 2026 (YTD)
Revenue		
1-911-30150 Property Taxes-Prior Years		1,481,191.84
1-911-30151 Property Taxes-Current Year	95,028.26	1,549,447.01
1-911-30705 Personal Property Replacement Tax	5,595.43	12,234.67
1-911-31955 Copier Fees	54.00	236.00
1-911-34405 Fines & Fees	104.97	1,147.54
1-911-37110 Money Market Interest	8,609.05	45,963.01
1-911-38300 Foundation Reimbursements		7,465.80
1-911-38305 Miscellaneous Income	282.01	1,887.45
1-911-38550 Unrestricted Gifts	5,000.00	5,000.00
2-908-38551 Restricted Gifts-From Friends	9,637.00	20,917.00
2-908-38556 Restricted Gifts-Children's Program Sponsorship		1,650.00
3-950-30150 Property Taxes-Prior Years (Pension Fund)		56,216.18
3-950-30151 Property Taxes-Current Year (Pension Fund)	17,402.08	60,899.57
4-950-37110 Money Market Interest - Special Reserve	2,051.38	9,113.21
Total Revenue	\$143,764.18	\$3,253,369.28
GROSS PROFIT	\$143,764.18	\$3,253,369.28
Expenditures		
900 Young Adult		
1-900-60149 Program Supplies & Other	209.08	255.43
1-900-60151 Books	82.31	640.12
Total 900 Young Adult	291.39	895.55
902 Adult Services		
1-902-50705 Membership Dues	215.00	580.00
1-902-50850 Meeting Fees		1,080.00
1-902-50851 Travel		404.57
1-902-60120 Supplies	158.45	877.33
1-902-60151 Books	5,520.97	32,930.02
1-902-60152 Audio Books	126.94	1,199.43
1-902-60153 Periodicals		14,964.85
1-902-60155 Automated Resources	3,777.00	31,599.21
1-902-60156 Audio		470.43
1-902-60157 Video	1,053.96	4,961.63
1-902-60158 Downloadable Content	9,897.56	65,740.71
1-902-60159 Library of Things		892.48
1-902-60160 Video Games		1,781.66
Total 902 Adult Services	20,749.88	157,482.32

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2026	JAN - JUN, 2026 (YTD)
903 Children's Services		
1-903-50705 Membership Dues		180.00
1-903-50850 Meeting Fees	80.00	610.00
1-903-50851 Travel	48.02	1,140.15
1-903-51650 Program		978.00
1-903-60120 Supplies		764.07
1-903-60149 Program Supplies & Other	231.28	1,243.06
1-903-60151 Books	1,431.32	9,388.06
1-903-60152 Audio Books	526.29	1,459.55
1-903-60153 Periodicals		808.67
1-903-60155 Automated Resources	-2,550.00	0.00
1-903-60157 Video		121.98
1-903-60158 Downloadable Content	631.46	4,313.44
1-903-60159 Library of Things		557.15
Total 903 Children's Services	398.37	21,564.13
904 Technical Services		
1-904-50705 Membership Dues		570.59
1-904-50751 O.C.L.C.		3,637.79
1-904-50850 Meeting Fees	500.00	899.00
1-904-60120 Supplies	1,678.08	4,266.65
Total 904 Technical Services	2,178.08	9,374.03
905 Administration		
1-905-40105 Salaries	124,732.05	834,291.71
1-905-40132 Medical Insurance	16,698.92	100,968.97
1-905-40705 Unemployment Insurance	192.93	3,422.49
1-905-50205 Photocopier Service	489.40	2,816.90
1-905-50315 Postage		1,619.49
1-905-50325 Phone Service	1,094.50	6,568.88
1-905-50410 Contractual Services	19,250.00	94,397.88
1-905-50595 Bookkeeping Services	2,401.37	15,676.73
1-905-50630 Legal Counsel-Other	1,768.00	3,251.50
1-905-50705 Membership Dues	1,580.00	2,869.00
1-905-50805 Training		2,252.79
1-905-50850 Meeting Fees		160.99
1-905-50851 Travel		1,596.62
1-905-51106 Trustee Expenses		27.79
1-905-51110 Recruitment		667.22
1-905-51505 Property & Casualty Insurance	-6.00	36,086.00
1-905-51651 CCS, Operating Expenses		26,922.23
1-905-51652 Library Svc & Resource Development		100.00
1-905-60120 Supplies	324.92	2,575.99
1-905-60163 Professional Collection Supplies		179.00
1-905-68300 Foundation Expenses	360.00	2,118.00
1-905-70105 Debt Service	4,500.56	27,003.36
4-905-50595 Bookkeeping Services (SR)	7.35	44.10
Total 905 Administration	173,394.00	1,165,617.64

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2026	JAN - JUN, 2026 (YTD)
906 Facilities		
1-906-50105 Building Maintenance	6,643.00	29,227.84
1-906-50110 Equipment Repair	149.99	941.03
1-906-50150 Grounds Maintenance	491.31	4,283.44
1-906-50190 Plumbing Repair & Maintenance		1,100.00
1-906-50191 Alarm Repair & Maintenance		768.00
1-906-50192 Water/Rubbish Repair & Maintenance	681.80	4,536.25
1-906-50193 Elevator Repair & Maintenance		1,375.00
1-906-50194 Other Maintenance		21.63
1-906-60120 Supplies	420.41	5,321.05
Total 906 Facilities	8,386.51	47,574.24
907 IMRF		
3-907-40460 Social Security	7,611.86	51,077.05
3-907-40465 Medicare	1,780.19	11,945.44
3-907-40505 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	8,010.03	54,093.26
Total 907 IMRF	17,402.08	117,115.75
908 Restricted		
2-908-90350 Restricted Gift Expense-Friends	8,061.09	21,203.86
2-908-90351 Restricted Gift Expense-Takiff Fund	502.01	2,544.59
2-908-90356 Restricted Gift Expense-Children's Program Sponsorship	863.26	863.26
Total 908 Restricted	9,426.36	24,611.71
909 Circulation Services		
1-909-60120 Supplies	68.64	319.67
Total 909 Circulation Services	68.64	319.67
910 Digital Services		
1-910-50215 Computer Hardware/Software	7,458.74	36,748.09
1-910-50321 Website Design/Hosting	1,475.00	2,150.00
1-910-50325 Internet Access	2,302.66	4,995.61
1-910-50332 Digital 3D Printing	181.69	337.64
1-910-50750 Digital-Device Subscriptions	361.95	1,026.66
1-910-60305 Computer Supplies	147.06	4,117.76
Total 910 Digital Services	11,927.10	49,375.76
916 Programs & Communication		
1-916-50330 Communications	1,043.70	7,112.90
1-916-50705 Membership Fees		220.00
1-916-50851 Travel		1,451.63
1-916-51650 Program	1,124.50	5,620.65
1-916-60120 Supplies	172.86	172.86
1-916-60149 Program Supplies & Other	279.72	926.70
Total 916 Programs & Communication	2,620.78	15,504.74
Total Expenditures	\$246,843.19	\$1,609,435.54
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -103,079.01	\$1,643,933.74
Other Revenue		
4-980-9900 Interfund Transfer In		250,000.00
Total Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$250,000.00

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2026	JAN - JUN, 2026 (YTD)
Other Expenditures		
1-980-9900 Interfund Transfers Out		250,000.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET REVENUE	\$ -103,079.01	\$1,643,933.74

Glencoe Public Library

Supplementary Information - Combined Statements of Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget - Modified Cash Basis - All Funds - Exhibit C - See Accountant's Compilation Report

