



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Whatcom County Library System
June 16, 2026

Via Teams and Administrative Services
5205 Northwest Dr
Bellingham, WA 98226

WCLS Vision: *An engaged community where curiosity is cultivated, literacy flourishes and democratic ideals thrive.*

1. 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order.** Quorum determined. Land Acknowledgement.
We are on the ancestral homeland of the Nooksack, Lummi and other Coast Salish peoples. They have been its stewards since time immemorial, respecting the land, river and ocean with the understanding that everything is connected, related and alive. We acknowledge the elders and their collective and individual plights and achievements. We consider the legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together today. And we pursue ongoing action, to build lasting relationships and grow together so that all may prosper.
2. 9:05 a.m. **Open Public Comment Opportunity**
This period is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board. Each person may have up to three minutes for this purpose. Written comments may be submitted to Allyson.McBride@wcls.org prior to the meeting.
3. 9:10 a.m. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Expenditures
 - c. Resolution 06/16/26-04 Declaring a Capital Asset as Surplus
 - d. Resolution 06/16/26-05 Authorizing an Applicant Agent
4. 9:15 a.m. **Financial Report and Resolutions**
 - a. Finance Committee Report
5. 9:20 a.m. **Non-User Survey Results: EMC Research**
6. 9:50 a.m. **Trustee Education:** WCLS Fleet Electric Vehicle Implementation – Ryan Cullup
7. 10:10 a.m. **BREAK**
8. 10:20 a.m. **Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County to Piggyback Onto Fuel Services Agreement**
9. 10:25 a.m. **Staff Reports**
10. 10:40 a.m. **Performance Measures and Committee Reports**
11. 10:50 a.m. **Announcements and Adjourn**

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Board Meeting Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Meeting Date:	6/16/2026
Committee or Department:	Administration Department
Subject:	Consent Agenda – Board Meeting Minutes, Monthly Expenditures, Resolution to Declare a Capital Asset as Surplus, Resolution to Appoint Agent
Prepared By:	Jackie Saul
Impact upon Budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Supporting Documents:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Recommendation or Request: Approval of consent agenda items

Suggested Motion for Consideration: Move approval of consent agenda items as presented

Summary:

Meeting Minutes:

- May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Expenditures:

General Fund:

- April 16-30, 2026 payroll: check nos. 1046956987-1046956991 and voucher nos. 566303-566458 totaling \$266,088.74 and May 1-15, 2026 payroll: check nos. 1047138126-1047138129 and voucher nos. 566462-566618 totaling \$270,240.88.
- ACH transactions for employee benefits, payroll processing fees, telecommunication services and monthly sales/use tax filings totaling \$93,633.67; \$51,369.03 of this is for employee-funded contributions to dental and vision insurance premiums, Health Savings Accounts, and PERS and deferred compensation plans (made via payroll deduction).
- Claim 2026-18G: warrant nos. 1276149-1276168 totaling \$28,755.49
- Claim 2026-19G: warrant nos. 1276425-1276444 totaling \$137,608.65
- Claim 2026-20G: warrant nos. 1276736-1276758 totaling \$32,099.93
- Claim 2026-21G: warrant nos. 1277133-1277158 totaling \$79,810.12

Capital Fund:

- Claim 2026-09C: warrant nos. 1276169-1276170 totaling \$12,930.82
- Claim 2026-10C: warrant no. 1276759 totaling \$4,545.30
- Claim 2026-11C: warrant nos. 1277159-1277161 totaling \$46,173.36

Resolution to Declare a Capital Asset as Surplus

- Resolution 06/16/26-04 Declaring a Capital Asset as Surplus

Resolution to Appoint Applicant’s Agent

- Resolution 06/16/26-05 appointing Jackie Saul as Applicant’s Agent and Christine Perkins as Alternate Agent for the purpose of receiving FEMA funding via the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division.

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Expenditures for approval paid from available 2026 budgeted funds. The surplus asset will be sold at local auction, generating a nominal amount of revenue. Authorizing an approved agent for FEMA funding will allow us to apply for emergency relief funds related to the December 2025 flooding event in Sumas.

Comments: The Finance Committee has reviewed the General and Capital Fund claims listed above. They reviewed that there were no General Journal entries made in May.



Location

This meeting was held in a hybrid manner, with remote attendance via Microsoft Teams and in-person attendance at Administrative Services, 5205 Northwest Dr, Bellingham, WA, 98226.

In Attendance

Trustees: Matthew Santos, Chair; John Miller, Vice Chair; Danielle Gaughen, Secretary; Jes Stugelmayer and Riley Sweeney. Absent: None.

