



**ELK RAPIDS**  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

# 2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

## MISSION

The mission of the Elk Rapids District Library is to provide quality resources and services that engage and impact the wellbeing of our community.

## VISION

We are a trusted, relevant, and valued partner in the communities we serve.

## VALUES

- Welcoming
- Enthusiastic
- Resilient
- Adaptable
- Inclusive
- Accessible



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS



## Redefine Library Service

*Explore and adopt innovative ways to meet needs throughout the Library district.*

- Goal #1** Reduce barriers to service and meet people where they are.
- Goal #2** Redefine the idea of what the Library can provide for the community.

## Connect with The Community

*Increase awareness of the Library and cultivate opportunities for communication and engagement.*

- Goal #1** Create opportunities to expand the Library's impact, value, and visibility in the community.
- Goal #2** Develop and strengthen opportunities for community connection and growth.

## Foster Collaboration

*Build and maintain relationships to expand the reach of the Library.*

- Goal #1** Bolster and grow relationships with existing partners.
- Goal #2** Cultivate new partnerships throughout the community.



# 2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING SUCCESSES

**Redefine Library Service:** *Explore and adopt innovative ways to meet needs throughout the Library district.*

How we met it:

- Made plans to build a new Library for Everybody
- Hired an outreach librarian
- Attended more off campus events
- Launched homebound delivery
- Established early literacy partnerships
- Recruited tech interns
- Supported local connection needs through wifi hotspots and fiberoptics
- Established a patron driven collection

**Connect with The Community:** *Increase awareness of the Library and cultivate opportunities for communication and engagement.*

How we met it:

- Increased our communications through staff support position
- Expanded afterschool programming
- Invited community organizations to the library
- Encouraged interest groups to meet at the library
- Connecting people with resources through food swaps and little free food library
- Website development
- Social media presence
- Communication improvement
- Newspaper presence
- Monthly newsletter, staffing

**Foster Collaboration:** *Build and maintain relationships to expand the reach of the Library.*

How we met it:

- Literacy support through 1000 books
- Reading Booster kits
- Vox books and other literacy initiatives
- Cross promote programming and resources with community organizations
- Communicate needs to our stakeholders
- Host pop up programming throughout the community
- Connect with senior center for pop up programming

### LIBRARY DATA MARCH 2025-FEBRUARY 2026

#### WHAT WAS CHECKED OUT?

35,839 Physical Item Checkouts  
12,446 ebooks, audiobooks, and emagazines

#### WHAT TECH RESOURCES WERE USED?

17,617 Online Catalog Searches  
504 Wifi Hotspots checked out  
280 One-on-one Tech Time Sessions



### LIBRARY DATA MARCH 2024-FEBRUARY 2025

#### WHAT DID PEOPLE DO AT THE LIBRARY?


41,941 People walked through the library doors  
2,014 People attended one of 57 a Summer Reading events  
750 Visited us on Harbor Days



#### ATTENDANC

1,392 Story time - 33 events  
644 School Aged Programs 26 prog  
1,163 Adult Programs 113 prog  
1,367 Family and Community 18 Programs





**ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY**

**FY 2025-2026 Annual Statistics**  
March 2025 - February 2026

- Checkouts and Renewals**

The Elk Rapids District Library had 35,239 physical checkouts during this fiscal year. Of these, 14,625 were children and young adult materials.

<b>35,239</b> Checkouts	<b>14,625</b> Children's
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- Digital Collections**

Patrons of the Elk Rapids District Library checked out 12,446 items from a digital collection of 59,700 digital books, audiobooks, and magazines.

<b>12,446</b> Digital Checkouts	<b>59,700</b> Digital Titles
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- Library Patrons**

The Elk Rapids District Library currently serves 4,211 library patrons. In this fiscal year we welcomed 349 new patrons.

<b>4,211</b> Patrons	<b>349</b> New Patrons
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- Collection Development**

The Elk Rapids District Library maintains a collection of over 21,000 items. The public collection of the library has a value of \$500,294.