January - June, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
1-911-30150 Property Taxes-Prior Years	1,481,191.84		1,481,191.84	
1-911-30151 Property Taxes-Current Year	1,549,447.01	3,302,926.00	-1,753,478.99	46.91 %
1-911-30705 Personal Property Replacement Tax	12,234.67	26,000.00	-13,765.33	47.06 %
1-911-31955 Copier Fees	236.00	400.00	-164.00	59.00 %
1-911-34405 Fines & Fees	1,147.54	2,000.00	-852.46	57.38 %
1-911-37105 Interest On Investments		115,000.00	-115,000.00	
1-911-37110 Money Market Interest	45,963.01		45,963.01	
1-911-38215 Miscellaneous Grants		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
1-911-38220 Per Capita Grant		13,140.00	-13,140.00	
1-911-38300 Foundation Reimbursements	7,465.80		7,465.80	
1-911-38305 Miscellaneous Income	1,887.45		1,887.45	
1-911-38550 Unrestricted Gifts	5,000.00	12,500.00	-7,500.00	40.00 %
2-908-38551 Restricted Gifts-From Friends	20,917.00		20,917.00	
2-908-38556 Restricted Gifts-Children's Program Sponsorship	1,650.00		1,650.00	
3-950-30150 Property Taxes-Prior Years (Pension Fund)	56,216.18		56,216.18	
3-950-30151 Property Taxes-Current Year (Pension Fund)	60,899.57		60,899.57	
4-950-37110 Money Market Interest - Special Reserve	9,113.21		9,113.21	
Total Revenue	\$3,253,369.28	\$3,475,466.00	\$ -222,096.72	93.61 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$3,253,369.28	\$3,475,466.00	\$ -222,096.72	93.61 %
Expenditures				
900 Young Adult				
1-900-60149 Program Supplies & Other	255.43	500.00	-244.57	51.09 %
1-900-60151 Books	640.12	3,600.00	-2,959.88	17.78 %
Total 900 Young Adult	895.55	4,100.00	-3,204.45	21.84 %
902 Adult Services				
1-902-50705 Membership Dues	580.00	750.00	-170.00	77.33 %
1-902-50850 Meeting Fees	1,080.00	1,000.00	80.00	108.00 %
1-902-50851 Travel	404.57	2,000.00	-1,595.43	20.23 %
1-902-60120 Supplies	877.33	1,000.00	-122.67	87.73 %
1-902-60151 Books	32,930.02	81,000.00	-48,069.98	40.65 %
1-902-60152 Audio Books	1,199.43	6,750.00	-5,550.57	17.77 %
1-902-60153 Periodicals	14,964.85	16,500.00	-1,535.15	90.70 %
1-902-60155 Automated Resources	31,599.21	63,000.00	-31,400.79	50.16 %
1-902-60156 Audio	470.43	750.00	-279.57	62.72 %
1-902-60157 Video	4,961.63	7,500.00	-2,538.37	66.16 %
1-902-60158 Downloadable Content	65,740.71	119,000.00	-53,259.29	55.24 %
1-902-60159 Library of Things	892.48	3,500.00	-2,607.52	25.50 %
1-902-60160 Video Games	1,781.66	4,000.00	-2,218.34	44.54 %
Total 902 Adult Services	157,482.32	306,750.00	-149,267.68	51.34 %
903 Children's Services				
1-903-50705 Membership Dues	180.00	1,260.00	-1,080.00	14.29 %

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
1-903-50850 Meeting Fees	610.00	1,390.00	-780.00	43.88 %
1-903-50851 Travel	1,140.15	2,771.00	-1,630.85	41.15 %
1-903-51650 Program	978.00	2,400.00	-1,422.00	40.75 %
1-903-60120 Supplies	764.07	1,500.00	-735.93	50.94 %
1-903-60149 Program Supplies & Other	1,243.06	3,500.00	-2,256.94	35.52 %
1-903-60151 Books	9,388.06	27,000.00	-17,611.94	34.77 %
1-903-60152 Audio Books	1,459.55	5,540.00	-4,080.45	26.35 %
1-903-60153 Periodicals	808.67	950.00	-141.33	85.12 %
1-903-60155 Automated Resources	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00 %
1-903-60157 Video	121.98	250.00	-128.02	48.79 %
1-903-60158 Downloadable Content	4,313.44	10,500.00	-6,186.56	41.08 %
1-903-60159 Library of Things	557.15	800.00	-242.85	69.64 %
Total 903 Children's Services	21,564.13	59,861.00	-38,296.87	36.02 %
904 Technical Services				
1-904-50705 Membership Dues	570.59	1,000.00	-429.41	57.06 %
1-904-50751 O.C.L.C.	3,637.79	9,500.00	-5,862.21	38.29 %
1-904-50850 Meeting Fees	899.00	1,000.00	-101.00	89.90 %
1-904-50851 Travel		2,236.00	-2,236.00	
1-904-60120 Supplies	4,266.65	7,000.00	-2,733.35	60.95 %
Total 904 Technical Services	9,374.03	20,736.00	-11,361.97	45.21 %
905 Administration				
1-905-40105 Salaries	834,291.71	1,729,000.00	-894,708.29	48.25 %
1-905-40132 Medical Insurance	100,968.97	230,000.00	-129,031.03	43.90 %
1-905-40705 Unemployment Insurance	3,422.49	9,600.00	-6,177.51	35.65 %
1-905-50205 Photocopier Service	2,816.90	12,700.00	-9,883.10	22.18 %
1-905-50315 Postage	1,619.49	3,300.00	-1,680.51	49.08 %
1-905-50325 Phone Service	6,568.88	13,200.00	-6,631.12	49.76 %
1-905-50410 Contractual Services	94,397.88	156,000.00	-61,602.12	60.51 %
1-905-50590 Auditing Services		1,900.00	-1,900.00	
1-905-50595 Bookkeeping Services	15,676.73	29,000.00	-13,323.27	54.06 %
1-905-50630 Legal Counsel-Other	3,251.50	12,500.00	-9,248.50	26.01 %
1-905-50705 Membership Dues	2,869.00	3,600.00	-731.00	79.69 %
1-905-50805 Training	2,252.79	4,000.00	-1,747.21	56.32 %
1-905-50850 Meeting Fees	160.99	2,000.00	-1,839.01	8.05 %
1-905-50851 Travel	1,596.62	1,200.00	396.62	133.05 %
1-905-51106 Trustee Expenses	27.79	1,000.00	-972.21	2.78 %
1-905-51110 Recruitment	667.22	1,000.00	-332.78	66.72 %
1-905-51505 Property & Casualty Insurance	36,086.00	40,000.00	-3,914.00	90.22 %
1-905-51651 CCS, Operating Expenses	26,922.23	55,150.00	-28,227.77	48.82 %
1-905-51652 Library Svc & Resource Development	100.00	20,000.00	-19,900.00	0.50 %
1-905-60120 Supplies	2,575.99	2,500.00	75.99	103.04 %
1-905-60150 Furniture		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
1-905-60163 Professional Collection Supplies	179.00	200.00	-21.00	89.50 %
1-905-68300 Foundation Expenses	2,118.00		2,118.00	
1-905-70105 Debt Service	27,003.36	53,000.00	-25,996.64	50.95 %
1-905-80206 Special Reserve Fund		50,000.00	-50,000.00	
4-905-50595 Bookkeeping Services (SR)	44.10		44.10	
Total 905 Administration	1,165,617.64	2,440,850.00	-1,275,232.36	47.75 %

