



# RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

September 23, 2026

Main Library  
101 E. Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
(804) 646-2547

11:45 a.m.



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## **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026  
11:45 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

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| <b>Call to order:</b>                                | 11:45 a.m. | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>Agenda</b>                                        |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>Consent Agenda:</b>                               |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| • Approval of Minutes-July 22, 2026, Regular Meeting |            |                             |
| • Approval of Statistical Reports                    |            |                             |
| • Approval of Pending Deposited Gifts Report         |            |                             |
| <b>Public Comment Period:</b>                        |            |                             |
| <b>Reports:</b>                                      |            |                             |
| • Library Friends                                    |            | Ms. DeBoer/Mr. Dishon       |
| • Library Foundation                                 |            | Ms. Revere/Mr. Firestine    |
| • Library Administration                             |            | Mr. Firestine               |
| ◦ Senior Librarian – Innovation Lab/Main             |            | Ms. Danielle Howard         |
| • Advocacy Taskforce                                 |            | Ms. Carter-Gunter/Mr. Green |
| • Policy Taskforce                                   |            | Ms. Altman                  |
| <b>Board Committee Reports:</b>                      |            |                             |
| • Chair Report                                       |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| • Finance Committee                                  |            | Mr. Firestine               |
| • Facilities Committee                               |            | Ms. Woody                   |
| • Governance Committee                               |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>Unfinished Business</b>                           |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>New Business</b>                                  |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>Adjourn</b>                                       |            | Ms. Peterson                |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>                                 |            |                             |
| Date: October 28, 2026                               |            |                             |
| Time: 11:45 a.m.                                     |            |                             |
| Location: Hull Street Branch Library                 |            |                             |
| 1400 Hul Street                                      |            |                             |
| Richmond, Virginia 23224                             |            |                             |
| Phone: 804.646.8699                                  |            |                             |

**Library Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**  
**July 22, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Chair Christine Peterson, Vice Chair Brent Graves, Emily Altman, Sheron Carter-Gunter, Cynthia Hinds, Janet Woody

**ABSENT:** Antione Green, Susan Revere

**STAFF:** Scott Firestine, Clay Dishon, Attorney Shannan Fitzgerald, Gianna Pack, Cheryl Clarke, Louis Maranski, Phil Shephard, Heather Montgomery, Friends of the Library Chair Ruth DeBoer

The Richmond Public Library (RPL) Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) meeting was called to order by Chair Christine Peterson at 11:45 a.m. at the Ginter Park Branch Library located at 1200 Westbrook Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227. The meeting was posted, and the public could attend in person or by viewing the Richmond Public Library YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2VfKL9U>, where it was live streamed. A quorum was established.

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| <b>Agenda</b>                                                                       | <p>Approve the July 22, 2026, Agenda as submitted.</p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> <u>Sheron Carter-Gunter</u>, Second by <u>Cynthia Hinds</u></i></p> <p><i><b>AYES:</b> <u>6</u>    <b>NOES:</b> <u>0</u>    <b>ABSTAIN:</b> <u>0</u>    <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></i></p>                                                                                          |
| <b>Consent Agenda</b>                                                               | <p>Approve the June 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes, the Current Financial Reports, Statistical Reports, and Donations Report as Submitted:</p> <p><i><b>Motion:</b> <u>Emily Altman</u>, Second by <u>Sheron Carter-Gunter</u></i></p> <p><i><b>AYES:</b> <u>6</u>    <b>NOES:</b> <u>0</u>    <b>ABSTAIN:</b> <u>0</u>    <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></i></p>        |
| <b>Public Comment Period</b>                                                        | None present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reports</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Friends of the Library (FOL)</b><br><br><u>Ruth DeBoer</u><br><u>Clay Dishon</u> | <p>Ms. DeBoer reported on updated activities of the Friends of the Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Friends Board Meeting: August 5, at 5:30PM, at the Main Library</li> <li>• In the process of updating the Friends website.</li> <li>• Focus for FY2027 is engaging more volunteers and members.</li> </ul>                          |
| <b>Library Foundation</b><br><br><u>Susan Revere</u><br><u>Scott Firestine</u>      | <p>Mr. Firestine reported the Foundation activities in Susan Revere's absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new grants at this time.</li> <li>• Foundation had their annual meeting in June.</li> <li>• Ribbon Cuttings for the Early Learning Activity Centers at North Avenue and Ginter Park Branches with Ripple in attendance.</li> </ul> |

| Reports (Continued)                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Ginter Park Branch Library Update</b><br><br><u>Louis Maranski</u>                 | <p>Library/Community Services Manager Lousi Maranski reported the Ginter Park Branch Library has experienced significant growth and positive momentum over the past six months. In January, the branch expanded its public service hours by opening one hour earlier (9:00 a.m.) Monday through Saturday and extending Tuesday and Wednesday evening hours until 8:00 p.m., adding a total of 10 service hours each week. Since the expanded hours were implemented, the branch has seen a notable increase in use, with door count rising from 21,841 during January–June 2025 to 26,002 during the same period in 2026. Program participation also increased, with attendance growing from 1,376 participants across 251 programs in 2025 to 1,592 participants attending 253 programs in 2026.</p> <p>The branch continues to strengthen its community presence through expanded outreach and partnerships. Staff collaborated with the Bellevue Civic Association on monthly Food Truck events and the Garden Walk, worked with local schools including John Marshall High School, Henderson Middle School, and McClenney Elementary School, and continued the popular book club partnership with Westminster Canterbury.</p> <p>As part of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries initiative, Ginter Park is preparing for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 23 to celebrate the addition of native plants to the branch landscaping. The branch also celebrated the successful renovation of its Children's Area with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 23, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from families.</p> <p>Looking ahead, Ginter Park staff plans to continue expanding programming opportunities, including a Spice Club, additional outdoor programs, and technology support services. Future improvements also include remodeling space to create a dedicated Teen Area, further enhancing services for the community.</p> |
| <b>Administration</b><br><br><u>Scott Firestine</u>                                   | <p>Mr. Firestine highlighted that Mayor Danny Avula will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Ginter Park Branch Library on July 23 to celebrate the completion of the latest green infrastructure project under the Greening Richmond Public Libraries Initiative. He noted that the initiative aims to improve the health of the James River by reducing stormwater pollution and was made possible through collaboration among the James River Association, the Department of Public Utilities, PlanRVA, architects, contractors, and many others.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Advocacy Task Force</b><br><br><u>Sheron Carter-Gunter</u><br><u>Antonie Green</u> | <p>Ms. Carter-Gunter led a discussion on the Library's advocacy priorities, encouraging Board members to identify key initiatives to communicate with City and community leaders. The Board discussed the importance of establishing clear budget priorities and funding requests to support the Library's strategic goals. Additional advocacy priorities included advancing the Library's facilities expansion initiative, promoting children's literacy and lifelong learning, strengthening partnerships with Richmond Public Schools to ensure every student receives a library card, and expanding the use of QR codes to promote library services while reducing paper usage throughout the City.</p> <p>Ms. Carter-Gunter invited Board members to share any additional advocacy priorities that had not been discussed and encouraged them to submit suggestions directly to her for inclusion in the Library's advocacy agenda and future discussions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Policy Taskforce</b><br><br><u>Emily Altman</u>                                    | <p>No Formal Report</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Reports (Continued)                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Chair Report</b><br><br><u>Christine Peterson, Chair</u>                  | No Formal Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Finance</b><br><br><u>Scott Firestine</u>                                 | <p>Mr. Firestine provided an overview of the City of Richmond's approved FY2027 Library Budget for the Library Board of Trustees (LBOT), explaining that the Board is required to formally accept or decline the funds appropriated by the City to operate the Library. Board members were provided with a copy of the budget as approved and adopted by Richmond City Council.</p> <p>Mr. Firestine noted that the FY2027 budget includes an increase in personnel funding to support the 3.25% salary increase and associated wage benefits provided under the City's collective bargaining agreement. He also explained that the operating budget reflects a 2% reduction, representing the elimination of one position.</p> <p>Chair Peterson reminded Board members that the LBOT serves as the governing body of the Library and has a fiduciary responsibility for its financial oversight. She then called for a vote on acceptance of the FY2027 Library Budget.</p> <p>Approve to accept the FY2027 Budget for the Richmond Public Library as submitted by City of Richmond:</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> <u>Cynthia Hinds</u>, <b>Second by</b> <u>Janet Woody</u></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> <u>6</u>      <b>NOES:</b> <u>0</u>      <b>ABSTAIN:</b> <u>0</u> <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></p>                   |
| <b>Facilities</b><br><br><u>Janet Woody, Chair</u><br><u>Scott Firestine</u> | <p>Mr. Firestine reported that the General Services Department requested to shampoo the carpets throughout the Main Library and recommended closing the building on Sunday, August 16, to allow sufficient time for the carpets to dry before reopening. Following the report, Chair Peterson called for a motion to approve the temporary closure.</p> <p>Approve closing the Main Library on Sunday, August 16, to allow for carpet cleaning throughout the facility.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> <u>Sheron Carter-Gunter</u>, <b>Second by</b> <u>Cynthia Hinds</u></p> <p><b>AYES:</b> <u>6</u>      <b>NOES:</b> <u>0</u>      <b>ABSTAIN:</b> <u>0</u> <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></p> <p>Chair Peterson also reported that she, Vice Chair Brent Graves, and Mr. Firestine have a meeting scheduled with Mayor Danny Avula, CAO Odie Donald, and DCAO Amy Popovich on July 29 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Library's facilities expansion initiative. She explained that the purpose of the meeting is to educate the Mayor and City leadership about Richmond Public Library's long-term facility needs, build support for future expansion projects, and strengthen the partnership between City leadership, Library Administration, and the Library Board of Trustees as planning efforts move forward.</p> |

