

The Friends of the Library Executive Board will meet on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in the Riverview Room, following the Friends Annual Meeting. Committee chairs and members are welcome.

AGENDA

1. Call to order/Roll Call (Mathson)
2. Motion to approve minutes from the meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2026 (Mathson)
3. Call for additions to the agenda and announcements (Mathson)
4. Treasurer's reports (Gragert)
5. Library report (Hennings)
6. Board liaison report (Pesicka)
7. Staff General Updates (Yearous/Hayden)
 - a. Art Silent Auction
8. Old Business
 - a. Reminder of Future Meeting Dates
 - Monday, June 15, 2026
 - b. Board Member – Welcome New Board Members
 - VP, Treasurer, At-Large Member
9. New Business
 - a. 2026-2027 Budget Preview
 - b. Give a Kid a Book Anonymous Donation
 - c. Final Contribution to Storybuilder Campaign

The Mission of Friends of the Library

The mission of the Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library is to encourage literacy, expression, and discovery in the Chippewa Valley through support to the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and the surrounding community.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting April, 20, 2026

Present: Jeremy Gragert, Treasurer; Astrid Hayden, Administrative Assistant; Kimberly Hennings, Deputy Director; Mary Jo Mayer, Secretary; Deb Mathson, President; Stacy Yearous, Program and Development Coordinator; Gary Persicka, Board Liason; Sara McLquham, Vice President; Michelle Brettingen, Guest
Absent: Michael Kersting, Esther Moen, Anna Zook

1. **Mathson** - Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. Brief introduction from guest Michelle Brettingen.
2. **Mathson** - Motion put forth to approve Friend's meeting minutes with corrections if applicable from March 16. No corrections. Jeremy approves, seconded by Mary Jo. Motion approved.
3. **Mathson** - Call for any additions to agenda - None added.
4. **Treasurer's report (Gragert)** - Noted bookstore sales noticeably lower in March. To bolster sales, "mini" book sales will be held 1st Friday of month during summer. Also no additional corporate response was received this past month.
5. **Library report (Hennings)** - Highlight in March was the PLA Conference held in Minneapolis, MN. More staff was able to attend because of the close proximity. Very busy month of March at library, partially due to spring break. Youth Services activities included, Nerf night and Lego activities. The customer reference desk fielded 1800 questions for the period. Other highlights included Pie /Poetry on March 14, Arts West Reception and per Isa, there was a record breaking website usage for the month.
6. **Board Liaison report (Persicka)** - Board meeting held week of March 13. Library Board invites a library employee to attend meeting. This month it was Mike Paulus, whom is responsible for conceiving and producing videos. DSA reviews are done. Board approved DSA recipient.
7. **General Staff Updates (Yearous/Hayden)** - District manager of Goodwill made contact regarding partnership. Books will be dropped off at Hallie location to sell or recycle. Email will be sent to members announcing newsletter will be online only. Month of May will highlight mystery books.
8. **Old Business (Yearous)** - Review of 2026 meeting dates. The May mtg. will consist of the annual mtg. first then a short board mtg. to follow. Fiscal year ends Monday, June 15, 2026, which is a future meeting date. Guest speaker at annual mtg is Sara Beer. Art auction is a go on May 26, wall by Dabblebox. Children's Book drive thru April 20. Still remaining are open positions on board for VP and treasurer. Waiting to hear on a few prospects. Volunteer appreciation party slated for April 29th.
9. **New Business (Yearous)** - DSA nominee Sally Derkson. Mathson put forth motion to approve this nominee. Approved 1st Sara, seconded by Jeremy. Motion approved by all. Mathson put forth motion to approve annual \$15,000.00 gift to library. Approved 1st Sara, seconded by Jeremy. Motion approved by all.