<b>21,630</b> In Collection	<b>\$500k</b> Collection Value
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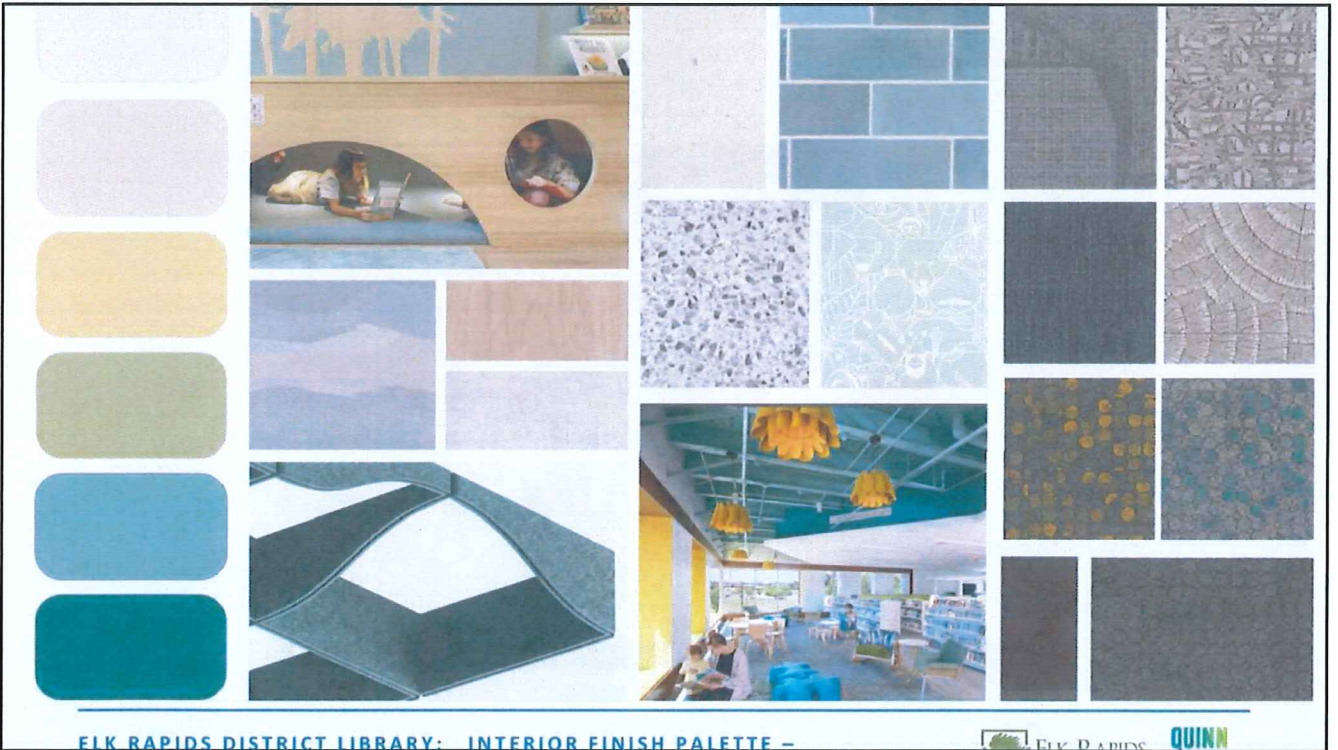
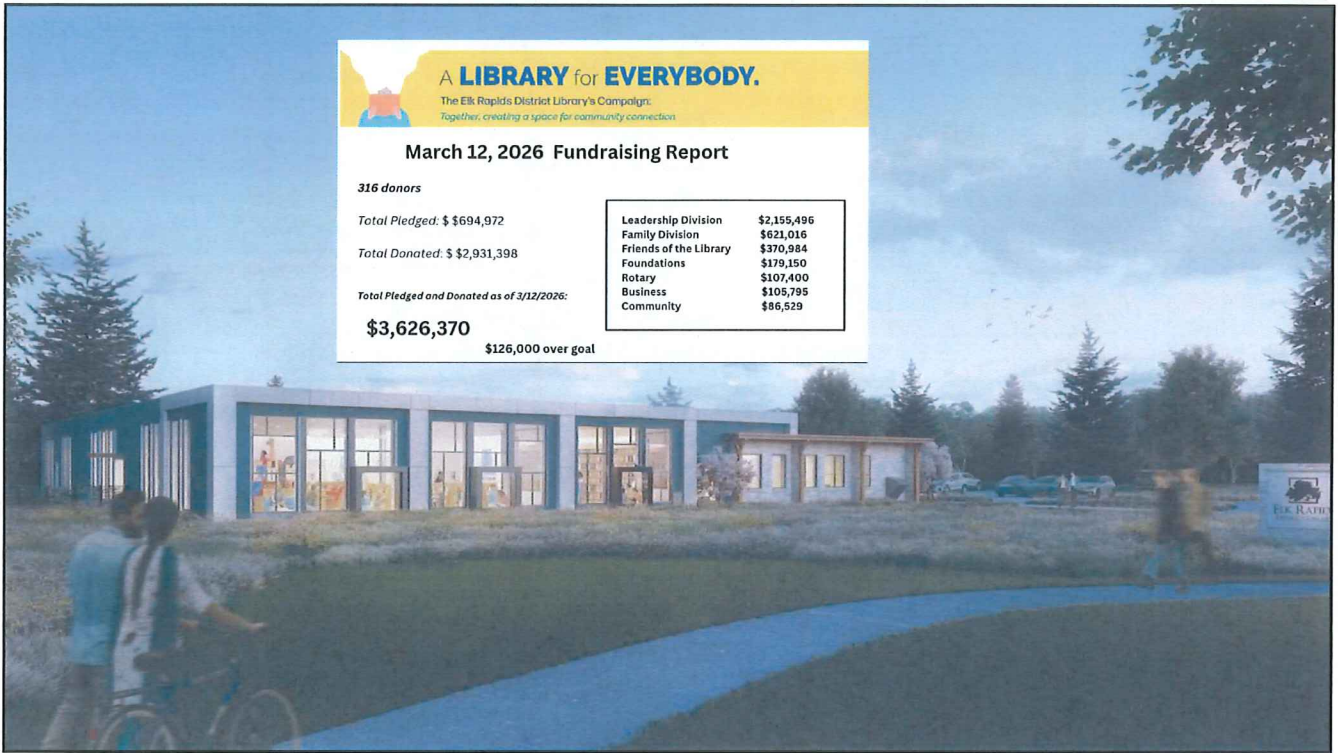
- Community Presence and Engagement**

