

# 2025 Foundation Wish List Review & 2026 Request



**LEWIS & CLARK**  
**LIBRARY**



# Children's Services

Molly Hudson, Children's Services Librarian

# Children's Services Wish List

## FY25 Expenditures:

**\$2,850 - Helena Children's Area**

► **Toy Refresh and Coloring Station**

- We pivoted slightly to purchase refreshed toys and interactives in the Children's Area



# Children's Services Wish List

## FY26 Requests



**\$7,500 – New children's furniture at all locations**

- ▶ New play stations - Market stall, Light table, Gear wall, Rotating Interactives

**\$5,000 - Subscription Services**

- ▶ Beanstack Premium Service
  - Used for reading challenges and activities throughout the year
- ▶ Spotify Premium Family
  - Used to create playlists for programs
- ▶ Soundtrack Your Brand, 5 zones
  - Allows the library to play music without violating copyright laws



# Teen Services

Emmon Rogers, Teen Services Librarian





# Teen Wish List

## FY25 Expenditures



### ►2024 Summer Field Trip

- “Day at the Bray”
- 65 kids participated



### ►\$5,000 2025 Summer Field Trip

- Learn to Curl with Last Chance Curling Club at Steed Arena



### ►\$1,000 Shodair Books

- Provide a high quality, free new book to folks discharged from Shodair Children’s Hospital