| <b>Reports (Continued)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Governance</b><br><br><u>Christine Peterson, Chair</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Chair Peterson reported that there are currently two vacant trustee positions on the Board. Seven applications were received to fill the vacancies, with the appointed trustees serving the remainder of the current terms through June 30, 2028. She noted that her recommendation to the City Clerk was to appoint candidates who do not currently represent a district on the Board.</p> <p>The Education and Human Services Standing Committee reviewed the applications and selected Linda Pechin, a retired Richmond Public Schools educator representing the Third District, and Samuel Runner, a frequent library user who is actively involved in civic association meetings from the Seventh District, as its recommended candidates. Chair Peterson also noted that Mr. Brooks attended the LBOT meeting in her recommendation.</p> <p>She also reported that the Education and Human Services Standing Committee met on July 9 at 2:00 p.m. The committee's recommendations were expected to be forwarded to Richmond City Council, with final appointments anticipated at the July 27 City Council meeting.</p> |
| <b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>The Board discussed rescheduling the joint 3-Board Meeting. Two potential dates were identified: Thursday, August 27, and Tuesday, September 1. Chair Peterson asked Board members to review their calendars and notify her if either date presented a conflict. She emphasized the importance of selecting a date that would allow key representatives from all three Boards, as well as Richmond Public Library Administration and leadership.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>No New Business was discussed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. by unanimous consent from the members who were present.

There is no meeting in August. The LBOT's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at the Main Library located at 101 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, starting at 11:45 a.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Peterson, Chair

*Recorder: Gianna Pack, CAP  
Senior Executive Assistant*

## **Director's Report**

### **August-September 2026**

#### **Director Activities:**

- Aug 3 Main Library Discussion with Chair Chris Peterson – Main Library
- Aug 5 Friends of the Library Meeting – Main Library
- Aug 12 Foundation Finance Committee Meeting – Virtual
- Aug 17 COR/SEIU Bargaining Session – City Hall
- Aug 19 Foundation Executive Committee Meeting – Virtual
- Aug 26 Participate in Interviews for Assistant Library Director for Chesterfield – Virtual
- Aug 27 3 Board Retreat – Main Library
- Aug 28 Participate in Interviews for Assistant Library Director for Chesterfield – Virtual
- Sep 2 East End Branch Expansion Meeting with Council Member – East End Branch Library
- Sep 2 Participate in Interviews for Assistant Library Director for Chesterfield – Virtual
- Sep 2 Friends of the Library Board Meeting – Main Library
- Sep 4 Participate in Interviews for Assistant Library Director for Chesterfield – Virtual
- Sep 7 Labor Day Holiday – Libraries Closed
- Sep 8 Library Tours with Budget Department Staff
- Sep 9 LBOT Action Plan with Chair Peterson – Main Library
- Sep 10 COR Leadership Catalyst Meeting – City Hall
- Sep 10 Special City Council Meeting – City Hall
- Sep 11 Mellon Working Group Luncheon Meeting – Main Library
- Sep 14 Informal and Formal Council Meetings – City Hall
- Sep 22 East End Branch Open House for Children's Area – East End Branch Library
- Sep 24 COR Leadership Meeting – City Hall
- Sep 25 COR/SEIU Bargaining Session – City Hall

#### **Hiring:**

- **Hiring Update:**
  - 0151 – PT Library Associate, Main Library – Requisition Phase.
  - 03MTEMP00126 – PT Office Assistant/Courier, Main Library – Requisition Phase.
  - 03MTEMP00024 – PT Library Technician (Read with Ripple), Main Library – Interview Phase.
- **Departures:**
  - Carissa Elder – 0151 – PT Library Associate for Law Library, resigned September 10, 2026.

#### **Facilities Update:**

- August 8 at 12:00 p.m. through August 9 at 5 p.m: The West End Branch Library closed due to a power outage.
- August 10 at 5:00 p.m. through August 11: The Belmont Branch Library closed due to a water main rupture.

#### **Outreach and Engagement Update:**

July and August saw the end of Summer Reading Program and the start of school for many of the neighbors in Richmond. In total, the team connected with over 2,300+ people across the two months at a variety of outreach events. Some new connections include VCU Health Hub, the Cedarhurst Civic Association, Mosby Court Resource Fair, a Community Day at a local church, 3rd District Senior Fair, and a workshop with Partnership for the Future. The team continued its regular outreach at Tiny Porch Concerts, Westminster Canterbury, Birdhouse Farmer's Market, Westover Hills Neighborhood Association, and Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

August back-to-school events included Oak Grove Neighborhood Association school supply drive, He/She/Ze and We Back to School Youth Empowerment event, Cabell Library Welcome Weeks, Dogwood Middle Rock the Bock, and Open Houses at Obama Elementary, Henderson Middle, Boushall Middle, River City Middle, Albert Hill Middle, and Open High.

**Director's Report (Continued)**  
**August-September 2026**

**2026 Summer Reading Program – *Unearth a Story* (June 1 – August 1, 2026) Update:**

The 2026 Summer Reading Program, *Unearth a Story*, was a tremendous success, with strong participation and increased youth programming throughout the Library system.

**Programming Highlights:**

- 540(+) storytimes were offered for Book Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Family Storytimes. Several branches saw significant increases in attendance, particularly Westover Hills and North Avenue, resulting in plans to expand storytime offerings.
- 130 Juvenile programs and 110 Tween/Teen programs were presented, featuring STEAM, crafts, arts, and other educational and interactive activities.
- Archaeology Camp at the Main Library introduced children ages 6–11 to archaeology through hands-on activities, including pottery and dinosaur digs. Participants also learned paper marbling techniques from Turkish artist Noyan and met VCU archaeologists who shared their expertise.
- Systemwide programs featured Mad Science, AWARE, Teen Art, Groovy Nate, and Rob Westcott Magic.
- RippleCon 2026 welcomed approximately 750 attendees. The addition of food trucks was very well received, and international special guests Jon McLaren, voice of Star-Lord in *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and Andrew Wincott, voice of Raphael in *Baldur's Gate 3*, joined this year's event. Planning is already underway for the 5th Annual RippleCon in June 2027.

**Participation:**

- 3,672 youth registered for Summer Reading.
- 2,512 youth completed the program.
- 311 attendees participated in the Summer Reading finale at Soar365.

**Summer Interns:**

The Library welcomed 10 summer interns, whose assistance allowed branches to expand storytimes, programs, and activities throughout the summer. Their support was instrumental in keeping youth engaged and providing additional opportunities for learning, creativity, and fun.

The continued growth in participation and programming demonstrates the strong demand for Richmond Public Library's youth services and the important role these programs play in engaging children, teens, and families throughout the summer.