Meeting adjourned by Mathson 6:53 p.m. Minutes submitted by Mary Jo Mayer, Secretary. Next meeting Annual/Board will be Monday, May 18, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Statement of Financial Position Summary
Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library
As of Apr 30, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	\$131,670.84
Current Assets	\$131,670.84
Bank Accounts	\$69,257.62
Other Current Assets	\$62,413.22
Total for Current Assets	\$131,670.84
Total for Assets	\$131,670.84
Liabilities and Equity	\$131,670.84
Liabilities	\$14,921.15
Current Liabilities	\$14,921.15
Credit Cards	
Other Current Liabilities	\$14,921.15
Total for Current Liabilities	\$14,921.15
Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$14,921.15
Equity	\$116,749.69
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$131,670.84

Statement of Activity

Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

April 2026

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Book Sales	
Amazon/Ebay/Pango Sales	321.32
Bookstore Sales	1,211.59
Online Book Sales	756.88
Total for Book Sales	\$2,289.79
Capital Appeal Donations	50.00
Children's Book Drive	1,445.00
Grants	3,750.00
Interest	245.26
Memberships (Households)	1,297.02
Miscellaneous Income	3,750.00
Programs	
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	20.00
Total for Programs	\$20.00
Total for Revenue	\$12,847.07
Gross Profit	\$12,847.07
Expenditures	
Book Sale Expenses	
Online Book Sales	
Postage	337.29
Supplies	80.86
Total for Online Book Sales	\$418.15
Total for Book Sale Expenses	\$418.15
Children's Book Drive Purchases	968.00
Credit Card Co. Fees	30.68
Library Allocations	15,000.00
Memberships	136.52
Newsletter	189.49
Office Supplies	32.13
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	213.19
Wages	2,786.82
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$3,000.01
Program Expense	
Books for Babies	
Books	857.86
Total for Books for Babies	\$857.86
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	
Books	433.41
Total for Give-a-Kid-a-Book	\$433.41
Total for Program Expense	\$1,291.27
Subscriptions/Org. Membership	1,212.77

Statement of Activity

Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

April 2026

	TOTAL
Telephone	8.05
Total for Expenditures	\$22,287.07
Net Operating Revenue	-\$9,440.00
Net Other Revenue	
Net Revenue	-\$9,440.00

Statement of Activity by Month

Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

July 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

	JUL 2025	AUG 2025	SEP 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2025	DEC 2025
Revenue						
Book Sales						
Amazon/Ebay/Pango Sales	481.45	627.07	311.97	613.86	669.94	337.20
Bookstore Sales	1,085.58	1,355.79	1,266.91	2,510.83	828.36	1,055.45
Online Book Sales	842.83	621.77	337.69	2,965.49	-1,713.06	945.07
Total for Book Sales	2,409.86	2,604.63	1,916.57	6,090.18	-214.76	2,337.72
Business Partners						
Capital Appeal Donations	400.00				100.00	3,550.00
Children's Book Drive						
Corporate Memberships/Sponsorships	250.00	250.00	250.00	500.00	3,000.00	
Event Income					35.00	4,501.87
Grants						
Interest	116.43	370.58	116.33	237.33	241.34	361.33
Memberships (Households)	678.92	161.74	188.38	158.63	648.92	11,687.16
Miscellaneous Income		450.00		400.00		
Monies Received from Library					5,250.00	6,000.00
Programs						
Books for Babies						
Give-a-Kid-a-Book			1,595.00	50.00	12,310.00	1,431.00
In Honor Of	450.00	100.00	100.00			
Total for Programs	450.00	100.00	1,695.00	50.00	12,310.00	1,431.00
Total for Revenue	4,305.21	3,936.95	4,166.28	7,436.14	21,370.50	29,869.08
Cost of Goods Sold						
Gross Profit	4,305.21	3,936.95	4,166.28	7,436.14	21,370.50	29,869.08
Expenditures						
Book Sale Expenses						
Book Sales						
Promotions	9.98	9.92	17.78	2.45	12.50	
Supplies			407.25			
Total for Book Sales	9.98	9.92	425.03	2.45	12.50	
Online Book Sales	20.00					
Postage	289.19	49.65	30.90	61.80	424.89	
Supplies	76.24		67.24	19.37	84.18	35.00
Total for Online Book Sales	385.43	49.65	98.14	81.17	509.07	35.00
Total for Book Sale Expenses	395.41	59.57	523.17	83.62	521.57	35.00
Children's Book Drive Purchases						
Credit Card Co. Fees	25.93	25.93	25.93	65.01	27.18	33.46
Event Expenses					17.78	
Insurance			252.00			
Library Allocations						
Memberships	59.79				5.89	66.22
Miscellaneous Expense		30.00	0.00			
Monies Remitted to Library					5,250.00	6,000.00
Newsletter					148.00	