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
906 Facilities				
1-906-50105 Building Maintenance	29,227.84	70,000.00	-40,772.16	41.75 %
1-906-50110 Equipment Repair	941.03	1,000.00	-58.97	94.10 %
1-906-50129 Wiring & Electrical		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
1-906-50150 Grounds Maintenance	4,283.44	12,000.00	-7,716.56	35.70 %
1-906-50190 Plumbing Repair & Maintenance	1,100.00	12,000.00	-10,900.00	9.17 %
1-906-50191 Alarm Repair & Maintenance	768.00	5,400.00	-4,632.00	14.22 %
1-906-50192 Water/Rubbish Repair & Maintenance	4,536.25	8,800.00	-4,263.75	51.55 %
1-906-50193 Elevator Repair & Maintenance	1,375.00	7,500.00	-6,125.00	18.33 %
1-906-50194 Other Maintenance	21.63		21.63	
1-906-50420 HVAC Maintenance		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
1-906-60120 Supplies	5,321.05	25,000.00	-19,678.95	21.28 %
Total 906 Facilities	47,574.24	162,700.00	-115,125.76	29.24 %
907 IMRF				
3-907-40460 Social Security	51,077.05	127,500.00	-76,422.95	40.06 %
3-907-40465 Medicare	11,945.44		11,945.44	
3-907-40505 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	54,093.26	111,000.00	-56,906.74	48.73 %
Total 907 IMRF	117,115.75	238,500.00	-121,384.25	49.11 %
908 Restricted				
2-908-90350 Restricted Gift Expense-Friends	21,203.86		21,203.86	
2-908-90351 Restricted Gift Expense-Takiff Fund	2,544.59		2,544.59	
2-908-90356 Restricted Gift Expense-Children's Program Sponsorship	863.26		863.26	
Total 908 Restricted	24,611.71		24,611.71	
909 Circulation Services				
1-909-50705 Membership Dues		250.00	-250.00	
1-909-50850 Meeting Fees		750.00	-750.00	
1-909-50851 Travel		3,092.00	-3,092.00	
1-909-60120 Supplies	319.67	1,800.00	-1,480.33	17.76 %
Total 909 Circulation Services	319.67	5,892.00	-5,572.33	5.43 %
910 Digital Services				
1-910-50215 Computer Hardware/Software	36,748.09	102,679.00	-65,930.91	35.79 %
1-910-50320 IT Consulting		47,500.00	-47,500.00	
1-910-50321 Website Design/Hosting	2,150.00	5,000.00	-2,850.00	43.00 %
1-910-50325 Internet Access	4,995.61	16,650.00	-11,654.39	30.00 %
1-910-50332 Digital 3D Printing	337.64	700.00	-362.36	48.23 %
1-910-50750 Digital-Device Subscriptions	1,026.66	2,200.00	-1,173.34	46.67 %
1-910-60305 Computer Supplies	4,117.76	10,500.00	-6,382.24	39.22 %
Total 910 Digital Services	49,375.76	185,229.00	-135,853.24	26.66 %
916 Programs & Communication				
1-916-50330 Communications	7,112.90	19,950.00	-12,837.10	35.65 %
1-916-50705 Membership Fees	220.00	650.00	-430.00	33.85 %
1-916-50850 Meeting Fees		650.00	-650.00	
1-916-50851 Travel	1,451.63	2,000.00	-548.37	72.58 %
1-916-51650 Program	5,620.65	23,098.00	-17,477.35	24.33 %
1-916-60120 Supplies	172.86	1,500.00	-1,327.14	11.52 %
1-916-60149 Program Supplies & Other	926.70	3,000.00	-2,073.30	30.89 %
Total 916 Programs & Communication	15,504.74	50,848.00	-35,343.26	30.49 %

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total Expenditures	\$1,609,435.54	\$3,475,466.00	\$ - 1,866,030.46	46.31 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,643,933.74	\$0.00	\$1,643,933.74	0.00%
Other Revenue				
4-980-9900 Interfund Transfer In	250,000.00		250,000.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	0.00%
Other Expenditures				
1-980-9900 Interfund Transfers Out	250,000.00		250,000.00	
Total Other Expenditures	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	0.00%
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NET REVENUE	\$1,643,933.74	\$0.00	\$1,643,933.74	0.00%

Glencoe Public Library
Schedule of Changes in Restricted Gift Funds
For the Month Ending June 30, 2026

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Friends of the Glencoe Library	\$ 9,073.47	\$ 9,637.00	\$ 8,061.09	\$ 10,649.38
Children's Program Sponsorship	1,650.00		863.26	786.74
Bobette Cohen Takiff Fund	10,842.49		502.01	10,340.48
Janet Hauser Memorial Fund	54.62			54.62
Louis Bobby Slotkin Memorial Fund	19,901.50			19,901.50
Total All Funds	<u>\$ 41,522.08</u>	<u>\$ 9,637.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,426.36</u>	<u>\$ 41,732.72</u>



BOND STATEMENT

CUSIP: GLNCPL024
 STATEMENT DATE: 06/08/2026
 CURRENT BALANCE: \$419,469.98
 PAYMENT DUE DATE: 07/01/2026

AMOUNT DUE: 4,500.56

TO:
 GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 ATTN: ANDREW KIM
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 320 PARK AVE
 GLENCOE IL 60022-1526

CUR BAL: \$419,469.98 INT RATE: 5.25%	AMOUNT
07/01/2026 - Principal Payment General Obligation GLNCPL024 Maturity Date 06/01/2031	2,665.38
07/01/2026 - Interest Payment General Obligation GLNCPL024 Maturity Date 06/01/2031	1,835.18
TOTAL	4,500.56

PREVIOUS STATEMENT ACTIVITY: (YTD)

DATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	ENDING BALANCE
01/01/2026	2,596.48	1,904.09	432,623.75
02/01/2026	2,607.84	1,892.72	430,015.91
03/01/2026	2,619.25	1,881.31	427,396.66
04/01/2026	2,630.70	1,869.86	424,765.96
05/01/2026	2,642.21	1,858.35	422,123.75
06/01/2026	2,653.77	1,846.79	419,469.98
TOTAL TO DATE:	\$15,750.25	\$11,253.12	

PLEASE CONTACT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTING WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR STATEMENT. 815-277-5386

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Trustee Pope, Village of Glencoe Plan Commission
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Plan Commission report

The Village of Glencoe Plan Commission met on June 24, 2026, to discuss the following business items:

- Continued exterior appearance review for new signage, windows, colors, and materials for a commercial space renovation at 63 Green Bay Road

**Village Hall
675 Village Court
June 24, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

1. PLAN COMMISSION CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*Bruce Huvard, Chairperson, Public-at-Large Representative
Georgia Mihalopoulos, Vice Chairperson, Village Board Representative
MacAdam Glinn, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Hazan, Glencoe Park District Representative
Scott Novack, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Michael Pope, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Brooke Semel, School District 35 Representative
James Thompson, Public-at-Large Representative
Greg Turner, Public-at-Large Representative
Peter Van Vechten, Preservation Commission Representative*

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 27, 2026 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

3. PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals interested in addressing the Plan Commission on non-agenda items may do so during this time.

4. CONTINUED EXTERIOR APPEARANCE REVIEW FOR NEW SIGNAGE, WINDOWS, COLORS, AND MATERIALS FOR A COMMERCIAL SPACE RENOVATION AT 63 GREEN BAY ROAD

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. ADJOURN

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Trustee Lin, Glencoe Sustainability Task Force
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Glencoe Sustainability Task Force report

The Glencoe Sustainability Task Force (STF) met on June 23, 2026, to discuss the following business items:

- Tenth anniversary commemoration planning
- Green Bay Trail Day preparation
- Social media messaging planning – July and August

1. CALL TO ORDER

*Brad Levison, Co-Chair
Laurie Tuchman, Co-Chair
Michael Rosenblatt, Village Board Representative
Bob Breisblatt
Barney Gallagher
Helyn Latham
Linda Lin
David Singer*

2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. March 24, 2026
- b. April 28, 2026
- c. May 26, 2026

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals interested in addressing the Sustainability Task Force on non-agenda items may do so at this time.