**Director's Report (Continued)**  
**August-September 2026**

**Something Amazing Happened at the Library!**

- **Broad Rock Branch Library** – Library Technician Alyx Ward worked with a patron on preparing job applications. The patron received a few interviews and ended up accepting one of the jobs.
- **East End Branch Library** – A patron who has been here for most of the year, was talking to staff about her recent spate of rejections as she tried to find employment. She and Library/Community Services Manager Adam Zimmerli spoke. Mr. Zimmerli spoke to some of our community partners and secured two part-time opportunities for the patron at the Market at 25th and at Soul 'N' Vinegar.
- **Ginter Park Branch Library** – In July, we had a six-year-old child come into the library to turn in their Summer Reading Log for the mid-point prize, and they were also going to get their very own library card. The child was very excited to have their own card, and thrilled to receive a book as a prize. The child left with a new book, their own library card, and a lot of joy.

In August, a patron came into the branch with her children and went out of her way to say that she loved the changes that had been made to the children's area and that it felt much more inviting.

- **Main Library** – Library Technician Khadijah Ford had a patron that was seeking to find housing support a few months ago to return and share that he had been admitted into a recovery program that would provide housing and job support.
- **North Avenu Banch Library** – During the month of July we had a situation where a patron couldn't communicate well with the staff due to a language barrier. Our intern Samantha stepped in and used their knowledge of technology and other languages to assist the patron with the paperwork they needed. That patron came back and wanted to personally thank them and the staff for the assistance in the paperwork as it helped them secure housing.

| CIRCULATION FY2027 |      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |
|--------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| LOCATION           | FY   | Jul-26 | Aug-26 | Sep-26 | Oct-26 | Nov-26 | Dec-26 | Jan-27 | Feb-27 | Mar-27 | Apr-27 | May-27 | Jun-27 | Total   |
| Belmont            | FY25 | 9,655  | 8,891  | 9,159  | 9,439  | 8,600  | 9,685  | 9,164  | 9,328  | 9,468  | 9,614  | 9,043  | 9,811  | 111,857 |
|                    | FY26 | 10,213 | 9,752  | 11,015 | 10,166 | 9,544  | 9,351  | 9,291  | 8,605  | 9,104  | 8,976  | 9,295  | 10,387 | 115,699 |
|                    | FY27 | 10,317 | 10,666 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 20,983  |
| Broad Rock         | FY25 | 2,543  | 2,564  | 2,515  | 2,701  | 2,433  | 2,490  | 2,515  | 2,241  | 2,307  | 2,148  | 2,138  | 2,589  | 29,184  |
|                    | FY26 | 2,507  | 2,094  | 2,325  | 2,122  | 1,921  | 1,545  | 1,630  | 1,577  | 1,875  | 1,932  | 1,791  | 2,082  | 23,401  |
|                    | FY27 | 2,429  | 2,388  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 4,817   |
| East End           | FY25 | 3,418  | 2,890  | 2,989  | 3,180  | 2,661  | 2,606  | 2,709  | 2,690  | 2,782  | 2,556  | 2,571  | 3,160  | 34,212  |
|                    | FY26 | 3,166  | 2,922  | 3,254  | 3,298  | 3,043  | 2,831  | 2,591  | 2,868  | 3,003  | 2,800  | 2,818  | 2,795  | 35,389  |
|                    | FY27 | 3,061  | 3,229  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 6,290   |
| Ginter Park        | FY25 | 5,575  | 5,005  | 4,430  | 4,460  | 4,045  | 4,169  | 4,550  | 4,683  | 5,323  | 5,033  | 5,169  | 5,806  | 58,248  |
|                    | FY26 | 6,204  | 5,920  | 5,939  | 5,723  | 5,385  | 4,928  | 5,641  | 5,616  | 5,653  | 5,474  | 5,416  | 6,362  | 68,261  |
|                    | FY27 | 6,374  | 6,465  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 12,839  |
| Hull Street        | FY25 | 2,123  | 2,120  | 2,146  | 2,295  | 1,785  | 1,847  | 1,500  | 1,517  | 1,709  | 1,516  | 1,445  | 1,503  | 21,506  |
|                    | FY26 | 1,706  | 1,778  | 1,827  | 1,928  | 1,522  | 1,540  | 1,545  | 1,512  | 1,709  | 1,348  | 1,610  | 1,930  | 19,955  |
|                    | FY27 | 1,904  | 2,228  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 4,132   |
| Main               | FY25 | 8,724  | 9,236  | 8,857  | 8,888  | 7,880  | 7,467  | 8,022  | 8,039  | 9,212  | 8,823  | 8,639  | 9,568  | 103,355 |
|                    | FY26 | 10,102 | 9,751  | 10,612 | 9,629  | 8,928  | 8,682  | 9,108  | 9,186  | 9,588  | 8,252  | 8,642  | 9,791  | 112,271 |
|                    | FY27 | 9,959  | 10,171 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 20,130  |

| CIRCULATION FY2027 (CONTINUED) |      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |
|--------------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| LOCATION                       | FY   | Jul-26  | Aug-26  | Sep-26  | Oct-26  | Nov-26  | Dec-26  | Jan-27  | Feb-27  | Mar-27  | Apr-27  | May-27  | Jun-27  | Total     |
| North Avenue                   | FY25 | 2,943   | 2,899   | 2,907   | 2,965   | 2,321   | 2,375   | 2,468   | 2,478   | 2,843   | 2,441   | 2,702   | 3,318   | 32,660    |
|                                | FY26 | 3,217   | 3,201   | 3,530   | 3,389   | 3,107   | 3,326   | 3,441   | 3,455   | 3,514   | 3,353   | 3,894   | 3,942   | 41,369    |
|                                | FY27 | 3,888   | 4,257   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 8,145     |
| West End                       | FY25 | 13,977  | 12,956  | 11,756  | 11,346  | 9,624   | 9,890   | 11,234  | 10,498  | 10,948  | 10,547  | 10,591  | 12,538  | 135,905   |
|                                | FY26 | 13,404  | 12,202  | 12,155  | 11,749  | 10,858  | 10,000  | 11,533  | 11,785  | 11,764  | 10,387  | 11,213  | 12,819  | 139,869   |
|                                | FY27 | 13,642  | 13,736  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 27,378    |
| Westover Hills                 | FY25 | 10,085  | 9,495   | 8,938   | 8,821   | 7,746   | 7,906   | 8,363   | 8,067   | 8,351   | 8,209   | 8,659   | 9,636   | 104,276   |
|                                | FY26 | 10,556  | 9,937   | 9,759   | 9,611   | 8,136   | 8,663   | 9,191   | 9,210   | 10,073  | 9,330   | 8,767   | 10,681  | 113,914   |
|                                | FY27 | 10,661  | 11,103  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 21,764    |
| E-Content                      | FY25 | 41,178  | 40,652  | 40,124  | 39,955  | 42,109  | 44,466  | 50,662  | 46,551  | 51,789  | 50,778  | 52,187  | 46,592  | 547,043   |
|                                | FY26 | 54,175  | 54,617  | 52,066  | 52,375  | 50,586  | 53,204  | 59,296  | 52,363  | 57,669  | 56,079  | 59,597  | 61,463  | 663,490   |
|                                | FY27 | 61,454  | 63,021  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 124,475   |
| Totals                         | FY25 | 100,221 | 96,708  | 93,821  | 94,050  | 89,204  | 92,901  | 101,187 | 96,092  | 104,732 | 101,665 | 103,144 | 104,521 | 1,178,246 |
|                                | FY26 | 115,250 | 112,174 | 112,482 | 109,990 | 103,030 | 104,070 | 113,267 | 106,177 | 113,952 | 107,931 | 113,043 | 122,252 | 1,333,618 |
|                                | FY27 | 123,689 | 127,264 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 250,953   |