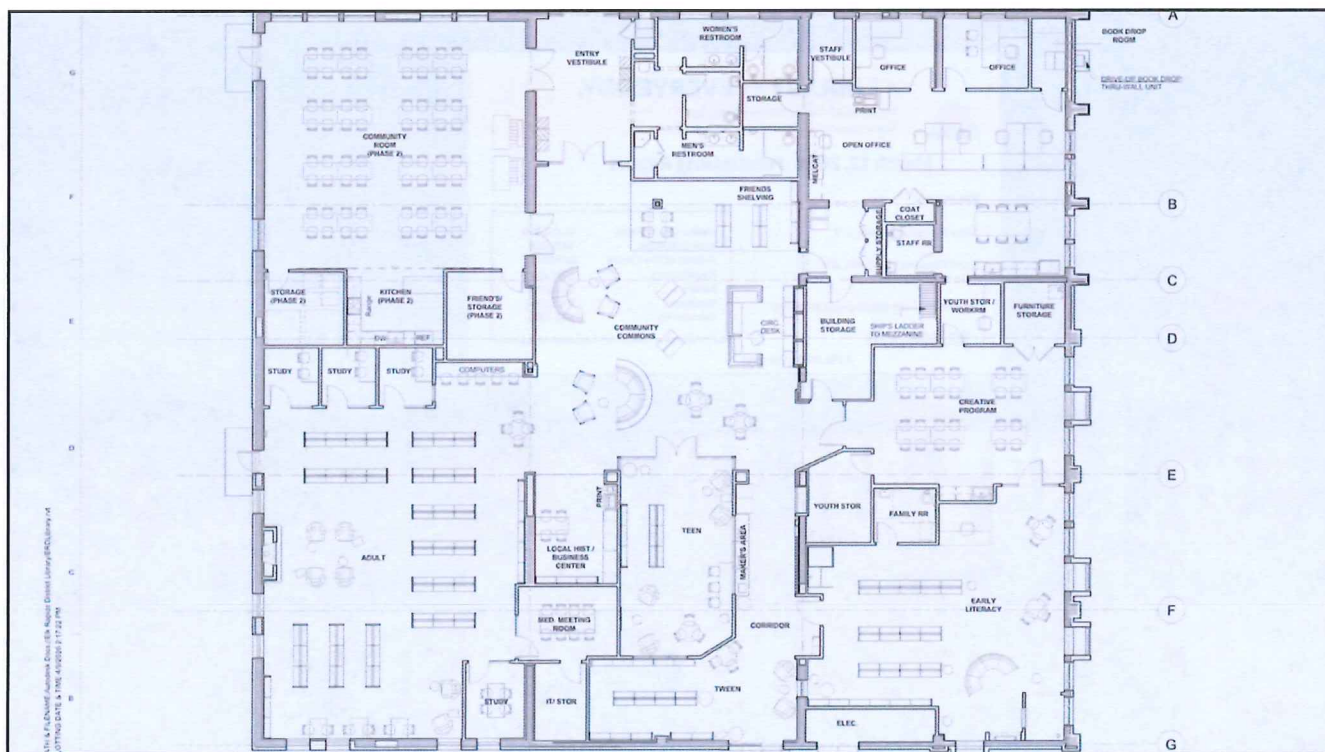
The Elk Rapids District Library welcomed 41,941 visitors to the building this year. We also engaged, entertained, and educated 7,829 program attendees at 357 different library programs.