# Teen Wish List **FY26** **Requests**

- ▶ \$5,000 2026 Summer Field Trip
- ▶ \$1,000 Shodair Books

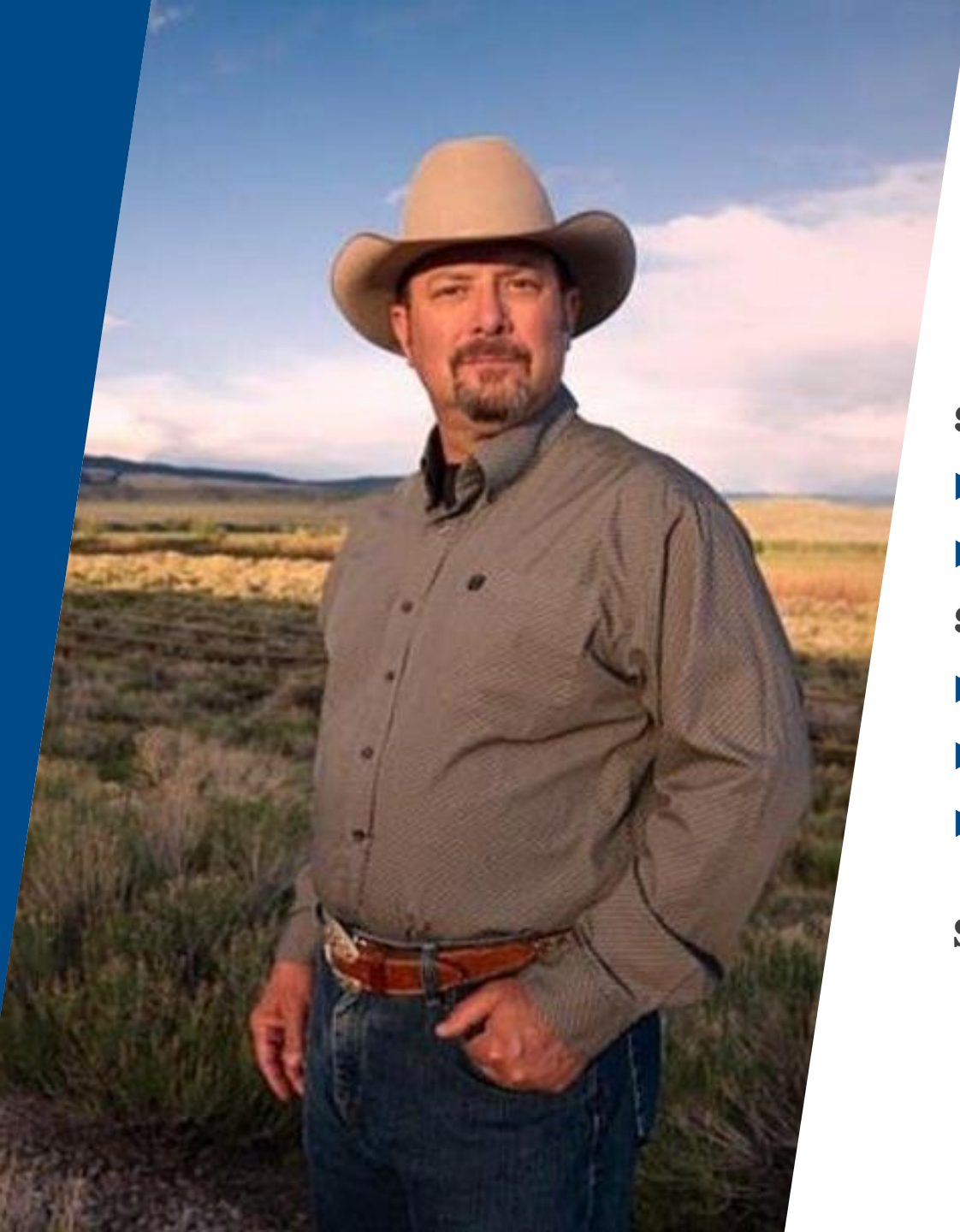




# Adult Services

Suzanne Schwichtenberg, Adult Services Librarian





## **Adult Services Wish List** **FY25 Expenditures**

### **\$10,000 Spring Author**

- ▶ CJ Box Live at the Civic Center
- ▶ 800+ attendees

### **\$5,500 Databases**

- ▶ New York Times
- ▶ Wall Street Journal
- ▶ In FY2026 Databases will be under Collections.

### **Summer Library Programs Supplies**



# Adult Services FY26 Request

**\$10,000 Spring Author**



# Collections

Elizabeth Karr, Collections & Technical Services Manager

# Collections

## FY25 Expenditures

### **\$3,500 Plant Wall**

- ▶ Beautifies library space and creates a focal point for promoting collections.

### **\$5,000 Teen Space Shelving Glow-up**

- ▶ End caps frame the teen space, helping highlight the area.
- ▶ Slat wall panels break up bookshelves and add spots for displays and activity.
- ▶ Signage panels to highlight the Manga collection and offer opportunities for users to contribute artwork.

### **New Collection Additions**

- ▶ Kanopy launched in 2024
- ▶ Board Game Collection
- ▶ Purchased 5 C-PENS (scan and reads text out loud) for each location, including bookmobile.





# Collections

## FY26 Requests

### \$4,000 Library of Things Enhancement

- ▶ Update/replace some items
- ▶ Add items at branches

### \$5,000 Collections Enhancement

- ▶ More board games
- ▶ Digital comic books
- ▶ Game consuls and accessories







# Outreach/Bookmobile

Bretagne Brumm, Outreach Librarian

# Outreach

## FY25 Expenditures

### **\$3,000 Detention Center Books**

- ▶ Legal collection
- ▶ New popular mass market paperbacks
- ▶ Institutional Card

### **\$3,600 Additional Library Policies in WorkFlows**

### **\$3,500 Branch Visits**

- ▶ East Helena, Lincoln, and Augusta schools
- ▶ Every student at each school received a free book to keep—sparking excitement and encouraging summer reading!

