

Director's Report June 2026

Respectfully Presented by Nikki Ericksen, Library Director

Community Events

Bookin' It 5K: The race went smoothly and while there were not as many registered runners as we hoped, the overall energy of the event was good, the weather was beautiful and the library made nearly \$3,000. Many of the Friends of the Library attended as volunteers which changed everything for Cindy and me. Never has a race gone so smoothly or with as little stress. We appreciated their help.

Savannah Costner was the first to cross the finish line, and she set a new course record for the ladies. Our very own Myra Lindborg and Nora Verpoorten congratulated runners as they crossed the finish line and placed finisher medals over their heads. Runners and their times are listed on the website.



Tim Brooker and the Runner's Edge of Missoula gave us tremendous support, donated our first-place prizes, and provided the inflatable arch at the starting/finish line. The Clark Fork Baptist Church provided a refreshments table and Plains City Fire volunteers helped with traffic control. James Crowder of Crowder Designs in Thompson Falls gave us a discount on the T-shirts, which sold well. Altogether we had 22 official and unofficial sponsors. The official sponsors will be displayed in the library for a couple of weeks after the race.



Plains Day: The Friends of the Library had a table on the new lawn in front of the library. They handed out flyers promoting the summer reading program and the Bookin' It 5K and Friends of the Library. They also sold books by the bag and made \$135.

Staff and Volunteers

Library Tech, open position: We have 7 applicants. Rich Wallace (HR Director) and I will be doing interviews on Friday, June 19th. I am hoping to have a new employee in place before Mikiah heads back to college in August.

Training and Meetings

Annual Board Training: Cara Orben will spend Saturday, July 25th from 1 to 4:00pm in the library for the annual board training. She will cover ADA compliance as it pertains to our library, succession planning for director as well as board positions, and she will cover the importance of bylaws and keeping them updated.

Programming

STEAM Station: We have placed a dump table in the library with science and art projects as a passive program. Kids and families can stop by and engage for as long as they like. So far, we have featured aluminum foil as both an art medium and an engineering material and this week we have an electric microscope for kids to explore. There are provided slides, they can use found materials inside or outside the library or they can turn it on themselves. Did you know you can see right through your clothes with a microscope?

Building

Flag: The wind finally took its toll on the cord on the flagpole. The city works department is going to help us replace it and get our flag back up.

New Patrons
14
Computer Users 49
Patron Traffic
1934
Volunteer Hours
19
Copies to Microscope

Programming

Children 118
Adult 14
General 14

Transactions May 2026

CD 11
CHAPTER 21
DISPLAY 11
DVD 137
EASY 222
FICTION 107
JUV-BIO 1
JUV-FICT 68
JUV-NF 31
MONTANA 10
MYSTERY 36
NEW-BOOK 48
NON FICTION 33
STACKS 138
WESTERN 22
YA 37