Statement of Activity by Month

Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

July 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

	JUL 2025	AUG 2025	SEP 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2025	DEC 2025
Office Supplies	12.99	-20.00		6.17		
Payroll Expenses						
Taxes	213.43	222.74	202.47	218.62	239.98	184.97
Wages	2,789.90	2,911.66	2,646.74	2,857.65	3,137.11	2,417.79
Total for Payroll Expenses	3,003.33	3,134.40	2,849.21	3,076.27	3,377.09	2,602.76
Program Expense						
Books for Babies						
Books	590.58	489.39	231.75	476.10	1,218.00	1,195.28
Supplies	10.94	90.07				13.49
Total for Books for Babies	601.52	579.46	231.75	476.10	1,218.00	1,208.77
Give-a-Kid-a-Book						
Books					863.69	606.37
Misc. Expenses	4.99				30.53	
Total for Give-a-Kid-a-Book	4.99				894.22	606.37
In Honor Of						
Library	450.00	100.00	100.00			
Total for In Honor Of	450.00	100.00	100.00			
Total for Program Expense	1,056.51	679.46	331.75	476.10	2,112.22	1,815.14
Subscriptions/Org. Membership	182.99	297.99	227.99	197.99	238.99	197.99
Telephone	7.80				16.00	
YS Programs and Services (Prizes/Giveaways)		304.28	137.31		6.64	
Total for Expenditures	4,744.75	4,511.63	4,347.36	3,905.16	11,721.36	10,750.57
Net Operating Revenue	-439.54	-574.68	-181.08	3,530.98	9,649.14	19,118.51
Other Revenue						
Other Expenditures						
Net Other Revenue						
Net Revenue	-439.54	-574.68	-181.08	3,530.98	9,649.14	19,118.51

Statement of Activity by Month

Friends of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library

July 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2026	TOTAL
Revenue					
Book Sales					
Amazon/Ebay/Pango Sales	570.16	438.62	236.92	321.32	4,608.51
Bookstore Sales	1,000.33	3,722.39	758.50	1,211.59	14,795.73
Online Book Sales	652.75	349.01	272.42	756.88	6,030.85
Total for Book Sales	2,223.24	4,510.02	1,267.84	2,289.79	\$25,435.09
Business Partners		250.00	250.00		500.00
Capital Appeal Donations	900.00		110.00	50.00	5,110.00
Children's Book Drive				1,445.00	1,445.00
Corporate Memberships/Sponsorships					4,250.00
Event Income	317.00				4,853.87
Grants				3,750.00	3,750.00
Interest	118.31	242.10	224.02	245.26	2,273.03
Memberships (Households)	5,492.89	2,230.00	3,474.95	1,297.02	26,018.61
Miscellaneous Income				3,750.00	4,600.00
Monies Received from Library Programs					11,250.00
Books for Babies	1,820.00		77.00		1,897.00
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	1,900.00			20.00	17,306.00
In Honor Of			350.00		1,000.00
Total for Programs	3,720.00		427.00	20.00	\$20,203.00
Total for Revenue	12,771.44	7,232.12	5,753.81	12,847.07	\$109,688.60
Cost of Goods Sold					
Gross Profit	12,771.44	7,232.12	5,753.81	12,847.07	\$109,688.60
Expenditures					
Book Sale Expenses					
Book Sales					
Promotions		10.11	22.41		85.15
Supplies					407.25
Total for Book Sales		10.11	22.41		\$492.40
Online Book Sales					\$20.00
Postage		518.64		337.29	1,712.36
Supplies				80.86	362.89
Total for Online Book Sales		518.64		418.15	\$2,095.25
Total for Book Sale Expenses		528.75	22.41	418.15	\$2,587.65
Children's Book Drive Purchases				968.00	968.00
Credit Card Co. Fees	158.55	33.58	43.27	30.68	469.52
Event Expenses	898.20	-12.99			902.99
Insurance		31.00			283.00
Library Allocations				15,000.00	15,000.00
Memberships		289.34		136.52	557.76
Miscellaneous Expense					30.00
Monies Remitted to Library					11,250.00
Newsletter		185.14	144.43	189.49	667.06