4. VILLAGE STAFF LIAISON REPORT

- a. 2025 Sustainability Task Force Annual Report
- b. Sustainability Action Plan
- c. Buckthorn Curbside Collection
- d. EV Charging Station Installation
- e. 2027 Green Bay Trail Construction Project
- f. Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event
- g. Park District Small Business Shredding Station
- h. 2026 Glencoe Tree of the Year

5. TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP REPORT

- a. 10th Anniversary Commemoration Planning

6. GREEN BAY TRAIL DAY PREPARATION – SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

7. SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGING PLANNING – JULY AND AUGUST

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURN

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Trustee Weiss-Ham, Technology Committee; Justin Franklin, Network and Digital Services Librarian
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: Technology Committee Report

Justin and Matthew continue to investigate different configurations for the network during construction, including both off-site and stay-in-place options. These include options for additional remote work and migrating resources from local servers to the cloud (which, most likely, would remain in place even after the renovation concludes). Justin has also met with the Friends and discussed with them changes to their workflow that would enable them to continue aspects of their work remotely.

**Report of the Executive Director
From June 20 to July 10, 2026**

RAILS

There is no report.

CCS

CCS conducted its annual bulk fee waive on July 4. All bills were posted prior to July 4, 2019.

Administration

There is no report.

Staff

Two staff members had their work anniversaries in June:

- June 1 – Alex Towers, Children’s Services Shelver – 5 years
- June 20 – Kimberly Wargin, Circulation Services Associate – 15 years

The library welcomed Michael Baumann on July 9. Michael is a resident and student at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater and is interested in pursuing a master’s degree in library and information science. Michael will work a 6-week paid internship this summer to support Administration and Technical Services.

Continuing Education & Networking

Ann Finstad presented the results of the annual Staff Survey at the June 30 All-Staff Meeting. 90% of staff responded to this year’s survey, and results will be shared with the Trustees.

Collections & Services

There is no report.

Events & Programs

Thanks to Trustees Fiffer and Parfitt for representing the Library Board at the annual Sidewalk Sale on June 20. And thanks to Trustees Krafcisin and Weiss-Ham for representing the Library Board at the first Glencoe Al Fresco date of June 26. We are seeking volunteers for the two remaining Al Fresco dates, July 24 and August 28.



And thank you to the Trustees, staff, and Friends, who participated in this year's Independence Day Parade. (L to R: Mildred Shepherd, Andy Kim, Roger Parfitt, Dee Ryan, Michelle Litchman, Carla Edelston (with granddaughter), Jim Fiffer, Bob Kimble, George Krafcisin, State Representative Tracy Katz-Muhl, Linda Lin, Dale Heath, Linda Patchett, Regina Chiang, Marti Wick, JoAnn Kimzey, and Sharon King)

Building & Maintenance

There is no report.

Marketing

There is no report.

Next Board Meeting

Scheduled business items for August 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting include schedule reviews of the Gift and Fundraising Policy, Social Media and Video-Conferencing Policy, and the Capitalization of Assets Policy which was originally scheduled for July.

Dates

July 13-17	Interviews of Prospective Construction Managers
July 13	Library Foundation Board Meeting
July 14	Finance Committee Meeting
July 16	Design Meeting (with URBAN-ReSOLVE and SOM)
July 23	Owner's Meeting
July 24	Glencoe AI Fresco
July 28	Meeting with Friends Board President
July 30	Design Meeting
August 4	Glencoe Administrators Meeting
August 6	Owner's Meeting
August 12	CCS Governing Board Meeting
August 13	Design Meeting

Visitors and Borrowers



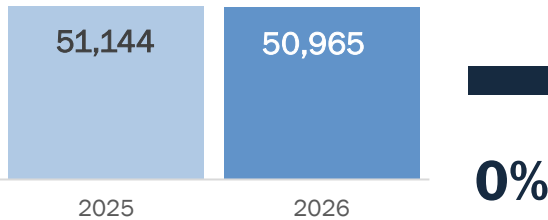
Visitors and Borrowers

Current Month

Visitors to Library	10,127
Unexpired Cards	4,339
New Registrations	61

* note - as of 2025, we have begun tracking unexpired cards only instead of all registered borrowers

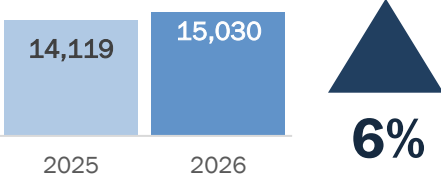
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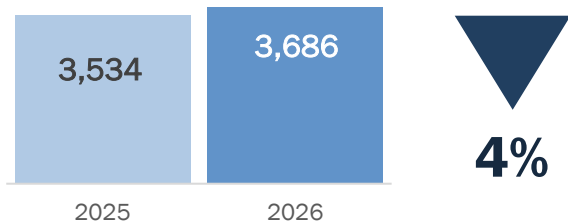
Public Internet Use

Current Month

Wireless Connections 2,263



Internet PC Sessions 795



Librarian Engagement

Current Month

Service Point Questions

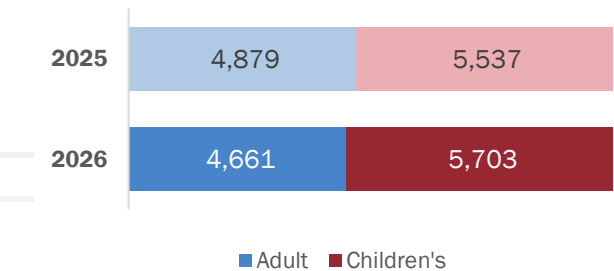
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Current Month

One on Ones

8 -31%

Questions - YTD Comparison



One on Ones - YTD comparison



A one on one is a scheduled patron tutorial, often covering technology or a library service

Visitors and Borrowers

Physical Collection Size - Current Month & Historical



55,623 Books

Adult Collection

42,997



11,747 Multimedia

Teen Collection

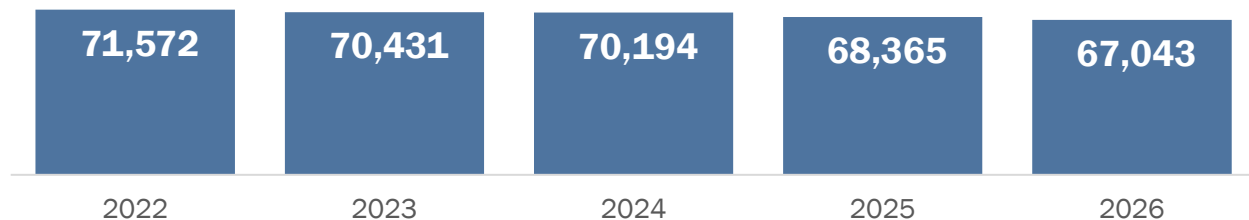
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428 Other

Youth Collection

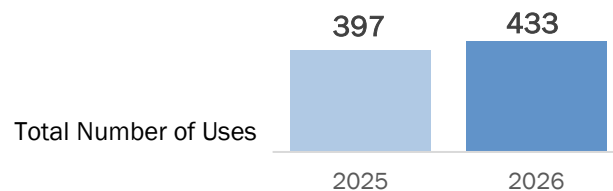
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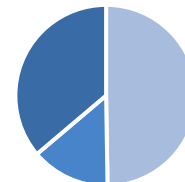
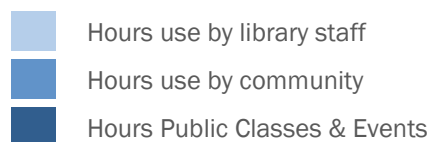
As of the March 2026 statistics, we are reporting numbers based on database counts, not manual tracking. As a result, collection sizes are slightly higher than previous reporting. As we work on database cleanup, collection totals are expected to balance out to match more closely with previous levels. Also new: reporting the "Other" category. This includes items like the Library of Things, Children's Discovery Packs and other Kits, and library bags.