| PROGRAMS FY2027       | Jul-26     | Aug-26     | Sep-26 | Oct-26 | Nov-26 | Dec-26 | Jan-27 | Feb-27 | Mar-27 | Apr-27 | May-27 | Jun-27 | TOTAL FY27 | TOTAL FY26 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| <b>Belmont</b>        |            |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |            |
| Adult Programs        | 11         | 9          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 20         | 126        |
| Adult Attend          | 102        | 58         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 160        | 669        |
| Young Adult Programs  | 3          | 1          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 4          | 22         |
| Young Adult Attend    | 4          | 0          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 4          | 64         |
| Juvenile Programs     | 18         | 8          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 26         | 176        |
| Juvenile Attend       | 407        | 174        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 581        | 3,526      |
| <b>Total Attend</b>   | <b>513</b> | <b>232</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>745</b> | 4,259      |
| <b>Total Programs</b> | <b>32</b>  | <b>18</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>50</b>  | 321        |
| <b>Broad Rock</b>     |            |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |            |
| Adult Programs        | 3          | 5          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 8          | 76         |
| Adult Attend          | 32         | 38         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 70         | 613        |
| Young Adult Programs  | 6          | 1          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 7          | 35         |
| Young Adult Attend    | 18         | 7          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 25         | 170        |
| Juvenile Programs     | 18         | 8          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 26         | 350        |
| Juvenile Attend       | 70         | 29         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 99         | 1,579      |
| <b>Total Attend</b>   | <b>120</b> | <b>74</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>194</b> | 2,362      |
| <b>Total Programs</b> | <b>27</b>  | <b>14</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>41</b>  | 461        |
| <b>East End</b>       |            |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |            |
| Adult Programs        | 5          | 4          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 9          | 88         |
| Adult Attend          | 35         | 37         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 72         | 826        |
| Young Adult Programs  | 14         | 7          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 21         | 97         |
| Young Adult Attend    | 77         | 32         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 109        | 296        |
| Juvenile Programs     | 18         | 12         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 30         | 201        |
| Juvenile Attend       | 238        | 107        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 345        | 1,732      |
| <b>Total Attend</b>   | <b>350</b> | <b>176</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>526</b> | 2,854      |
| <b>Total Programs</b> | <b>37</b>  | <b>23</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>60</b>  | 386        |

| <b>PROGRAMS FY2027<br/>(CONTINUED)</b> | <b>Jul-26</b> | <b>Aug-26</b> | <b>Sep-26</b> | <b>Oct-26</b> | <b>Nov-26</b> | <b>Dec-26</b> | <b>Jan-27</b> | <b>Feb-27</b> | <b>Mar-27</b> | <b>Apr-27</b> | <b>May-27</b> | <b>Jun-27</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>FY27</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>FY26</b> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Ginter Park</b>                     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 11            | 19            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 30                    | 149                   |
| Adult Attend                           | 41            | 64            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 105                   | 483                   |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 5             | 4             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 9                     | 58                    |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 6             | 9             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 15                    | 147                   |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 27            | 17            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 44                    | 314                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 215           | 110           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 325                   | 2,389                 |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>262</b>    | <b>183</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>445</b>            | 3,019                 |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>43</b>     | <b>40</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>83</b>             | 521                   |
| <b>Hull Street</b>                     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 7             | 10            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 17                    | 118                   |
| Adult Attend                           | 17            | 211           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 228                   | 520                   |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 3             | 2             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 5                     | 31                    |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 25            | 0             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 25                    | 77                    |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 19            | 6             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 25                    | 132                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 108           | 23            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 131                   | 875                   |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>150</b>    | <b>234</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>384</b>            | 1,472                 |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>29</b>     | <b>18</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>47</b>             | 281                   |
| <b>Main</b>                            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 18            | 24            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 42                    | 234                   |
| Adult Attend                           | 374           | 404           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 778                   | 3,960                 |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 18            | 14            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 32                    | 193                   |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 183           | 126           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 309                   | 1,338                 |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 54            | 32            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 86                    | 442                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 965           | 748           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1,713                 | 7,500                 |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>1,522</b>  | <b>1,278</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,800</b>          | 12,798                |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>90</b>     | <b>70</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>160</b>            | 869                   |

| <b>PROGRAMS FY2027<br/>(CONTINUED)</b> | <b>Jul-26</b> | <b>Aug-26</b> | <b>Sep-26</b> | <b>Oct-26</b> | <b>Nov-26</b> | <b>Dec-26</b> | <b>Jan-27</b> | <b>Feb-27</b> | <b>Mar-27</b> | <b>Apr-27</b> | <b>May-27</b> | <b>Jun-27</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>FY27</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>FY26</b> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>North Avenue</b>                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 4             | 4             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 8                     | 84                    |
| Adult Attend                           | 50            | 29            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 79                    | 639                   |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 3             | 1             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 4                     | 59                    |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 6             | 0             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 6                     | 451                   |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 23            | 21            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 44                    | 239                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 248           | 197           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 445                   | 3,389                 |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>304</b>    | <b>226</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>530</b>            | 4,479                 |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>30</b>     | <b>26</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>56</b>             | 382                   |
| <b>West End</b>                        |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 22            | 18            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 183                   |
| Adult Attend                           | 204           | 90            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 1,042                 |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 5             | 2             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 29                    |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 20            | 2             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 94                    |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 22            | 11            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 247                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 352           | 124           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       | 3,328                 |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>576</b>    | <b>216</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>792</b>            | 4,464                 |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>49</b>     | <b>31</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>80</b>             | 459                   |
| <b>Westover Hills</b>                  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                       |                       |
| Adult Programs                         | 10            | 9             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 19                    | 96                    |
| Adult Attend                           | 328           | 132           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 460                   | 791                   |
| Young Adult Programs                   | 3             | 2             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 5                     | 32                    |
| Young Adult Attend                     | 10            | 5             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 15                    | 154                   |
| Juvenile Programs                      | 29            | 12            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 41                    | 327                   |
| Juvenile Attend                        | 667           | 372           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1,039                 | 8,186                 |
| <b>Total Attend</b>                    | <b>1,005</b>  | <b>509</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,514</b>          | 9,131                 |
| <b>Total Programs</b>                  | <b>42</b>     | <b>23</b>     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>65</b>             | 455                   |
| <b>Grand Total Attend</b>              | <b>4,802</b>  | <b>3,128</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>7,930</b>          | 9,131                 |
| <b>Grand Total Programs</b>            | <b>379</b>    | <b>263</b>    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>642</b>            | 455                   |

| DOOR COUNT FY2027   | Jul-26        | Aug-26        | Sep-26 | Oct-26 | Nov-26 | Dec-26 | Jan-27 | Feb-27 | Mar-27 | Apr-27 | May-27 | Jun-27 | TOTAL          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Belmont             | 5,655         | 5,342         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 10,997         |
| Broad Rock          | 4,688         | 5,398         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 10,086         |
| East End            | 5,484         | 5,528         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 11,012         |
| Ginter Park         | 5,581         | 5,373         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 10,954         |
| Hull Street         | 3,969         | 4,195         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 8,164          |
| Main                | 16,143        | 16,618        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 32,761         |
| North Avenue        | 4,589         | 4,765         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 9,354          |
| West End            | 4,592         | 4,052         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 8,644          |
| Westover Hills      | 6,505         | 6,305         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 12,810         |
| <b>TOTALS FY27:</b> | <b>57,206</b> | <b>57,576</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>114,782</b> |
| TOTALS FY26:        | 53,685        | 55,419        | 53,824 | 55,883 | 43,395 | 39,919 | 42,869 | 48,644 | 52,466 | 54,018 | 52,714 | 56,962 | 609,798        |
| TOTALS FY25:        | 51,117        | 54,769        | 46,019 | 50,443 | 37,015 | 41,276 | 43,168 | 39,985 | 48,783 | 45,396 | 46,593 | 51,924 | 556,488        |

| NEW PATRON CARDS   |              |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |              |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| FY2027             | Jul-26       | Aug-26       | Sep-26 | Oct-26 | Nov-26 | Dec-26 | Jan-27 | Feb-27 | Mar-27 | Apr-27 | May-27 | Jun-27 | Total        |
| Belmont            | 168          | 122          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 290          |
| Broad Rock         | 53           | 72           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 125          |
| East End           | 56           | 77           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 133          |
| Ginter Park        | 71           | 77           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 148          |
| Hull Street        | 55           | 50           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 105          |
| Main               | 296          | 466          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 762          |
| North Avenue       | 37           | 43           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 80           |
| West End           | 92           | 90           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 182          |
| Westover Hills     | 94           | 102          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 196          |
| Online Reg E-Card  | 934          | 862          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 1,796        |
| <b>Total FY27:</b> | <b>1,856</b> | <b>1,961</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | <b>3,817</b> |
| Total FY26:        | 2,071        | 2,126        | 2,204  | 2,003  | 1,677  | 1,657  | 2,232  | 1,460  | 1,578  | 1,662  | 1,735  | 2,140  | 22,545       |
| Total FY25:        | 1,545        | 1,715        | 2,165  | 1,743  | 1,598  | 1,375  | 2,020  | 1,844  | 1,868  | 1,745  | 1,745  | 1,978  | 21,341       |