Staff: Christine Perkins, Executive Director; Michael Cox, Deputy Director; Jackie Saul, Director of Finance and Administration; Mary Vermillion, Community Relations Manager; Lisa Gresham, Collection Services Manager; Ryan Cullup, Facilities Services Manager; Beth Andrews, Human Resources Manager; Dianne Marrs-Smith, Birch Bay and Lynden Library Manager and Friends of the Birch Bay Library (FOBBL) President; Maggie Mae Nase, Learning Coordinator; Allyson McBride, Records Management Specialist & Executive Assistant; Carmi Parker, ILS Administrator/Librarian; Mary Kinser, incoming Collection Services Manager; Emma Radosevich, Collection Development Librarian; Amy Jones, Communications Specialist; Claire McElroy, Adult Programming Coordinator.

Guests: Rebecca Judd, Ed Trott, Joe Muller

Call to Order

Matthew determined quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Open Public Comment

No public comment.

Service Anniversary Recognition

The Board recognized Carmi Parker, ILS Administrator/Librarian, for her 10-year service anniversary. Carmi came to WCLS from Microsoft. Books and tech are her two loves and her current role has combined them both. Lisa highlighted that Carmi was originally hired as an Online Experience Coordinator and during that time she helped create ConnectED with Youth Service Manager Thom Barthelmess. Carmi's current position as ILS Administrator affects everything that we touch and her skills as a project manager are able to shine through.

Lisa also informed the Board that Carmi represents WCLS in the Washington Digital Library Consortium where she has had to deal with changing price models. Carmi is also working on behalf of all libraries across the country; advocating with other leaders of the state. Lisa also highlighted that Carmi was awarded the ALA Movers and Shakers Award in 2021. Carmi continues to gain national respect and with that award, she clearly demonstrates that she is our rock star. Lisa said that something she admires most about Carmi is how well she works in groups, and that she is a strategic thinker. Carmi helps focus the group by narrowing in on the question of, "what is the problem that we are trying to solve".

Carmi thanked Michael, Lisa and Christine for trusting her from the beginning. She noted that her position is an enriching job and she would not work anywhere but here with WCLS where we are small enough to be agile but big enough to get things done.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included minutes of the April 21, 2026, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as well as the following:

Expenditures:

General Fund:

- March 16-31, 2026 payroll: check nos. 1046637120-1046637122 and voucher nos. 565976-566139 totaling \$280,088.03 and April 1-15, 2026 payroll: check nos. 1046795438-1046795442 and voucher nos. 566143-566299 totaling \$266,717.42.
- ACH transactions for employee benefits, telecommunication services and monthly sales/use tax filings totaling \$119,675.78; \$73,133.88 of this is for employee-funded contributions to dental and vision insurance premiums, Health Savings Accounts, state-paid family medical leave and long-term care fund premiums, and PERS and deferred compensation plans (made via payroll deduction).
- Claim 2026-14G: warrant nos. 1274674-1274692 totaling \$30,781.79
- Claim 2026-15G: warrant nos. 1274919-1274949 totaling \$227,790.14
- Claim 2026-16G: warrant nos. 1275340-1275366 totaling \$53,751.07
- Claim 2026-17G: warrant nos. 1275818-1275833 totaling \$61,053.80

Capital Fund:

- Claim 2026-06C: warrant nos. 1274950-1274951 totaling \$10,526.58
- Claim 2026-07C: warrant nos. 1275367-1275368 totaling \$20,697.93
- Claim 2026-08C: warrant nos. 1275834-1275835 totaling \$15,048.67

Riley moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded. Unanimous board approval.

Financial Report and Resolutions: Finance Committee Report

Jackie reviewed her report, including the April Notes and Highlights section. This is the first report where we are seeing the proceeds of the successful levy lid lift. It is encouraging to see that all of the hard work paid off. Jackie shared a graph which shows 99.7% of our revenue is coming from taxes.

Jackie informed the Board that after July, WCLS will no longer be purchasing fuel through the County. They will be ending the current arrangement by which we fuel up at local stations and are charged by the County. We hope to piggyback off their new contract, which would require that an interlocal agreement be presented at the June Board meeting in order to be presented to Whatcom County at their July meeting. More information will come at the next Board meeting.

Jackie reminded the Board that the Department of Retirement Services has randomly selected WCLS for a compliance review. At this time, we have provided all information they requested, and she does not predict any issues to come.

During the April Board meeting, Jackie informed the Board that she was preparing the 2025 Annual Report to submit to the State Auditor's Office. Jackie provided the final version of this report to the Board stating that it

includes a lot of repeated information from the audit presentation conducted in the beginning of the year. She briefly reviewed the report, highlighting several financial disclosures. She will submit the report after today's meeting. John thanked Jackie for her consistent attention to detail. He also thanked her for confirming that WCLS carries Directors and Officers liability insurance.

Bellingham Public Library Renovation Project

Bellingham Public Library Director, Rebecca Judd, joined the meeting to discuss the renovations planned for the Bellingham Public Library's Central Library. Rebecca said the timeline is holding steady: with the design completed, the plan is to go to bid late summer/early fall. Construction will begin late 2026/early 2027 and they hope to be completed in late 2027. After sharing the timeline, Rebecca presented the design plans for the areas of focus during the closure. She then shared the funding overview and noted that BPL was able to secure state and federal grants in addition to private fundraising with the support of Whatcom Community Foundation.