Meeting Room Use

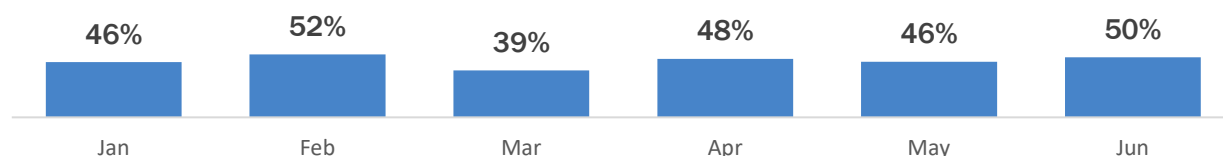
Hamil Room	Count	Hours
Patron Use	56	96
Staff Use	13	24
Total Use	69	120



Hammond Room	Count	Hours
Library Internal Use	26	74
Community Use	6	21
Library Program Use	20	54
Total Utilization	52	149



Hammond Room Occupancy



Visitors and Borrowers

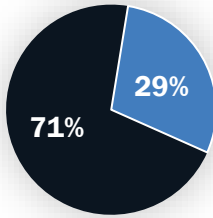
Physical & Digital Format Combined

14,383

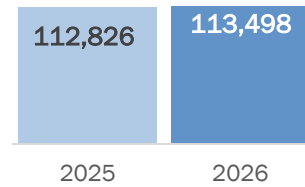
Physical
Materials

5,904

Digital
Materials



Total Circulation | YTD All Formats



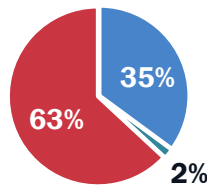
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Physical Materials Circulation - By Demographic

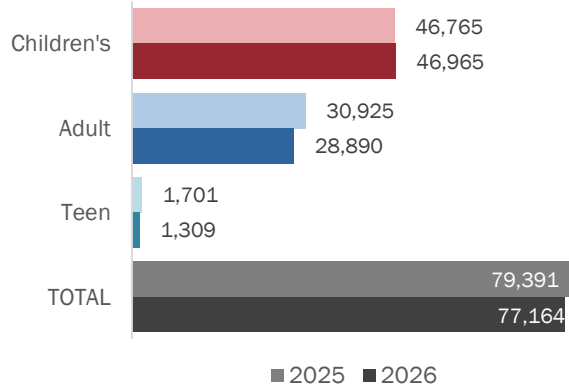
Current Month

ADULT	5,047
TEEN	262
YOUTH	9,074
Total	14,383

Circ % by Audience Current Month

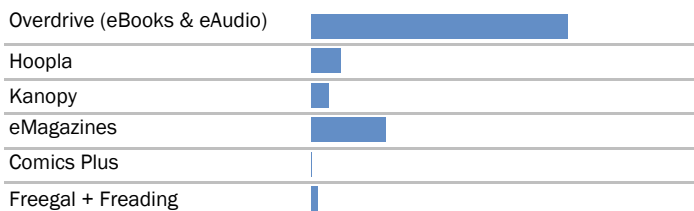


Circulation | YOY YTD by Demographic

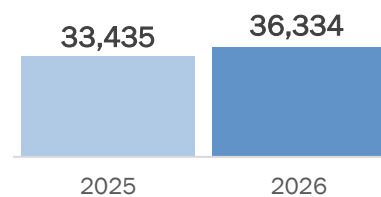


Digital Materials Circulation

Popularity by Service - current month

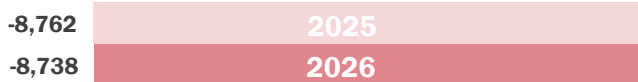


Digital Circulation | YTD



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9%

Interlibrary Loan



YOY
Sent

YOY Received

2025	4,591
2026	4,637

Special Items Circulation - current month

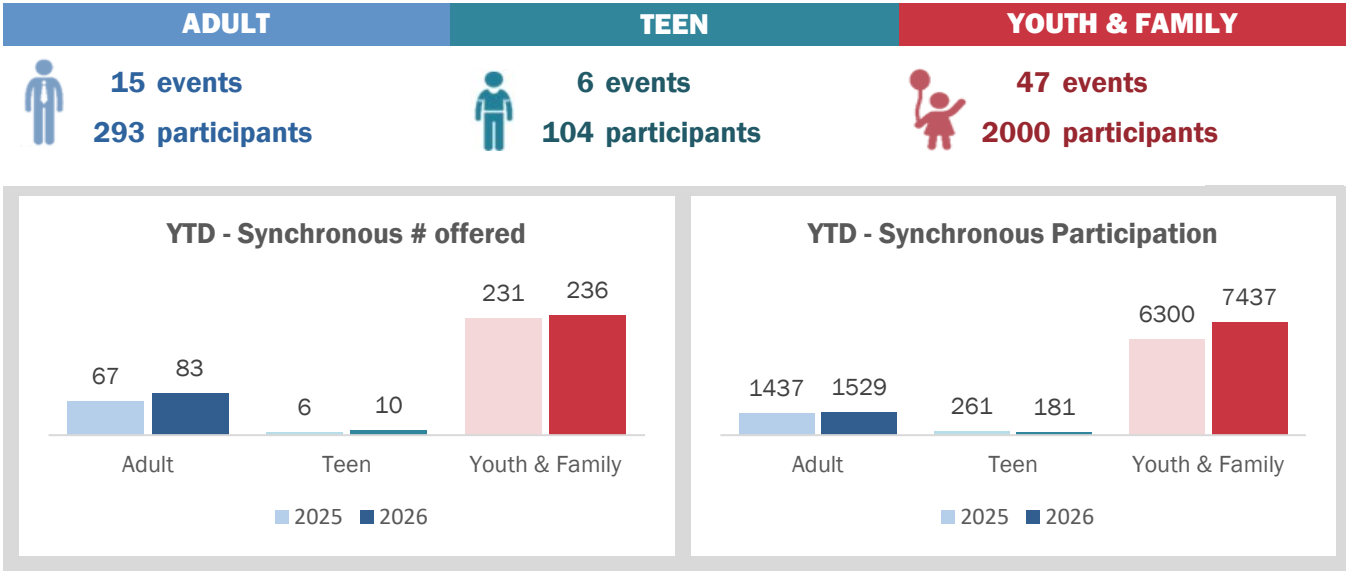
3D Print Requests	43
Library of Things	40

Visitors and Borrowers

Synchronous Events & Programs

Year to Date Count	329	YTD Attendance	9,147
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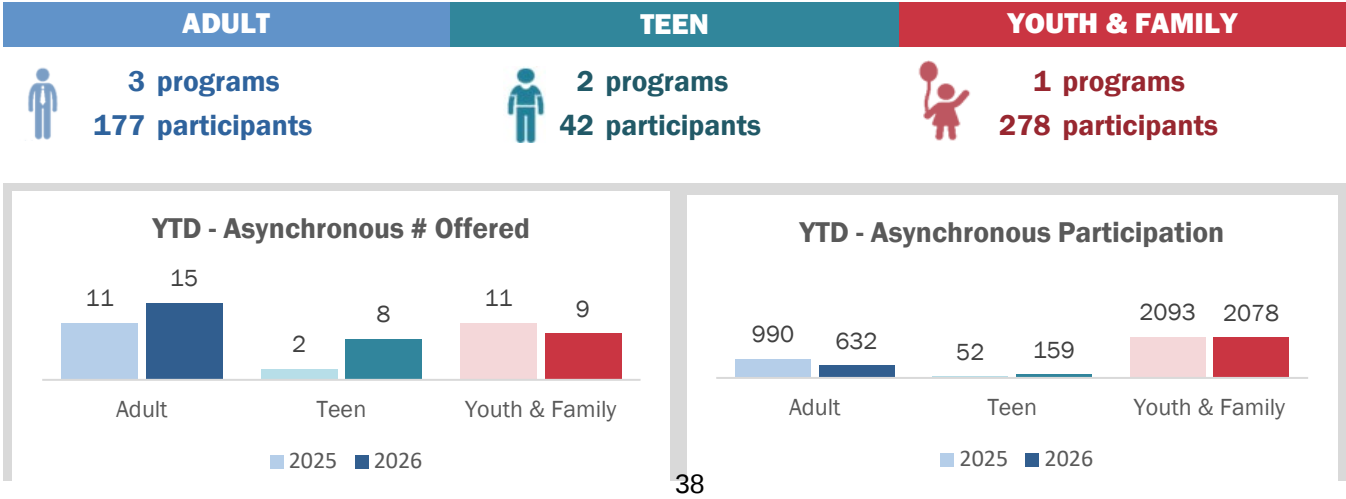
June is a huge programming month for the library! Adult highlights included Glencoe's Architectural Top Ten (66, in person) and Thomas Hart Benton & Jackson Pollock (43, virtual), Joyous Japan (23, in person) and the Magic of Matcha (22, in person). Synchronous programming for teens included SRC outreach visits for Central School students and Study Break lounge events. Youth events included SRC outreach visits for South, West, and Sacred Heart students, as well as ongoing children's programming including storytimes, craft programs, and special events such as the Cardboard Arcade. Family events included the SRC kickoff event (400), Tots N Tunes concert (236), Big Bubbles (92), Rainbow Day Pride Celebration (57) and outreach presences at Glencoe Al Fresco and the Sidewalk Sale.