| <b>COMPUTER USE<br/>FY2027</b> | <b>Jul-26</b> | <b>Aug-26</b> | <b>Sep-26</b> | <b>Oct-26</b> | <b>Nov-26</b> | <b>Dec-26</b> | <b>Jan-27</b> | <b>Feb-27</b> | <b>Mar-27</b> | <b>Apr-27</b> | <b>May-27</b> | <b>Jun-27</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Belmont Workstation            | 598           | 587           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,185</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 926           | 784           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,710</b>  |
| Broad Rock Workstation         | 734           | 800           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,534</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 1,003         | 1,187         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,190</b>  |
| East End Workstation           | 543           | 583           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,126</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 1,107         | 1,068         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,175</b>  |
| Ginter Park Workstation        | 782           | 877           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,659</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 1,284         | 1,158         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,442</b>  |
| Hull Street Workstation        | 520           | 550           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,070</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 944           | 1,228         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,172</b>  |
| Main Workstation               | 2,200         | 2,157         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>4,357</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 9,326         | 8,407         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>17,733</b> |
| North Avenue Workstation       | 497           | 569           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,066</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 884           | 785           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,669</b>  |
| West End Workstation           | 337           | 332           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>669</b>    |
| WIFI                           | 1,338         | 1,354         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>2,692</b>  |
| Westover Hills Workstation     | 495           | 597           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,092</b>  |
| WIFI                           | 642           | 665           |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>1,307</b>  |
| <b>TOTALS FY27:</b>            | <b>24,160</b> | <b>23,688</b> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>47,848</b> |
| TOTALS FY26:                   | 23,806        | 25,115        | 22,609        | 21,472        | 13,907        | 12,236        | 9,520         | 18,100        | 19,815        | 22,608        | 23,442        | 24,125        | 236,755       |
| TOTALS FY25:                   | 21,187        | 21,829        | 20,636        | 23,149        | 17,841        | 19,621        | 17,496        | 18,232        | 21,343        | 21,448        | 21,953        | 23,306        | 248,041       |

| TECHNICAL SERVICES - FLOATING ITEMS ADDED / DISCARDED |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| FY2027                                                | Printed Materials<br>Added (All Branches) | Overdrive<br>Added | Monthly<br>Total Added | Monthly Total<br>Discarded |
| Jul-26                                                | 1,454                                     | 413                | 1,867                  | 285                        |
| Aug-26                                                | 1,459                                     | 403                | 1,862                  | 373                        |
| Sep-26                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Oct-26                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Nov-26                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Dec-26                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Jan-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Feb-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Mar-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Apr-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| May-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| Jun-27                                                |                                           |                    |                        |                            |
| <b>FY27 Totals:</b>                                   | <b>2,913</b>                              | <b>816</b>         | <b>3,729</b>           | <b>658</b>                 |
| FY26 Totals:                                          | 17,094                                    | 5,632              | 22,726                 | 20,367                     |
| FY25 Totals:                                          | 16,705                                    | 4,573              | 21,278                 | 23,358                     |

| External Room Requests<br>FY2027 | Jul-26     |              | Aug-26     |              | Sep-26   |          | Oct-26   |          | Nov-26   |          | Dec-26   |          | Jan-27   |          | Feb-27   |          | Mar-27   |          | Apr-27   |          | May-27   |          | Jun-27   |          | Total<br>Requests | Total<br>Attended |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Requests   | Attended     | Requests   | Attended     | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended | Requests | Attended |                   |                   |
| <b>Belmont</b>                   |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 15)       | 10         | 29           | 20         | 73           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 30                | 102               |
| <b>Broad Rock</b>                |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 35)       | 23         | 200          | 23         | 358          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 46                | 558               |
| <b>East End</b>                  |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 35)       | 18         | 122          | 25         | 165          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 43                | 287               |
| <b>Ginter Park</b>               |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 40)       | 19         | 92           | 31         | 176          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 50                | 268               |
| <b>Hull Street</b>               |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 47)       | 7          | 67           | 4          | 125          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 11                | 192               |
| <b>Main</b>                      |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Auditorium (Capacity 250)        | 27         | 670          | 24         | 1,876        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 51                | 2,546             |
| Annex (Capacity 45)              | 16         | 594          | 21         | 545          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 37                | 1,139             |
| Activity Room (Capacity 48)      | 19         | 289          | 14         | 475          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 33                | 764               |
| Gellman Room (Capacity 80)       | 33         | 800          | 23         | 909          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 56                | 1,709             |
| Memory Lab (Capacity 4)          | 117        | 117          | 77         | 77           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 194               | 194               |
| Innovation Lab (Capacity 12)     | 38         | 38           | 29         | 29           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 67                | 67                |
| Study Room B (Capacity 6)        | 102        | 226          | 117        | 251          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 219               | 477               |
| Study Room C (Capacity 12)       | 99         | 447          | 108        | 367          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 207               | 814               |
| Study Room D (Capacity 12)       | 88         | 399          | 108        | 340          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 196               | 739               |
| <b>North Avenue</b>              |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 47)       | 13         | 50           | 11         | 36           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 24                | 86                |
| <b>West End</b>                  |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 44)       | 6          | 80           | 6          | 61           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 12                | 141               |
| Study Room (Capacity 8)          | 64         | 130          | 66         | 124          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 130               | 254               |
| <b>Westover Hills</b>            |            |              |            |              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                   |                   |
| Meeting Room (Capacity 35)       | 8          | 65           | 10         | 80           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 18                | 145               |
| <b>Total: FY27:</b>              | <b>707</b> | <b>4,415</b> | <b>717</b> | <b>6,067</b> | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | <b>1,424</b>      | <b>10,482</b>     |
| Total: FY26:                     | 659        | 5,262        | 611        | 6,574        | 652      | 5,446    | 689      | 7,533    | 529      | 4,459    | 521      | 3,703    | 594      | 5,483    | 641      | 4,715    | 684      | 6,572    | 668      | 6,297    | 694      | 8,682    | 686      | 6,981    | 7,628             | 71,707            |
| Total: FY25:                     | 550        | 3,309        | 523        | 4,111        | 562      | 4,327    | 635      | 5,412    | 537      | 3,673    | 521      | 4,189    | 447      | 4,117    | 578      | 5,930    | 634      | 6,401    | 680      | 6,647    | 653      | 6,034    | 647      | 6,707    | 6,967             | 60,857            |