<b>41,941</b> Library Visitors	<b>7,829</b> Attendees at Programs
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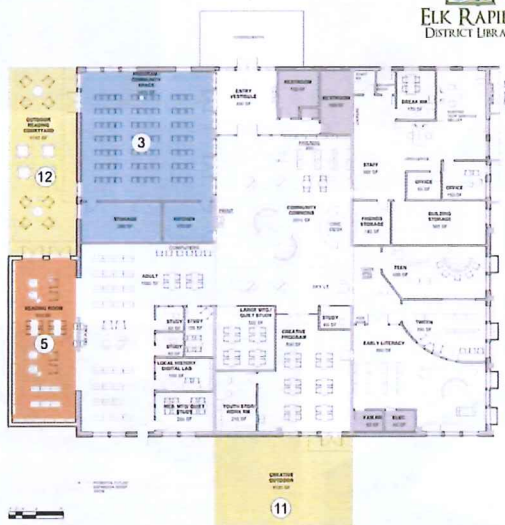
## 2026 PLANS

- SUMMER READING**
- FUNDRAISING PHASE 2**
- BREAKING GROUND ON CONSTRUCTION**
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AND TUTORING**
- COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**



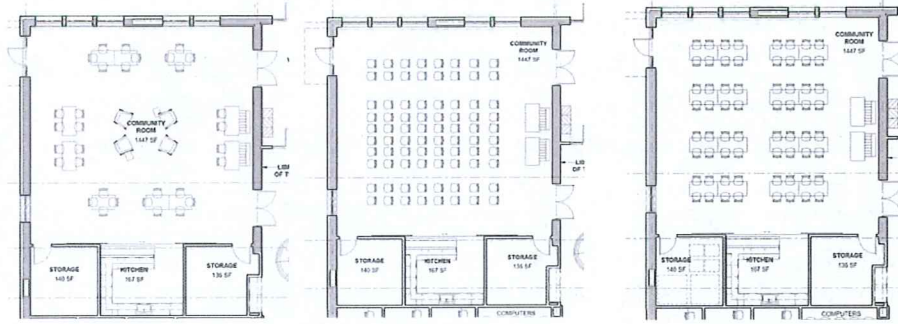


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The following spaces are not included in the initial scope of work as identified in the cost opinion, but are planned to be completed in the future. Identified below are spaces that can be developed through individual donations or additional community support.