Asynchronous (Passive) Programs & Offerings

Year to Date Count	32	YTD Participation	2,869
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Asynchronous programming consisted of 30 day program views, additional Study Break lounge programming, and the Scavenger Hunt



Visitors and Borrowers



eNewsletter

Last 12 months

Subscribers	3,304
Open Rate	60%



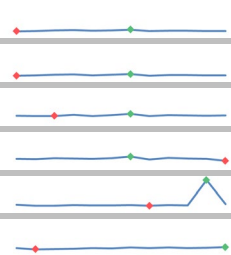
Subscription rate is consistent with 1-2% variance. Open rate ranges from 61-64%



Website

Last 12 months

Users	3,346
New Users	2,983
Sessions	6,653
Page Views	6,221
Catalog Sessions	5,406
Calendar Views	5,926



Social Media

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Last 12 months

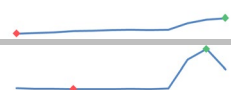
Facebook Followers	1,293
Facebook Views	1,106



Facebook followers continue to increase steadily, while views tapered slightly.



TikTok Followers	1,058
TikTok Views	4,435



Views grew another 30% over last month, and our follower count passed 1,000



Instagram Followers	1,611
Instagram Views	7,640

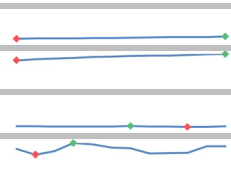


Instagram views continue to grow due to select TikTok videos being crossposted as Reels.



YouTube

Subscribers - General	612
Subscribers - Kids	1,064
Views - General	626
Views - Kids	8,918



Subscribers continue to grow on both YouTube channels. Views remained roughly steady.

Staff Development / Continuing Education

Multiple staff members attended the ALA annual conference and conference exhibits hall in June. Other staff reported CE included Fall book preview webinars, Bibliocore training, and using puppets in the library.



Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Hope Kramer, Head of Technical Services
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: 2026 American Library Association

I appreciate the opportunity to attend the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago on Saturday, June 26. As a new member of Glencoe Public Library's team, my focus was on visiting vendor booths to gather information for future acquisitions projects involving the acquisitions module in Polaris as well as future planning for RFID implementation. I'm looking forward to discussing this further with the contacts I made.

I made connections with several potential vendors and look forward to speaking with them further as we work towards future projects. It was great to spend time speaking with representatives from Bibliotheca and EnvisionWare, two of the main vendors who provide RFID tagging equipment and materials within CCS and the larger library community. I also visited booths with RFID related equipment including book vending, scalable returns for library materials that could work with RFID (without needing space for a sorter) and self-checkout stations.

I spoke with LibraryOne Digital Inc., who recently acquired TitleSource360, previously used as the purchasing site for Baker & Taylor. The LibraryOne representative explained that they purchased the website, including the features that many libraries rely on like gridding and standing orders, and would be reintroducing it to the library community as another vendor option. While we are primarily purchasing through Ingram at this time, it is good to know that TitleSource360 is back as a possibility- the user interface is a lot easier to navigate for many selectors.

While I've been involved in some smaller renovation projects in previous library positions, this is my first time going through the process as part of the management team in a smaller scale library environment. I wanted to learn more about library approaches to renovation and updating projects so I attended a session entitled "From Stalled to Build: Navigating Library Capital Projects with Optimism and Consensus". The session was moderated by Mark Bacon, the Principal Architect for BVH Architecture. The presenters were Ryan Wieber, the Library Director for the Lincoln City Libraries in Nebraska, and Matthew S. Krontorad, an Architect Partner with MSR Design.

I appreciated their focus on the long view of these projects, and that no one Director, Board, employee, etc. is responsible for the success. While the project at Lincoln City Libraries had

been in discussion for decades, all those ideas and the work of many, brought them to the successful renovation project and community collaboration they are experiencing today.

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Linda Patchett, Children's Librarian
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: 2026 American Library Association Conference

Friday, June 26

Opening General Session Featuring Rachel Maddow – 4:00-5:30 PM

The speaker line up began with ALA President, Sam Helmick followed by Chicago Public Library Commissioner, Chris Brown, Mayor Brandon Johnson, JB Pritzker (on Zoom), Rachel Maddow, ending with Sam moderating the Q. & A. with Rachel Maddow.

Description: These devoted literacy advocates spoke to libraries' inseparable role to a community..." a place where knowledge moves freely across borders." Libraries: "provide more human connections through genuine eye contact and listening ears," "change lives," and "are the most accessible and safe out of school place for children," Rachel poignantly stated that "if individuals and archivists to not have access to real time content, then one cannot make rational choices. We lose connections to knowledge and the rules of law. Readers, always ask where that came from?" Rachel worships archivists who gather the rare information that allows her to share stories that people do not know.

Key Takeaways: I felt so grateful to listen to them as a librarian, educator, and parent. We are beyond fortunate to live in Illinois where Pritzker banned banning and to work at Glencoe Library where people and literacy are held in the highest regard. The remarkable ALA history timeline was retold. Rachel's ending words were, "Join something new to be with other humans. Pick one cause that shortcuts authoritarianism by protecting real time content." I will join something new. I encourage you all to listen to this fabulous, taped session. Wait for Rachel's hilarious reaction to the term, Weeding!

Saturday, June 27

Ready Set PreK: Social Emotional Learning As A Foundation of Preschool Readiness. 10:00 - 11:00

Description: Unlike the Glencoe Preschools, Sheboygan, Wisconsin's library community outreach librarian and the Head Start teacher have limited resources as the community. The education pedagogies based on Mister Roger's Plan and Play book, no longer in print, program strategies and implementation, and various successes were shared. They work hard to involve parents, key players, in their children's learning process.

Key Takeaways: As our Preschool Outreach Librarian, I hoped for some new ideas. I received the library adaptation to Fred Roger's timeless piece, Let's Play Together. With my formal background in progressive education which began in 1972 and included creating weekly social emotional programming & interactive, multidisciplinary learning centers, I did not find new concepts. We did an ice breaker that I used with Chicago teachers. Looking forward to trying it on adults in storytime stay and play! I helped librarians at the session adapt Sheboygan library family backpack sample for their needs. I will share their downloadable play booklet with Glencoe preschool teachers.