Richmond Public Library  
FY27 Operating Budget  
August FY27

| ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION                    | Budget              | Actual and<br>Encumbered<br>1-Aug-26 | %<br>Spent   | Balance<br>Available<br>1-Aug-26 |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 60000   | SALARIES - FULL TIME           | \$ 4,844,052        | \$ 532,036                           | 11.0%        | \$ 4,312,016                     |
| 60001   | OVERTIME PERMAN                | \$ 19,176           | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 19,176                        |
| 61000   | SALARIES - PART TIME           | \$ 628,722          | \$ 65,238                            | 10.4%        | \$ 563,484                       |
| 62000   | SALARIES - TEMPORARY           | \$ 10,000           | \$ 3,702                             | 37.0%        | \$ 6,298                         |
| 63000   | FICA                           | \$ 339,312          | \$ 36,373                            | 10.7%        | \$ 302,938                       |
| 63001   | RET CON RSRs                   | \$ 249,093          | \$ 30,138                            | 12.1%        | \$ 218,955                       |
| 63002   | MEDCARE FICA                   | \$ 79,355           | \$ 8,507                             | 10.7%        | \$ 70,848                        |
| 63003   | GROUP LIFE                     | \$ 22,985           | \$ 1,566                             | 6.8%         | \$ 21,419                        |
| 63004   | CONSTITUTIONAL                 | \$ 30,556           | \$ 3,755                             | 0.0%         | \$ 26,801                        |
| 63006   | H/C ACT TEMP                   | \$ 1,141,913        | \$ 84,882                            | 7.4%         | \$ 1,057,031                     |
| 63008   | STATE UNEMPLOYMENT             | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 63011   | HEALTH SAVINGS                 | \$ -                | \$ 300                               | 0.0%         | \$ (300)                         |
| 63100   | VRS HYBRID DB                  | \$ 168,601          | \$ 18,712                            | 11.1%        | \$ 149,889                       |
| 63105   | VRS HYBRID DC                  | \$ 27,370           | \$ 2,974                             | 0.0%         | \$ 24,396                        |
| 63110   | VRS HYBRID VLDP                | \$ 21,623           | \$ 2,347                             | 0.0%         | \$ 19,275                        |
| 63115   | VRS Hybrid 401a                | \$ 35,951           | \$ 4,092                             | 0.0%         | \$ 31,859                        |
| 64103   | Educnetv #81                   | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
|         | <b>Personnel Expenses</b>      | <b>\$ 7,618,708</b> | <b>\$ 794,623</b>                    | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>\$ 6,824,085</b>              |
| 71141   | BOOKS                          | \$ 952,359          | \$ 370,680                           | 38.9%        | \$ 581,679                       |
| 71141   | DATABASES                      | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 71142   | MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS            | \$ 2,456            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 2,456                         |
| 72122   | MAGS & NEWSPAPER               | \$ 29,277           | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 29,277                        |
|         | <b>Collection Development</b>  | <b>\$ 984,092</b>   | <b>\$ 370,680</b>                    | <b>37.7%</b> | <b>\$ 613,412</b>                |
| 70131   | ADVERTISING                    | \$ 2,297            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 2,297                         |
| 70161   | PLANNING MGMT SERVICES         | \$ 464,633          | \$ 244,215                           | 52.6%        | \$ 220,418                       |
| 70215   | EQUIPMENT REPAIR               | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 70218   | VEHICLE REPAIR                 | \$ 4,743            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 4,743                         |
| 70412   | TRANSPORTATION                 | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 70416   | EMPLOYEE PARKING               | \$ 19,440           | \$ 6,040                             | 31.1%        | \$ 13,400                        |
| 70311   | PRINTED SUPPLIES               | \$ 3,000            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 3,000                         |
| 70413   | MILEAGE ALLOWANCE              | \$ 2,263            | \$ 127                               | 5.6%         | \$ 2,136                         |
| 70551   | SECURITY                       | \$ 294,543          | \$ 48,050                            | 16.3%        | \$ 246,493                       |
| 70552   | CONTRACT AND TEMP PERSONNEL    | \$ 22,000           | \$ 37,500                            | 170.5%       | \$ (15,500)                      |
| 71012   | OFFICE STATIONARY SUPPLIES     | \$ 3,047            | \$ 611                               | 20.1%        | \$ 2,436                         |
| 71016   | ADVERTISING                    | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 71143   | LIBRARY OPERATING SUPPLIES     | \$ 19,220           | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 19,220                        |
| 72113   | POSTAGE                        | \$ 4,456            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 4,456                         |
| 72121   | CONFERENCES & CON              | \$ 1,904            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 1,904                         |
| 72123   | MEMBERSHIP DUES                | \$ 677              | \$ 667                               | 98.5%        | \$ 10                            |
| 72124   | TRAINING                       | \$ 1,055            | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 1,055                         |
| 72131   | COMPUTER SUPPLIES              | \$ 25,662           | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 25,662                        |
| 72153   | EQUIPMENT                      | \$ 138,341          | \$ 11,220                            | 8.1%         | \$ 127,121                       |
| 73104   | BANK FEES                      | \$ -                | \$ 1,202                             | 0.0%         | \$ (1,202)                       |
| 76119   | PAGERS                         | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 76652   | PAPER PRODUCTS                 | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 77103   | FUEL-D/O VEHICLE               | \$ 1,680            | \$ 248                               | 14.8%        | \$ 1,432                         |
| 77104   | VEHICLE MONTHLY STANDING       | \$ 493              | \$ 82                                | 16.7%        | \$ 411                           |
| 77107   | AUTO EXPENSES C                | \$ 4,121            | \$ 1,641                             | 0.0%         | \$ 2,481                         |
| 77201   | INTERNAL PRINTING              | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 77401   | CLAIMS & SETTLEMENTS           | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 77501   | DIT CHARGES                    | \$ -                | \$ 750                               | 0.0%         | \$ (750)                         |
| 80001   | DEPRECIATION                   | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 80004   | BUILDINGS & STR                | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 80006   | EQUIPMENT & OFFICE MAINTENANCE | \$ 31,160           | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ 31,160                        |
| 80007   | VEHICLE EXPENSES               | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
| 95002   | OPERATING TRANS                | \$ -                | \$ -                                 | 0.0%         | \$ -                             |
|         | <b>Other Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 1,044,735</b> | <b>\$ 352,353</b>                    | <b>33.7%</b> | <b>\$ 692,382</b>                |
|         | <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>      | <b>\$ 9,647,535</b> | <b>\$ 1,517,656</b>                  | <b>15.7%</b> | <b>\$ 8,129,880</b>              |

# **RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - General Fund Budget**

## Monthly Budget Report

AUGUST 31, 2026

| <b><u>General Fund Revenue</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Actual YTD</u></b> | <b><u>%</u></b><br><b><u>Recognized</u></b> | <b><u>Unrecognized</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lost and Damage Books              | \$ 21,782                                       | \$ 4,427                                            | 20%                                         | \$ 17,355                  |
| Reservation - Book Records         | \$ -                                            | \$ 300                                              | 0%                                          | \$ (300)                   |
| Sales Copy Centers                 | \$ 12,000                                       | \$ 2,056                                            | 17%                                         | \$ 9,944                   |
| State Library Aide                 | \$ 297,545                                      | \$ 78,077                                           | 26%                                         | \$ 219,468                 |
|                                    | <b>\$ 331,327</b>                               | <b>\$ 84,861</b>                                    | <b>26%</b>                                  | <b>\$ 246,466</b>          |

### **General Fund Operating**

|                    | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Actual YTD</u></b> | <b><u>% Expended</u></b> | <b><u>Unobligated</u></b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Personnel          | \$ 5,501,950                                    | \$ 600,977                                          | 11%                      | \$ 4,900,973              |
| Fringes            | \$ 2,116,758                                    | \$ 193,646                                          | 9%                       | \$ 1,923,112              |
| Books/Materials    | \$ 984,092                                      | \$ 370,680                                          | 38%                      | \$ 613,412                |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 1,044,735                                    | \$ 352,353                                          | 34%                      | \$ 692,382                |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 9,647,535</b>                             | <b>\$ 1,517,656</b>                                 | <b>16%</b>               | <b>\$ 8,129,880</b>       |

**Encumbrances YTD** **\$ 531,329**

## **RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Special Fund Budget**

| <b><u>Special Fund Revenue</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Anticipated</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Actual YTD</u></b> | <b><u>%</u></b><br><b><u>Recognized</u></b> | <b><u>Unrecognized</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 00314 - Gift to the Library        | \$ -                                                 | \$ 15,316                                           | 0%                                          | \$ (15,316)                |
| 00308 - Verizon E-Rate Grant       | \$ 56,588                                            | \$ -                                                | 0%                                          | \$ 56,588                  |
| 00309 - Public Law Library         | \$ 140,414                                           | \$ 33,260.00                                        | 24%                                         | \$ 107,154                 |
| 00311 - Gates Foundation           | \$ 206,939                                           | \$ -                                                | 0%                                          | \$ 206,939                 |
| 00312 - RPL Foundation             | \$ -                                                 | \$ -                                                | 0%                                          | \$ -                       |
| 00313 - Friends of the RPL         | \$ 108,000                                           | \$ -                                                | 0%                                          | \$ 108,000                 |
| 00000 - FNDN Restricted Grant      | \$ -                                                 | \$ -                                                | 0%                                          | \$ -                       |
|                                    | <b>\$ 511,941</b>                                    | <b>\$ 48,576</b>                                    | <b>9%</b>                                   | <b>\$ 463,365</b>          |

| <b><u>Special Fund Expenditures</u></b> | <b><u>FY26 Rollover &amp;</u></b><br><b><u>FY27 Receipts</u></b> | <b><u>FY2026-27</u></b><br><b><u>Actual YTD</u></b> | <b><u>% Expended</u></b> | <b><u>Unobligated</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 00314 - Gift to the Library             | \$ 506,329                                                       | \$ 2,691                                            | 1%                       | \$ 503,638                |
| 00308 - Verizon E-Rate Grant            | \$ 9,864                                                         | \$ 30,874                                           | 313%                     | \$ (21,010)               |
| 00309 - Public Law Library              | \$ (512,078)                                                     | \$ 48,234                                           | -9%                      | \$ (560,312)              |
| Personnel                               |                                                                  | \$ -                                                |                          |                           |
| Fringes                                 |                                                                  | \$ -                                                |                          |                           |
| Books/Materials                         |                                                                  | \$ 48,234                                           |                          |                           |
| Operating Expenses                      |                                                                  | \$ -                                                |                          |                           |
| 00311 - Gates Foundation                | \$ (127,049)                                                     | \$ 76,729                                           | -60%                     | \$ (203,778)              |
| 00312 - RPL Foundation                  | \$ (240,401)                                                     | \$ 29,789                                           | -12%                     | \$ (270,190)              |
| 00313 - Friends of the RPL              | \$ 117,475                                                       | \$ -                                                | 0%                       | \$ 117,475                |
|                                         | <b>\$ (245,860)</b>                                              | <b>\$ 188,318</b>                                   | <b>-77%</b>              | <b>\$ (434,177)</b>       |