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July 1, 2025-April 30, 2026

	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2026	TOTAL
Office Supplies	12.99	41.86		32.13	86.14
Payroll Expenses					
Taxes	234.67	222.98	196.33	213.19	2,149.38
Wages	3,067.65	2,914.65	2,566.42	2,786.82	28,096.39
Total for Payroll Expenses	3,302.32	3,137.63	2,762.75	3,000.01	\$30,245.77
Program Expense					
Books for Babies					
Books	683.25	668.32	595.08	857.86	7,005.61
Supplies		10.90	83.96		209.36
Total for Books for Babies	683.25	679.22	679.04	857.86	\$7,214.97
Give-a-Kid-a-Book					
Books				433.41	1,903.47
Misc. Expenses		80.66			116.18
Total for Give-a-Kid-a-Book		80.66		433.41	\$2,019.65
In Honor Of					
Library			350.00		1,000.00
Total for In Honor Of			350.00		\$1,000.00
Total for Program Expense	683.25	759.88	1,029.04	1,291.27	\$10,234.62
Subscriptions/Org. Membership	207.99	197.99	197.99	1,212.77	3,160.68
Telephone		11.89		8.05	43.74
YS Programs and Services (Prizes/Giveaways)		20.00			468.23
Total for Expenditures	5,263.30	5,224.07	4,199.89	22,287.07	\$76,955.16
Net Operating Revenue	7,508.14	2,008.05	1,553.92	-9,440.00	\$32,733.44
Other Revenue					
Other Expenditures					
Net Other Revenue					
Net Revenue	7,508.14	2,008.05	1,553.92	-9,440.00	\$32,733.44

**Friends of the
L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
Budget**

	<u>2025-2026</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>04/30/26</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Remaining</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Memberships(Households)	20,000	26018.61	(6,019)	130.09%
Corporate Sponsorships	3,750	4250	(500)	113.33%
Corporate Partners	1,000	500	500	50.00%
Bookstore Sale	19,000	14795.73	4,204	77.87%
Online Booksales	14,000	10639.36	3,361	76.00%
Grants	2,000	3750	(1,750)	187.50%
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	7,500	17306	(9,806)	230.75%
Books for Babies	5,500	1897	3,603	34.49%
Special Event Fundraising	4,000	4853.87	(854)	121.35%
Capital Appeal Donations/Contribution	5,000	5110	(110)	102.20%
In Honor Of	1,000	1000	-	100.00%
Interest	2,000	2273.03	(273)	113.65%
Miscellaneous	500	6045	(5,545)	1209.00%
Monies Received for Library	10,000	11250	(1,250)	112.50%
Transfer From Balance	12,900		12,900	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 108,150	109688.6	(1,539)	101.42%
Expenses				
Library Allocations	15000	15000	-	100.00%
Capital Appeal Contribution	15000		15,000	0.00%
Special Event Fundraising Expenses	1000	902.99	97	90.30%
Salaries	37600	28096.39	9,504	74.72%
Payroll Taxes	2900	2149.38	751	74.12%
Insurance	300	283	17	94.33%
Memberships Expenses	1000	557.76	442	55.78%
Credit Card Fees	600	469.52	130	78.25%
Annual Meeting	250		250	0.00%
Telephone/General Postage	100	43.74	56	43.74%
Newsletter	800	667.06	133	83.38%
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	3500	2019.65	1,480	57.70%
Books for Babies	6500	7214.97	(715)	111.00%
In Honor Of	1000	1000	-	100.00%
Booksales: Expense	500	492.4	8	98.48%
Online Booksales: Expenses	4500	2095.25	2,405	46.56%
Volunteer Appreciation	500		500	0.00%
Office Supplies	2500	86.14	2,414	3.45%
Subscriptions/Org. Memberships	3100	3160.68	(61)	101.96%
Miscellaneous	500	998	(498)	199.60%
Monies Remitted to Library	10000	11250	(1,250)	112.50%
YS Program Prizes	1000	468.23	532	46.82%
Total Expense	\$ 108,150	76955.16	31,195	71.16%

