Our Leadership



Jennifer Johnson
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and Huron Township Representative



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Library Board Vice President and
Romulus City Council Liaison



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Library Board
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Library Board Trustee



Patty Braden
Library Director

Our Amazing Staff



Thank You Community Partners!

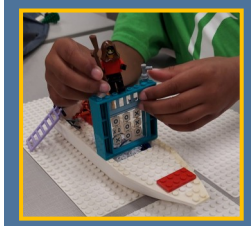
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Block's Greenhouse
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City of Romulus
Eastern Michigan University TBI Awareness
Ferguson Early Childhood Center
Girl Scouts
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Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
Helping Hand Food Bank
Henry Ford Health
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Romulus Garden Club
Romulus Fire Department
Romulus Parks and Recreation
Romulus Rotary Club
Romulus Senior Center
Sheetz
Summit Academy North
Summit High School
Wayne County Watershed
Wayne-Metro Community Action Agency
Whispering Willows Senior Apartments
Wings Financial Credit Union

Romulus Public Library



Serving Romulus and Huron Township

FY 2025/26 Annual Report










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Dear Residents,

This year, we lost former library director, Diane Hazen. Diane served as library director for 33 years from 1970 until her retirement in 2003, the longest-serving director. Driven by her love of libraries and those we serve, Diane supported the Library financially for many years until her death in Dec 2025.



In Memoriam

In memory of Diane and her unwavering support, I encourage you to join other library supporters and donate to the Library. Your donation will help fund new initiatives and programs and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Any size donation is welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

Looking for a quiet place to work or study? We have you covered.
Looking for something fun to do with the kids? Join us for fun fall programs.
Need help with technology? Ask our staff.
Looking for your next great read? We can help.
Want to share your suggestions for our 2027-30 Strategic Plan? Take our Survey coming fall 2026.

We are YOUR community resource. Stop by soon and discover what the Library has for you!

Patty Braden, Director

Our Accomplishments

Held ribbon-cutting for Youth Area mini renovation donated by Sheetz and the Friends of the Library
Expanded the Library of Things
Created new collections for Manhwa (Korean Manga) and Light Novels (fast-paced Japanese YA novels)
Expanded outreach activities at school and community events
Expanded programming with many new offerings
Improved staff communication with implementation of Slack app, weekly email updates, and Supervisor Team meetings
Established relationship/partnership with new RHS Media Specialist
Began tracking and sharing patron compliments
Initiated two food collection campaigns donated to Helping Hand Food Bank
Reorganized adult fiction collection into genres for easier access
Reorganized Picture Books into genre "neighborhoods" for better access
Held additional staff training on library security
Redesigned and streamlined the library newsletter
Completed 75% of 2024-27 Strategic Plan goals
Celebrated Staff anniversaries, birthdays, and National Library Workers Day

Support from Donors and Sponsors—Thank You!

$6,933 Friends of the Romulus Public Library for programming, staff recognition, and equipment
$5,000 Wings Financial Credit Union for Summer Reading Program
$1,000 Sheetz for the Summer Reading Kickoff
$610 from individual donors to support library services
$25 in memory of Diane Hazen to support library services

Library Usage

How the community used its library in 2025/26

55,972 (up 15%)
Visitors to the library

4,874 (up 4%)
Public computer uses

4,923 (up 5%)
Wi-Fi uses

12,506 (up 3%)
Items shared through interlibrary loan

2,166 (up 4%)
Library cards issued

Checkouts

77,724 (up 17%)
Overall checkouts

54,577 (up 22%)
Print and activity pass checkouts

23,147 (up 8%)
Downloadables and tech device checkouts

Programming

851 (up 19%)
Summer Reading Kick-off attendees

350
Programs held

5,539
Program participants

July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026 Financial Summary (unaudited)

Personnel/Benefits—65%	$712,981
Collections and Programming—7%	$ 72,619
Utilities, Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Rent—14%	$151,612
Supplies and Technology—8%	$87,162
Capital Outlay— 1%	$213
Other Operating Expenses—4%	$45,135
Donation Expense— 1%	$8,794
Total Expenditures	**$1,062,247**
Total Revenues	**$936,741**
Fund Balance in Reserve	**$296,591**









Community Voices

What the Community is saying about the Library

"Staff is very helpful and has taught me how to print multiple pages at once. They are wonderful."

"The staff is what makes this library so amazing! The librarians are so helpful and kind to everyone."

"The accessibility to diverse books and literature is so important and this library proves that!" 5 Stars

"An amazing place to not only pick up books, but other fun things. Awesome staff."

"What a nice library experience! The staff is welcoming, and I appreciate the inclusive displays and materials. The library should be a place to freely explore ideas and learn, and the librarians here support this."