Main Stage Speaker: Lois Lowry - 10:30-11:30 AM

Description: I am short on words to describe how much I loved listening to Lois Lowry. Without a written speech, she chose four points to cover for each selected title: book summary; inspired by; mistakes made; and reader responses. This format was engaging and helpful for R.A. Her brilliance and snappy sense of humor charmed all of us. Lois stays connected to her readers, through Zooms around the world, their letters and talks. More boys write to her complaining about her boring books read for class. Her responses to them are priceless as correspondence continues. She finds kids are most worried about book banning. One Q. What character would give banners the most trouble? A. The Giver's protagonist, Jonas. He saw through the artifice created by power issues. Lois also spoke to reader fear of learning too much and discomfort with ambiguity in story endings.

Key Takeaways: I left with more books to share with our readers, including her newest book, Building 903 to be out in fall. I talked and laughed with her when she signed the arc of this book for my grandchild. Listening to her describe book's messages, how she tries to see through the eyes of the reader, and the children's input, are all valuable for my R.A. The lively Q. & A. inspired us as she chatted about her guiding principles for writing for kids. "I never know how a book will empower a reader until they respond."

The Gap Years: Four Authors Address the Shortage of Stories for Younger Teens - 2:30-3:30 PM

Description: Panelist authors: **Adib Khorram** (Darius the Great is Not Okay; One Word, Six Letters), **Amanda Sellet** (By the Book; Flirting with Murder), **Paula Chase** (So Done; Balancing Act), and **Sarah Henning** (Sea Witch; Running Back to You). These state and national award-winning authors are veterans in how books get published and marketed. They shared how they write for young teens, 12-14, in a time when publishers pressure authors to write novels designed to appeal as much to an adult audience as actual teens. Their books respond to the gap that teachers and librarians face in finding reading material for the sixth to ninth grade readers.

Key Takeaways: They introduced me to great books to share with our middle grade and younger high school readers. Learning about the book themes of sports, sleuths, romantic subplots, and real-life encounters that appeal to the 12-15 age interest concerns expanded my author list to introduce to our readers. It was valuable to hear the debate between genre terms like "sweet" and "clean" attached to teen romance.

Visual Storytelling & Critical Thinking: From Caldecotts & Comics to Content Feeds 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Description: Mollie Holloman, School Library Education Consultant

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction shared picture books and graphic novel titles to demonstrate to us how meaningful they are for all ages. Pictures give meaning to context. She discussed how sequence images build meaning between the pages of a picture book or the panels in a graphic novel. We know that pictures trigger feelings and may fill a meaning for the reader that was not known or understood before. She had us share with fellow participants about what we see happening in an image panel.

Key Takeaways: I am a believer in the power of picture books to entertain all ages and address complex cultural issues. Simple narrative and artful images can transport YA and adult readers into self-reflection and action. The program reinforced my understanding of how to help parents understand the key literacy and critical thinking skills gained from graphic novel reading. I will share some of her exercises with fellow teachers. The science between our reactions to images caused by assumptions is not new. I felt that there should have been some discussion about how the brain is wired to sort the largest elements as one sees an image in cognitive processing. Educators and social workers can help readers understand that many reactions to an image are based on past experiences. This can cause one to emote in positive or negative ways. Helping people understand that their reactions are based on past individual occurrences, not current reality, is an important truth in understanding racial stereotyping.

Sunday, June 28

50 Ways to Spark a Love of Reading – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Description: Shannon Anderson, Author/Educator/Motivational Speaker described 50 different child-centered activities that she uses to spark reading, especially for reluctant readers. Activities varied from preschool classes to middle grades. I can see how her energy and creativity help teachers seeking fresh ideas for reading enrichment activities and family reading support.

Key Takeaways: There were few new ideas that I hadn't used as a classroom teacher, museum educator, or librarian. Still, I loved knowing that Shannon is out there helping teachers make reading more meaningful and fun. I can share some of her methods when teachers ask me for ideas to help children love reading. I loved her video project where older children make video trailers for the younger children's short stories on a made-up animal. At year end, parents come to watch these trailers.

Crush Climate Anxiety: Use Our Librarian Superpowers to Support Kids' Love of Nature & Eco-Action! – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Description: Betsy Bird, Evanston Collection Development Manager & Author, Martha Meyer, Evanston Library Assistant, & Patricia Newman, award winning author & environmentalist

presented how teachers and librarians can help prevent or mitigate children's climate anxiety, a current issue, and support environmental literacy through evaluation/selection of books and media. The Blueberry Awards, an annual list of the best nature and climate books for Kids 3-10+ were highlighted. Titles are chosen from environmental literature that instills gratitude for nature and empowers them to act locally. Leaving children with hope was stressed and teaching climate actions that apply to children's daily lives and interests. Book talks followed.

Key Takeaways: I agree with their approach to teaching about climate concerns. In the late nineties, The Director of Conservation at Brookfield Zoo and I presented to the International Science Literacy Conference on how to teach environmental science to children. I wrote and published with the help of teachers, three 150-page environmental science curricula for grades 3rd-6th, each over 150 pages. I feel frustration that it is 2026 but relief that climate issues and the love of nature is being taught through so many wonderful children's books. The Wild Robot chapter book series themes follow the order of teaching children's ecology themes. Book 1- Understand how an ecosystem is supposed to work. Book 2- Next learn how things can go wrong. Book 3- Then choose what we can change together.

'The Hero Within': Normalizing Mental Health Conversations Through Film & Multimedia Storytelling – 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Description: Ellie Foster, PHD Co-Director of the Kevin Love Fund & Quade Kelly, Literacy & Mental Advocate and Reading Athlete presented their work with the Kevin Love Fund which helps professional athletes and others destigmatize mental challenges. Kevin Love, an NBA basketball player after his breakdown, partnered with mental health experts to create a free mental health program that delivers to educators. One lesson from the program was a partnership with Sony Pictures Animation to create a featured short film while Spider Man, Miles Morales, has a panic attack. They encourage sharing individual stories through writing and drawing story boards to help people work through difficult struggles. The Fund has well known athletes read at Barnes and Noble and at schools to talk to kids about reading, their struggles and the importance of connecting and receiving support from others.

Key Takeaway: Quade, who is 17, identifies as a highly achieving autistic individual. I felt fortunate to sit next to his mother and share common experiences. She and Quade are truly leaders in this field of mental illness and neurodiversity. We paired with someone, chose our individual challenge, and illustrated our path in dealing with it. Next, we shared with in group. The point was to see how being vulnerable through honesty brings us more connected to the group. I very much enjoyed this session and will share this resource with families as appropriate. This is a maybe for staff development.

Beyond the Book: Steam-Focused Read Alouds & Hands-On Activities for Elementary Librarians & Teachers – 2:30 -3:30 PM

Description: Maria P. Walter, Literacy Consultant and Author, brought her 37 years of teaching first grade and love of STEAM hands-on learning to her talk. Break-out time with partners gave us a chance to create multimodal activities to reinforce a title geared to STEAM skills.

Key Takeaways: Her list of STEAM focused picture books that are new to me is useful for RA and to share with teachers. As far as her strategies behind how to build knowledge is as old as Aristotle to Dewey. Child and adult-centered learning is backed now by cognitive science. The Scientific Method crosses over all subject domain learning strategies. I have benefited by teaching multidisciplinary subjects through many decades as I see new experts renaming how to encourage wonder, constant questioning, and critical thinking skills that lead to independent learning and reading. I feel useful helping teachers and parents navigate through the constant changing of overlapping of pedagogy terms.

Monday, June 29

Change Agents: Encouraging Leadership & Advocacy In Students Through Storytelling – 9:00-10:00 AM

Panelists: Maggie Master, Jamie Cassermere, Doreen Cronin, Shifa S. Safadi, Megan Freeman (taught 30 years) and Rena Barron with Berol Dewdney (Daughter of Llama, Llama Author!) as the moderator.