**Encumbrances YTD** **\$ 124,646**

Richmond Public Library  
Foundation, Friends, Groups and Individuals  
FY2027

Consent Agenda: Deposited Gifts over \$100 Shown as of  
September 23, 2026

| Date of Check | Donor Name          | Current Month Amount | Purpose/Location   | YTD Account Balance |            |         |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|---------|
|               |                     |                      |                    | Gift                | Foundation | Friends |
|               | <i>No Donations</i> | \$ -                 |                    |                     |            |         |
|               |                     |                      |                    |                     |            |         |
|               |                     |                      |                    |                     |            |         |
|               | Monthly Total       | \$ -                 |                    |                     |            |         |
|               |                     |                      |                    |                     |            |         |
|               |                     |                      |                    |                     |            |         |
|               |                     |                      |                    |                     |            |         |
|               | YTD Total           | \$ -                 | Year To Date Total | \$ -                | \$ -       | \$ -    |



## Richmond's libraries have long been a place for soaking up knowledge. Now they're soaking up runoff too.

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***At the Ginter Park branch, a pollinator garden has been graded to collect rainwater. (Photos by Sarah Vogelsong/The Richmonder)***

Ever since the sweetspire, the switch grass, the sea oats and the sweetbay magnolias went in, the birds have been flocking back to the East End Library.

"We've always had them to a certain extent," said Adam Zimmerli, who manages the branch off North 25th Street in Church Hill. "But since the project, they've really enjoyed having a home."

At the Westover Hills Library south of the river, the story is much the same. There, so many birds now flutter around the rain garden that staff hung a row of bird photos in the window of the children's area so that kids can identify each feathered friend.

Neither situation is an accident. Since 2016, when construction began at Westover Hills, Richmond's public libraries have slowly been going greener. Retention basins, rain gardens and runoff channels now capture and filter stormwater. New trees cast shade in neighborhoods where temperatures are high. Native plants have replaced imported species, drawing in pollinators, native insects and, in turn, all of those birds and other wildlife.

The citywide initiative, known as [Greening Richmond Public Libraries](#), "serves two big purposes," said RPL Director Scott Firestine. "It makes our libraries more welcoming and inviting. And it helps the James River. And the James River is our most important resource in the city of Richmond."



***Bird spotting is common from the window at the Westover Hills branch.***

So far, six of RPL’s neighborhood branches have been outfitted with green infrastructure. When work at the Hull Street and Belmont libraries concludes next year, all eight will be part of the city’s network of stormwater management, capturing and cleaning runoff before it flows into the James.

Justin Doyle of the James River Association, one of the libraries’ key partners in the initiative along with

the Department of Public Utilities, said the installations catch not only nitrogen and phosphorus — the primary nutrients that pollute the Chesapeake Bay — but also “anything that could potentially make its way into our storm sewers or local waterways,” like dirt, heavy metals and trash.

And, in areas of Richmond where stormwater and sewage flow through the same pipes, the new infrastructure is “able to help reduce the volume of stormwater runoff entering the combined sewer system.”



**Danielle Tarullo, Westover Hills community services manager**

In some cases, it has also reduced localized flooding.

At Westover Hills, “the drainage setup has really helped prevent standing water, storm drains clogging, mosquitoes, all the things that come with that,” said Danielle Tarullo, the branch’s community services manager.



At the East End Library, the slope of the parking lot away from North 25th Street meant that for many years, heavy rains would send water gushing toward the adjacent alleyway and into the yards of the houses that backed up to it.

“Any time it would rain, their sump pumps were going overtime,” said Zimmerli. “As soon as (the project) was done, the neighbors over here commented to us that they no longer have flooded basements every time it rains.”

With different sites and different problems have come different solutions. Each library plan has been crafted by Drew Harrigan, a landscape architect with Four Winds Design, and has been shaped by feedback from community members.

“We all have a little bit of our own flavor and our own flair,” said Zimmerli.

At the North Avenue branch, a curving sidewalk mimics the meandering of a river, while a graded rain garden offsets the absence of gutters.



The Broad Rock branch repurposed granite slabs that had been artistically arranged into a sort of sundial arrangement — “We were never sure” what it was supposed to be, said Firestine — for stone benches.

The large lot where the Ginter Park branch sits allowed the library to incorporate a shaded space for outdoor programs. And at East End, bioretention basins for capturing rainfall double as traffic-calming infrastructure to slow speeds along the well-trafficked 25th Street corridor.



The architecture of the branches has also informed their landscape design. At the Westover Hills branch, “we have a very midcentury modern building and midcentury community, and the very defined areas and sculptural way they’ve created the garden helps maintain that look,” said Tarullo.

“It’s very sectioned off,” she added. “It’s quite midcentury in that it’s got a lot of half-curves and kidney shapes.”

Branch staff said patrons have mostly praised the changes, which have spurred other projects like the planting of additional street trees in the blocks surrounding East End and encouraged residents to start their own native and pollinator gardens.

“We used to have these big green globes, just like row upon row of these green globes, juniper bushes, that really didn’t do anything for the beautification, and it definitely didn’t do much for trying to really tap into the natural ecology,” said Zimmerli.

The beauty of the new landscapes is the real selling point in many cases. Lenora Wesley, a senior library technician at Westover Hills, said she’s become so enamored of the hydrangeas planted in the rain garden that she takes a photo of herself in front of them every year and collects the blooms to beautify the library’s interior.

Taken together, Firestine said all the careful design choices are aimed at creating “functional interesting landscapes to invite people into our buildings.”

“People love libraries,” he said. “And the libraries that look good from the street they love even more.”

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# **RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027**

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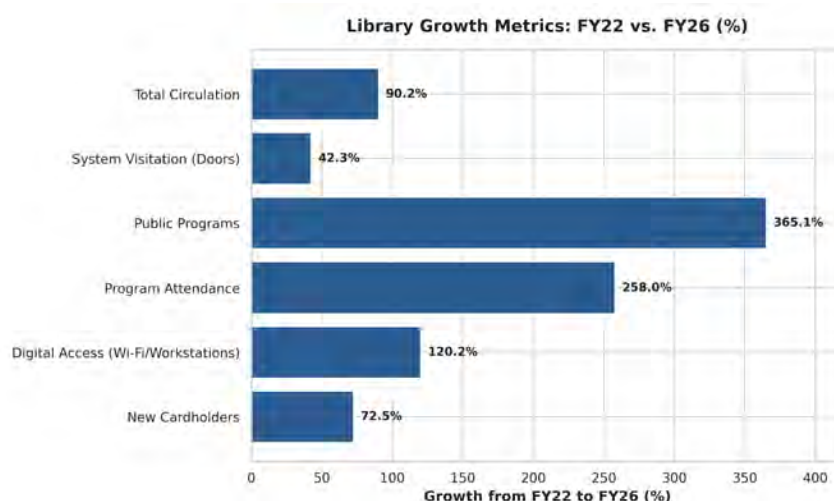
# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Overview

The Richmond Public Library (RPL) Strategic Plan (2022–2027) established a foundational roadmap designed to move the city's nine-branch library system from post-pandemic recovery to expansion and improvement. Built around the core mission to **Inform, Enrich, and Empower**, the plan outlines five strategic goals focused on expanding physical and digital access, advancing childhood literacy and learning, supporting lifelong learning, strengthening internal organization operations and end user service, and preserving Richmond's unique heritage.