**Friends of the
L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
Proposed Budget 2026-2027**

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4/30/2026</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
Revenue					
Memberships(Households)	20,000	26018.61	(6,019)	130.09%	21000
Corporate Sponsorships	3,750	4250.00	(500)	113.33%	4250
Corporate Partners	1,000	500.00	500	50.00%	500
Bookstore Sale	19,000	14795.73	4,204	77.87%	17000
Online Booksales	14,000	10639.36	3,361	76.00%	12000
Grants	2,000	3750.00	(1,750)	187.50%	2000
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	7,500	17306.00	(9,806)	230.75%	5000
Books for Babies	5,500	1897.00	3,603	34.49%	5000
Special Event Fundraising	4,000	4853.87	(854)	121.35%	4500
Capital Appeal Donations/Contribution	5,000	5110.00	(110)	102.20%	NA
In Honor Of	1,000	1000.00	-	100.00%	1000
Interest	2,000	2273.03	(273)	113.65%	2000
Miscellaneous	500	6045.00	(5,545)	1209.00%	500
Monies Received for Library	10,000	11250.00	(1,250)	112.50%	10000
Transfer From Balance	12,900		12,900	0.00%	9850
Total Revenue	\$ 108,150	109,688.60	(1,539)	101.42%	94600
Expenses					
Library Allocations	15000	15000.00	-	100.00%	18000
Capital Appeal Contribution	15000	0.00	15,000	0.00%	NA
Special Event Fundraising Expenses	1000	902.99	97	90.30%	1000
Salaries	37600	28096.39	9,504	74.72%	?
Payroll Taxes	2900	2149.38	751	74.12%	?
Insurance	300	283.00	17	94.33%	300
Memberships Expenses	1000	557.76	442	55.78%	1000
Credit Card Fees	600	469.52	130	78.25%	600
Annual Meeting	250		250	0.00%	250
Telephone/General Postage	100	43.74	56	43.74%	150
Newsletter	800	667.06	133	83.38%	250
Give-a-Kid-a-Book	3500	2019.65	1,480	57.70%	4000
Books for Babies	6500	7214.97	(715)	111.00%	7000
In Honor Of	1000	1000.00	-	100.00%	1000
Booksales: Expense	500	492.40	8	98.48%	500
Online Booksales: Expenses	4500	2095.25	2,405	46.56%	4500
Volunteer Appreciation	500		500	0.00%	500
Office Supplies	2500	86.14	2,414	3.45%	2500
Subscriptions/Org. Memberships	3100	3160.68	(61)	67.59%	3500
Miscellaneous	500	998.00	(498)	199.60%	500
Monies Remitted to Library	10000	11250.00	(1,250)	112.50%	10000
YS Program Prizes	1000	468.23	532	46.82%	1000
Total Expense	\$ 108,150	\$ 76,955.16	31,195	71.16%	56550

Salary Options		Annual Salary	
Current Hourly Rate - Astrid (15hrs/wk)	\$ 17.54	\$ 13,681.20	
2%	\$ 17.89	\$ 13,954.82	\$274
3%	\$ 18.07	\$ 14,091.64	\$410
4%	\$ 18.24	\$ 14,228.45	\$547
5%	\$ 18.42	\$ 14,365.26	\$684
Current Hourly Rate - Stacy (20hrs/wk)		\$ 22,079.20	
2%	\$ 21.65	\$ 22,520.78	\$442
3%	\$ 21.87	\$ 22,741.58	\$662
4%	\$ 22.08	\$ 22,962.37	\$883
5%	\$ 22.29	\$ 23,183.16	\$1,104
Totals			
Salaries		Increase to Budget	
Current	\$35,760.40		
2%	\$36,475.61	\$715.21	
3%	\$36,833.21	\$1,072.81	
4%	\$37,190.82	\$1,430.42	
5%	\$37,548.42	\$1,788.02	
Payroll Taxes for both Stacy and Astrid		Increase to Budget	
Current	\$ 2,600		
2%	\$ 2,652	\$52	
3%	\$ 2,678	\$78	
4%	\$ 2,704	\$104	
5%	\$ 2,730	\$130	

