

Director's Report
Rusk County Community Library
February 10, 2026

General: 22 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 5 for Preschool Storytime, 17 for Head Start Storytime, 8 for Early Head Start Storytime, 14 for Walking Group, 6 for Elk in Wisconsin, 21 for Bat Presentation, 16 for Homeschool Hangout, 8 for Lego Club, 25 for Flambeau Literacy Night, 1,481 for Terrence Talley (high school, two elementary school presentations), 4 for Silent Book Club, 5 for Rusk Readers Book Club , 110 for LHS Alternative and 19 participated in Beanstack, reading a total of 35,550 minutes.

Budget: waiting on County Finance to release the rest of our capital improvement funds to put down on our lower-level air conditioning unit.

Staff & Volunteers: Our SCEP volunteer will be leaving us in March. Chippewa River Industries reached out and asked if we could host a job coach and high school volunteer for hours. This will most likely start in later February, depending on the timeline for CRI’s paperwork getting approved. Staff have been informed that starting in March they will be coming to introduce themselves during upcoming board meetings.

Planning: Floor work is still ongoing. Painters have come back, courtesy of the RCCL Foundation. They are fixing some problem spots in the sheetrock and painting the walls. Christinna will be attending a Memory Café in Rice Lake to get a feel for the program with the hope to bring it to RCCL this spring/summer.

Other: Statistics Upper Level: 1,695 Lower Level: 3,670

| <u>2025</u> | | <u>2026</u> | |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Checkouts | 4,405 (10) | Checkouts | 4,249 (9) |
| Checkins | 4,160 (10) | Checkins | 4,047 (10) |
| Renewals | 1,567 (10) | Renewals | 1,755 (9) |
| Total Circulation | 5,972 | Total Circulation | 6,004 |
| Items Borrowed | 1,614 (11) | Items Borrowed | 1,226 (10) |
| Items Lent | 1,838 (10) | Items Lent | 1,689 (8) |
| Net Difference | 224 | Net Difference | 463 |
| % Locally-owned Checkouts | 63.36% | % Locally-owned Checkouts | 71.15% |
| New Patrons | 29 (15) | New Patrons | 26 (15) |
| New Items | 248 (8) | New Items | 223 (8) |
| Pharos Sessions | 204 (10) | Pharos Sessions | 201 (8) |
| Wireless Sessions | 822 (5) | Wireless Sessions | 513 (9) |
| Overdrive Checkout | 1,442 (14) | Overdrive Checkout | 1,740 (12) |
| Freeding Checkout | 0 | Freeding Checkout | 0 |
| Website Pageviews | 1,332 (16) | Website Pageviews | 1,152 (18) |