### Community Room-



LOUNGE SEATING  
40 PEOPLE

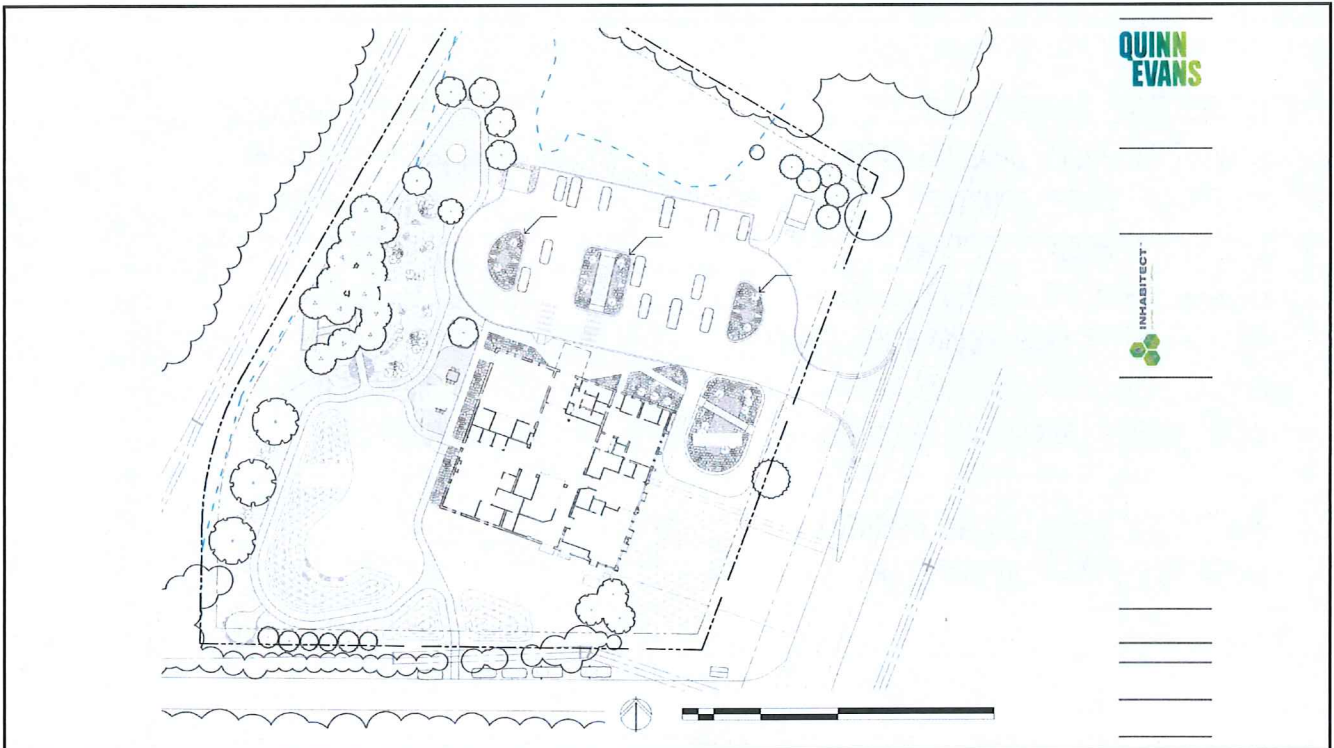
LECTURE SEATING  
89 PEOPLE

TRAINING SEATING  
16 TABLES 64  
CHAIRS

ELK RAPIDS  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Furniture  
Layouts 2026

QUINN  
EVANS



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INHABITECT

**Timeline:**

**July 2023-November 2023** Completed building due diligence

**November 2023-January 2024:** Architectural feasibility study and preliminary floor plan and cost model presentation to public

**February 2024 :** Purchase Building

**March- May 2024:** Fundraising feasibility study through The Breton group (Grand Rapids)

**September 2024:** Launch Fundraising Campaign

**May 2025:** Public fundraising

**August/November 2025 :** 3.5 mil mileage vote

**July 2025-April 2026** Design work

**May 2026** Bidding Package goes out

**July 2026 :** Ground Breaking

**May-June 2027 :** Move in



**LIZ ATKINSON - BOARD TREASURER**  
**CAMILLE CAMPBELL- BOARD TRUSTEE**  
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**AARON HILL- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

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