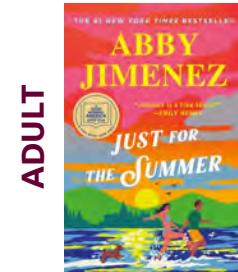
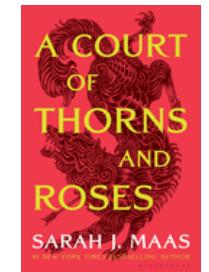


MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

These are the most frequently checked out titles by category in 2025.



ADULT



YOUNG ADULT



CHILDREN'S

AUDIOBOOK



MOVIE

PROGRAMS



Pictured: Storytime in Howard Lake

The Summer Reading and Winter Reading Challenges were available to library users both in their local library and online through the Beanstack app.

14,041
record-breaking
children & teens
participated in
Summer
Reading
Challenge



2,923
teens & adults
participated in
Winter Reading
Challenge



Many of the additional programs and events region-wide were storytime and book clubs. Also, we offered programs that were made possible with the Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.



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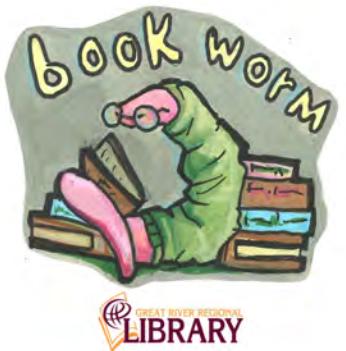


SHARING THE
LOVE OF
READING



Pictured: Children at the Monticello Public Library

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Teen Sticker Design Contest Winner

In July and August 2025, teens were invited to showcase their creativity by submitting their own unique library-centered designs for printing on vinyl stickers. The first-ever Teen Sticker Design Contest received 94 submissions. The finalists were selected based on creativity, design, how well they fit a library theme, and whether they could transfer well to a vinyl sticker. The winner, Jasmin, age 13, whose home library is the St. Cloud Public Library, created an impressive bookworm design that received much praise. Stickers of the winning design, along with two runner-ups, were available to patrons at all 32 GRRL libraries while supplies lasted during the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) annual TeenTober celebration in October.



Brandi Canter named Executive Director

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue

County & City Agreements.....	\$7,440,999
Patron Receipts.....	\$129,480
Grants & State Aid.....	\$1,934,953
Interest & Other Receivables.....	\$422,603
Gifts & Donations.....	\$247,228
Cash Reserves.....	\$622,722
 Total Revenue.....	 \$10,798,008

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits.....	\$7,902,528
Library Materials.....	\$976,000
Operating & Other Expenses	\$1,026,244
Grant & Fund Balance Spending.....	\$347,079
Capital Investments.....	\$42,479
Patron Programming & Communications.....	\$99,505
 Total Expenses.....	 \$10,393,835



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BY THE NUMBERS

The year 2025 was successful, as we saw another year of record-breaking Summer Reading Challenge participation and digital collection usage. Here is an overview:



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