Administration: Kimberly Hennings, Deputy Director

The most significant library update is the upcoming retirement of Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer, whose 27 years of service have left a lasting impression on our library culture and the Eau Claire community. Much of my time in the last month has been spent making plans for the transition. Hiring new staff, and training existing staff to fill in the gaps for public service, programming, outreach, and collection development.

For over 20 years, she shaped the Youth Services division with her combination of creativity, reliability, and care for children and their families. So many children have grown up and brought their own families into the library to meet Shelly.

Six years ago, she brought that same energy to the Admin team, and helped steer us through a pandemic while simultaneously leading the building renovation project. She's the person everyone turns to when we need to get things done (and done well).

Shelly has mentored many staff (and IFLS system members), helping them grow in confidence, skill, and leadership.

She's led the YS team through the 2011 remodel, was critical for outreach efforts like the BookBike and Books on Buses, and served interim Library Director multiple times.

But mostly I think she's known for her ability to bring fun to even the most hectic days. I'll miss hearing her laugh from the other side of the office. She's made the library a better place for our customers and for her colleagues.

Her retirement marks the end of an era, and I would like to extend my gratitude for her dedication, professionalism, and heart.

Youth Services: Kelly Kneisl, Youth Services Manager

April was an incredibly busy and rewarding month for Youth Services, filled with outreach, community partnerships, literacy promotion, and preparations for Summer at the Library.



One of the biggest highlights of the month was welcoming more than 800 first graders, teachers, and adult volunteers from all Eau Claire Area School District elementary schools for their annual visits to the library. Throughout these field trips, students explored the library through interactive storytimes, scavenger hunts, Dabble Box activities, and hands-on learning experiences designed to show them that the library is not only a place for books, but also a fun and welcoming community space. Almost immediately following the visits, staff began noticing first graders returning with their families. Parents shared that their children were excited to come back to the library, explore new materials, and make library visits part of their regular routines.

Programming and Communications Services: Isa Small, PCS Manager



Introducing...*Shelf Life!*

a note from PCS Coordinator, Katie Kruth

After many, many (MANY) months of planning and preparation, the library officially has its very own printed event catalog! We are excited to offer a complete guide of library events, offerings, collections, and other informational tidbits to customers in a format that is easily accessible. Previously we have been posting individual flyers to advertise events and other marketing promotions. While this seemed to be fairly effective to inform library visitors about our events for kids and adults, we knew that print promotions played a relatively small part in our overall marketing

strategy, but a large part of the staff time and resources. These were also just single representations of all of the amazing things going on at the library, not a cohesive one-stop-shop for customers. So how did we solve this? Enter Shelf Life! That's what we're calling the catalog...Shelf Life.

Well, enter me actually. I was hired in July 2025 to join the Programming & Communication Services (PCS) team to create this event catalog. Even though I realized what a huge undertaking this would be, I was really excited to work on the project. As a graphic designer for over 20 years, my favorite projects throughout my career have been working on printed materials like packaging and catalogs. Combine that with my love for books and libraries and this seemed like the perfect match. Although I was nervous about taking on a brand-new library catalog, I didn't have to do it alone! The PCS team recruited representatives from each division at the library to form a catalog task force. This group was part of the entire process from brainstorming to proofing and provided invaluable feedback to make sure we had a comprehensive catalog that would benefit all library customers.

Our first issue of Shelf Life features our jam-packed schedule of events and offerings for the summer. It also highlights the fairy tale theme of this year's summer at the library which kicks off with A Merry Medieval Faire on Saturday, June 6. We are so excited for everyone to read the new catalog and to hopefully discover new programs and offerings you didn't even know existed at the library!

Shelf Life will be released three times a year during the seasons of summer, fall, and spring. You can pick up copies at the library or at other participating businesses around Eau Claire. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed making it.