Description: The panelists took turns demonstrating through showcasing middle grade and young adult novels that introduce characters who work to solve some of our world's pressing problems. As children read these stories, they begin to understand concepts and ways to activism and advocacy. Picture book Click, Clack Moo by Cronin was given as a perfect example for young children to read and begin to grasp standing up for a belief. In this case farm animals become advocates for a cozier farm life. Actionable strategies were shared on teaching self-confidence and advocacy to PreK-8 grade.

Key Takeaways: This was a great program for my needs. Presenters gave us rich titles to include in RA and programming, including storytime. I am thrilled to have more middle and JH titles to share with our patrons. Their sense of respect for each other and personal insights about writing for kids was inspiring.

Welcoming Every Child: Cultivating Inclusivity in Your Library and Growing Your Own Skills 11:00- 12:00

Description: Presenters: Sally Battle (Mount Prospect Youth Librarian) Laura Simeon (Kirkus Editor & Former Teacher) Sydney Stensland (Early Learning Specialist), and Caitlin Tobin with moderator, Vicky Smith from Portland Public Library. The title summarizes the presenter's program goal. They chose strategies that promote an emotionally safe and diverse offering of services and programs to a novice audience. A variety of program types, content focus, and age groups were addressed. The key strength of libraries being forging

trusting relationships with patrons was stressed here as it was in ALA's Opening session and throughout the programs I attended.

Key Takeaways: Our library works very hard to be inclusive. Our patrons and staff feel that wholeheartedly. Without many choices for me on Monday, I hoped that I would leave with some new ideas for storytime, especially given that 22 native languages were spoken by nannies last year. Speakers made the point that a caregiver's sense of belonging has a positive impact on their child's comfort level and so learning success. I found several ideas to implement, especially during stay and play time.

Beyond Storytime: Community Driven Bilingual Programs that Empower Families.2:30 – 3:30 PM

Description: Presenter, Socorro Pacheco, the Head Children's Librarian at Downey City Library, near Los Angeles, shared how she created wonderful programs that delight her English and predominantly speaking Spanish families. She uses music, movement, process art, and play that aligns with early childhood development and builds community trust and ownership in their local library goals and programs.

Key Takeaways: I was very impressed with her energy and creative strategies. She reminded me of multidisciplinary activities that I used to employ as a primary teacher, museum educator, and school librarian and had forgotten. She gave me some new ideas for Tales and Tots and for Time for Twos and Threes that both the children and nannies will appreciate.

Market Booth Visits & Informal Chats with Visiting Librarians: I visited Market Place on Friday and found bits of time on Saturday and Sunday - enough time to bring over 35 books, mostly arcs to donate to our department. I chatted with librarians from nearby and far. This brought added value as I learned about their library work and shared ideas. I truly enjoyed speaking to the educators from Milwaukee, who were presenting on their program called the Community. They teach business skills to incarcerated adults. Their lack of resources and state constraints left me in awe of their tireless work. I also spent time talking to librarians about the negative and positive impacts of A.I.

Memorandum

To: Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees
Cc:
From: Jake Rogers, Adult Services Librarian
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: 2026 American Library Association Conference

From Saturday, June 27, to Monday, June 29, I attended the American Library Association's 2026 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago. I took the time to speak with vendors, listen to speakers, and attend sessions. While Artificial Intelligence seemed to be the topic on the minds of organizers and attendees, I took care to attend sessions that would benefit working through the Glencoe Library's upcoming renovation.

Saturday, June 27th

United for Libraries President's Program: LeVar Burton

In a main stage session, United for Libraries President Deborah Doyle interviewed actor LeVar Burton. This was a special experience for me, as some of my earliest memories are watching "Vavar" on *Reading Rainbow*. Burton, who has an upcoming memoir, spoke about his acting career, experiences with race, and a life of getting kids to read. When organizers opened the floor for questions and answers, it was clear just how much his roles on *Roots*, *Star Trek*, and *Reading Rainbow* have affected people of all generations.

America Is Wild! Engaging Patrons with the Diversity of Animals and Plants in Your Area

In this author event, Brad Timm, a wildlife ecologist turned author, spoke about using his recently published book *America is Wild!* as a programming opportunity to connect patrons with the flora and fauna of their regions. Much of the programming suggestions were geared towards younger audiences. We chatted afterwards, and we were surprised to learn that he got his graduate degree where I did my undergrad and he now lives very close to where I lived off-campus!

Sunday, June 28th

Beyond the Walls: Designing Inclusive and Engaging Outdoor Library Spaces

While they don't contain collections, outdoor spaces can be a valuable part of the library experience. In a case study, staff from the Sun Prairie (WI) Library and their landscape architect discussed how they renovated library surroundings during a recent expansion. (The Sun Prairie Library added outdoor features such as an amphitheater and a rain garden.) By deciding on a vibe, talking to patrons, determining upkeep responsibilities, and allowing for flexibility, leadership can create outdoor spaces that are just as remarkable as those within the building.

Keepin' It Creepy: Welcome to the Horror Renaissance

In this panel discussion, authors and publishers spoke about the contemporary horror literature scene. The consensus is that in these uncertain times, horror equals catharsis; and increased representation, genre cross-pollination, and varying levels of scariness are inviting more readers into the genre. I grabbed extra copies of the handout but ended passing them all out to coworkers and friends. I had to email a staffer after ALA to request a digital copy so I could have one for myself!

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Generative AI and Librarianship: Teaching Information Literacy for AI Tools

Two academic librarians gave an overview of generative AI in an academic environment, including its prevalence, challenges, and ethics. They stressed AI's similarity to a traditional reference interview as clarifying statements, verifying sources, and seeking citations are essential to both. However, as they gave strategies to tweak prompts and queries, their boosterism of a controversial topic in contemporary librarianship (and life in general) came across as praising the machine instead of raging against it.

Compassion Fatigue and Burnout Among Library Workers—And How to Combat It

As librarian and licensed social worker Margaret Ann Paauw said in her introduction, public librarians are exposed to a lot. Encountering mental health crises, poverty, and violence can result in burnout (emotional exhaustion, anxiety, cynicism, and decreased efficacy stemming from professional causes) and compassion fatigue (the same symptoms as burnout but with difficulty feeling compassion for others, which can happen to personal caregivers as well as professionals). Protective factors include support, recognition, self-care, and debriefing (either informal—such as kvetching with coworkers over beers after work—or as part of a formal process).

Sound Thinking: Designing and Managing Acoustic Environments in Today's Libraries

Gone are the days of libraries being quiet spaces—as they shifted from a place of receiving information to communicating or creating information, they have gone from quiet to loud. How can libraries meet the wants and needs of patrons while accounting for subjective and objective noise levels? Academic librarians who presided over renovations and one sound consultant shared their experiences with meeting patron needs while giving an overview on how architecture, building materials, finishes, and furnishings can dampen (or increase!) volume levels.

Visit to Chinatown Branch of Chicago Public Library

Since I was in the neighborhood, I decided to visit the Chinatown branch of the Chicago Public Library. It was designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the same architecture firm that is overseeing the Glencoe Public Library renovation. I hate to say it, but this library is not the kind of place where I would like to spend a lot of time as a patron or employee. There were loud, giant fans running on each floor of the library. The “Community Room” was partitioned in half, with one half filled with folded chairs and tables. And the staff area was separated from public areas via a partition going most of the way up to the ceiling, instead of a wall.



Granted, comparing the Chinatown branch to Glencoe's proposed renovation is an apples-to-oranges situation. A new building on a smaller footprint is a different situation than a renovation of an older property with room to grow. And it was an exceptionally hot day (temperatures were around 100°), which might explain the fans. But it did make me worry that the architects had improperly considered HVAC needs, storage space, and staff/patron privacy.

Overall, I found the experience to be very worthwhile. The sessions I attended and connections I made are sure to help in Glencoe's upcoming chapter. As always, thank you to the leadership and board of the Glencoe Public Library for the opportunity to attend.