Between Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2026, RPL transitioned from Covid-19 impacted, limited operating schedules to record-setting community engagement across all core service metrics:

- **Circulation Expansion:** Total material circulation nearly doubled, growing from **701,027** in FY22 to **1,333,618** in FY26—driven largely by a 347% surge in digital e-content usage.
- **Increased System Visitation:** Annual door counts rose from **428,474** in FY22 to **609,796** in FY26 (a 42% increase), led by a 125% increase in physical visits to the Main Library.
- **Programming Surge:** Total public programs expanded from **889** offerings in FY22 to **4,135** in FY26, driving total attendance from **12,525** to **44,838** patrons.
- **Digital Access:** Public Wi-Fi and workstation connections more than doubled, increasing from **107,507** total uses in FY22 to **236,755** in FY26.
- **Cardholder Growth:** Annual new patron card issuances increased by 72.5% (from **13,071** in FY22 to **22,545** in FY26), bolstered by a 152% rise in online e-card registrations.



# GOAL 1: ACCESSIBLE LIBRARIES

## 2022 Baseline Challenge

Historically, City of Richmond budget impacts forced the Library to cut hours, reducing programs and limiting public access. During Covid-19 RPL libraries were forced to close at 6:00 PM during the week, 5:00 PM on Saturdays, and remaining closed on Sundays, working parents and daytime employees struggled to access library resources.

To restore access, RPL set key strategic objectives in the “Accessible Libraries” Goal:

- Expand operating hours systemwide.
- Improve access to technology and upgrade hardware, network speeds, and public technology.
- Design and construct modern spaces and meeting facilities for current and future community needs.
- Expand access to library services beyond physical walls using mobile outreach.

## 2026 Strategic Progress

- **Service Hours & Operations:** Restored evening service past 6:00 PM and Sunday operations across key locations, expanding total system capacity to **518 operational hours per week**.
- **System Visitation Growth:** Total annual branch visits grew from **428,474** (FY22) to **609,796** (FY26).
- **Main Library:** Visits surged from **81,680** (FY22) to **183,891** (FY26).
- **Belmont Branch:** Grew from **45,234** to **65,192** annual visits.
- **Westover Hills:** Increased from **35,013** (FY23) to **69,508** visits (FY26).
- **Technology Overhaul:** Public Wi-Fi connections grew from 48,300 (FY22) to 164,103 (FY26). Replaced public printers and fax machines systemwide, modernized public workstations, and updated specialized children's educational software. Reallocated laptop program resources toward high-speed branch computing.
- **Facility Action Planning:** Approved a systemwide Facilities Action Plan in Fall 2025 focusing on expansions and improvements for high-demand, oldest branch buildings (Belmont, Westover Hills, East End), and future site development South of the James (Districts 8 and 9) and lastly structural code updates at the Main Library. RPL secured support for this initiative of \$1,000,000 in FY26 and an additional \$1,000,000 in the FY27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding to launch architectural designs, and address urgent facilities, fixtures and equipment needs.
- **Mobile Outreach:** Commissioned a 22-foot all-electric bookmobile equipped with Wi-Fi, borrowing collections, and mobile programming. This is on order and will arrive in late 2027.



# GOAL 2: CHILDREN'S LITERACY

## 2022 Baseline Challenge

In 2022, significant achievement gaps affected children in low-income neighborhoods. In grades 3–8, only 35% of Richmond Public School (RPS) students were proficient in reading and 10% in math.

To champion youth success, RPL established core objectives:

- Expand early literacy services and parent education programs for preschool-age children. Nurture a love of reading and critical life skills.
- Identify and strengthen collaborations with Richmond Public Schools and local educational partners.
- Offer diverse book collections reflect and connect with children in our local neighborhood communities.

## 2026 Strategic Progress

- **Youth Program Expansion:** Total juvenile public programs offered systemwide increased from **486** (FY22) to **2,468** (FY26).
- **Youth Attendance Impact:** Systemwide juvenile program attendance expanded over fivefold, from **6,268** attendees (FY22) to **32,258** (FY26).
- **Main Library:** Juvenile attendance rose from **1,657** (FY22) to **7,500** (FY26).
- **Westover Hills:** Attendance grew from **1,953** (FY22) to **8,186** (FY26).
- **Belmont:** Attendance expanded from **23** (FY22) to **3,526** (FY26).
- **North Avenue:** Attendance grew from **269** (FY22) to **3,389** (FY26).
- **Early Literacy & School Integration:** Expanded early phonetic story times and caregiver workshops to build home reading habits before kindergarten. Streamlined library card access with RPS to connect student cards directly to school curricula and summer reading initiatives. Upgraded specialized early literacy learning stations across all branches.



# GOAL 3: LIFELONG LEARNING

## 2022 Baseline Challenge

Personal and career transitions require continuous education and skill adaptation. In a digital economy, RPL aimed to support lifelong learners through three strategic objectives:

- Increase physical and electronic book collections to meet evolving community demands of Richmond's diverse community.
- Offer adult programs that promote engagement, reduce social isolation, and foster connection.
- Support residents seeking employment, career advancement, or technology skills.

## 2026 Strategic Progress

- **Circulation Expansion:** Total material borrowing grew by 90.2%, rising from **701,027** items (FY22) to **1,333,618** items (FY26).
- **E-Content Growth:** Digital circulation (e-books, audiobooks, streaming) increased from **148,386** checkouts (FY22) to **663,490** (FY26). Digital content now accounts for nearly half of all system borrowing.
- **Branch Circulation Highlights (FY26):**
  - **West End:** 139,869 checkouts.
  - **Belmont:** 115,699 checkouts.
  - **Westover Hills:** 113,914 checkouts.
  - **Main Library:** 112,271 checkouts.
  - **Ginter Park:** 68,261 checkouts.
- **Adult Programs & Workforce Support:** Adult program offerings grew from **319** (FY22) to **1,152** (FY26), increasing attendance from **5,263** to **9,523** patrons. Enhanced computer lab support, job application assistance, resume building, and ESL workshops across neighborhood branches.



# GOAL 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

## 2022 Baseline Challenge

Library staff represent the system's greatest asset. To maximize operational effectiveness, RPL established key objectives:

- Expand and increase professional development and training opportunities for staff.
- Develop and formalize a volunteer program to build operational capacity.
- Deepen philanthropic partnerships with the RPL Foundation and Friends of the Library.
- Ensure workforce strength through inclusive recruitment and retention practices.

## 2026 Strategic Progress

- **Programming Output:** Staff capacity improvements enabled the system to scale public programming output from **889** offerings (FY22) to **4,135** (FY26).
- **Technical Services Output:** Added **22,726** new physical and digital items to the catalog in FY26. Conducted systematic weeding (**20,367** items removed in FY26) to maintain relevant collections.
- **Patron Registration:** Annual new library card issuances increased from **13,071** (FY22) to **22,545** (FY26). Online e-card registrations rose to **11,348** accounts in FY26 (up from **4,499** in FY22).
- **Partner Alignment:** Deepened fundraising alignment with the RPL Foundation and Friends of the Library to support capital project planning, summer literacy programs, and mobile service assets.



# GOAL 5: UNIQUELY RICHMOND

## 2022 Baseline Challenge

Libraries serve as unique community centers for free expression, civic discussion, and local reflection. RPL established objectives to:

- Provide safe spaces for community members to discuss civic topics.
- Expand Richmond history and Special Collections holdings in partnership with local groups.
- Offer public exhibitions and programs celebrating Richmond's heritage and diverse narratives.

## 2026 Strategic Progress

- **Public Assembly & Civic Space:** Activated meeting rooms across all nine branches to host civic groups, neighborhood forums, non-profit workshops, and public hearings.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:** Applied Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles across collection curation, public programs, and branch service delivery.
- **Special Collections & Local History:** Expanded the Main Library's Special Collections through oral history projects, a local Memory Lab, and grant-funded public history initiatives documenting underrepresented narratives in Richmond's history. A grant from the Mellon Foundation, \$1 million over 5 years, was a transformative and amplifying input to accelerate our effort to tell the entire Richmond story.
- **Cultural Partnerships:** Partnered with local historical organizations, educational institutions, and neighborhood associations to host exhibitions and community history discussions.