### **\$3,000 Memory Kits**

- ▶ Rolling out kits soon

### **\$3,000 Lobby Stop Cart**



# Outreach

## FY26 Requests



### **\$2,500 Branch visits**

- ▶ Legal collection
- ▶ New popular mass market paperbacks
- ▶ Institutional Card

### **\$3,000 Detention Center**

- ▶ Institutional card
- ▶ Mending/processing
- ▶ Cabinets

### **\$2,000 Marketing and Branding**

- ▶ Branded mobile awning
- ▶ Printing costs



# East Helena

Andrea Eckerson, Branch Manager







# East Helena Wish List

## FY25 Expenditures

### **\$1000 for programs**

- ▶ \$150 Program Refreshments
- ▶ \$700 Book Group Book Purchases
- ▶ \$150 Bathroom Sundries Program

### **\$1000 for a Volunteer Fair in East Helena Community**

- ▶ \$355 for chair and table rentals with free delivery
- ▶ \$300 for facility rentals (EH City Hall gym and adjoining rooms)
- ▶ \$345 for food and drinks

### **\$2090 for 7-panel mobile divider**

- ▶ 164 in. wide—to block entering and exiting office from patrons in meeting area





# East Helena Wish List

## FY26 Requests

**\$1000 Program costs and book group books**

**\$1000 25th Anniversary program expenses**





# Lincoln

Eleanor Pierce and Dani Barnett, Branch Managers

# Lincoln Wish List

## FY25 Expenditures



- ▶ Open Book Club
- ▶ Artist Visit: Painting with Pastels
- ▶ Adult Painting with a Twist
- ▶ Teen ACT Prep Sessions
- ▶ Teen/Tween Painting with a Twist



# Lincoln Wish List

## FY26 Request

### \$500 - Open Book Club

- ▶ Provide books for monthly discussion, open to everyone.

### \$500 - Adult & Teen Painting Events

- ▶ Purchase kits for painting with online instruction video, 10 participants per event.

### \$1,000 - Programming Support

- ▶ Teen ACT prep sessions
- ▶ Spring seed starts
- ▶ Grab and go craft kits
- ▶ Storytime (refresh interactives for children's area)
- ▶ Local artists visits
- ▶ Family game night
- ▶ Movie nights





# Augusta

Holly Herring, Branch Manager



# Augusta Wish List

## FY25 Expenditures

**\$150 - Prizes for Cowboy Poetry Gathering**

**\$25 - Storytime craft supplies**

**\$1,000 - Branch Hot Spot Fees**

**\$800 - 2025 Summer Library  
Program: *Kids Crafting with Ms. G***



# Augusta Branch

## FY26 Request

**\$250 Cowboy Poetry Gathering**

**\$500 Book Groups**

**\$1,000 2026 SLP Camp/Program**





# Staff Wellness

Lisa Skelton, Public Services Manager



# Staff Wellness FY25 Expenditures

## \$x,xxx Staff Recognition and Wellness

- ▶ Calm app
- ▶ Snacks
- ▶ Staff lunches on special days
- ▶ Gift basket where anyone can give a card or a small trinket of appreciation to a coworker



# Staff Wellness

## FY26 Request

### **\$8,000 Program Fulfillment**

- ▶ Calm app
- ▶ Snacks





# Administration

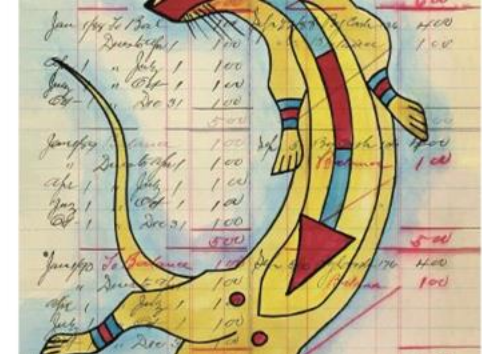
Martha Furman, Operations Manager

# Administration FY26 Request

## \$2,000 Tribal Inclusion Initiatives

- ▶ Tribal Flag installation
- ▶ Indigenous art purchase

## \$3,500 Library 2.0



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# Other Initiatives



New bookmobile RFP Finished



Core Principles



Cross Functional  
Teams

Increasing  
capacity  
Continuing to  
evolve