Community engagement in 2019, 2022 and 2026 for Bellingham Public Library included Strategic Planning, surveys and a youth advisory group. BPL heard from the community that some of the most valued parts of the library include being able to gather together, story time, learning, and having a personal space. Rebecca stated that they are looking at how to invest in the next generations of readers and learners, create welcoming spaces, while building up staff and community.

Rebecca confirmed that during the closure BPL will expand hours at other branches, and expand space at the Bellis Fair location, and offer additional programming sites. The collection at the central location will still be available for to fulfill holds and deliveries will continue to happen.

Rebecca shared that the next phase of renovations will be more exterior focused. Rebecca gave a special thanks to Miller Hull architects, Caleb Savage, Jen Vander Ploeg, the City of Bellingham, and the Bellingham Public Library Board of Trustees and opened the floor to questions.

Riley asked for confirmation about the Bellis Fair location and the advertising that will happen, as many people do not know that location exists. Rebecca confirmed that location will most likely be the main location during the Central Library closure. They cannot advertise it enough but will continue their efforts to do so. She also confirmed that the Friends of BPL will be located at the Bellis Fair location. Danielle asked about the current staff located at the Central Library and where they will go during the closure. Rebecca confirmed that BPL is fully committed to keeping all current staff. BPL administrative staff will be located over at City Hall during the construction period.

The Board thanked Rebecca for her attendance and presentation.

Birch Bay Vogt Library Express Bid Award

Ryan provided updates to the Board about the status of the Birch Bay Vogt Library. He introduced Joe Muller, from Osborn Architects Inc. (OAI), who joined the meeting in person. Ryan confirmed that the invitation to bid closed last week and the lowest apparent bidder was Summit Construction. He requested approval from the Board to authorize Christine to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Christine asked how the timeline is looking for the project. Ryan confirmed that they hope to start this June and finish in mid to late December of 2026. Christine wanted to clarify for the Board that the amount written in the cover sheet for this item was written as a generic amount. The actual total is \$1,446,000.

Riley moved to authorize Christine Perkins to execute a construction contract. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Break

Before the break, Christine announced that this is Lisa's last Board meeting before her retirement. She is pleased to introduce Mary Kinser as the incoming Collection Services Manager. Mary has been with WCLS for 17 years. We have been lucky to have some overlap during the transition. Christine confirmed that Mary's previous position as Collection Development Librarian has now been filled by Sarah Miller. Sarah used to work at WCLS as an Interlibrary Loan Specialist. She earned her MLIS and then accepted a librarian position at Burlington Public Library to gain some experience. We are happy that she made her way back to us!

Matthew adjourned for a break from 10:07-10:17 a.m.

Trustee Education: Whatcom READS

Mary Vermillion introduced Claire McElroy, Adult Programming Coordinator, to the Board. Claire and Mary presented on behalf of Whatcom READS which is entering its 19th season. Mary informed the group that Whatcom READS is presented by all of the public libraries in Whatcom County and is funded by Whatcom County Library Foundation, Allied Arts, Hotel Leo, Western Washington University, Village Books, Joan and Keith Magee, City of Bellingham, and the Friends of Bellingham Public Library.

Claire said that she felt that this year the events around the selection, *Solito* by Javier Zamora, seemed particularly meaningful. Claire mentioned that this book had more engagement than previous years, even amongst the Whatcom READS partners. The programs for *Solito* included three author events, fewer than typical but they had outstanding attendance. Claire confirmed that this was a record year for attendance and participation in the Whatcom READS events. Claire shared photos from the community events, which included five painting programs that our Hispanic Cultural Liaisons Amelia and Diana hosted. A member of the Hispanic book group painted a box specifically for Javier. The box also included personal notes from the book club members as a gift to Javier.

Claire reflected on the events by sharing a quote from an attendee which stated, "I came to the event alone but when I walked in I was with my community". This is the goal Whatcom READS hopes for all participants, every year.

Claire announced that the 2027 selection for Whatcom READS is *I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger. The Whatcom WRITES prompt, to go with this selection, will be "Light in the Dark". Submissions for Whatcom WRITES are due by October 11, 2026. The physical books have not been ordered yet but will be ordered next week and will be available soon.

Mary gave her thanks to the trustees for their support of Whatcom READS and thanks to Claire for all of the hours, work and thought she puts into these events.

Staff Reports: Executive Director

In addition to her written report, Christine spoke about the Blaine Library refresh, specifically noting the light fixtures. Christine also confirmed that she is still in communication with Lynden School district regarding the ConnectED program and some changes they requested that WCLS is unable to support. Christine wrote a letter

to the superintendent stating that WCLS cannot make the requested changes, but we are still interested in continuing the agreement.

Staff Reports: Deputy Director

In addition to his written report, Michael shared a Bereavement Leave Procedure update with the Board. The Inclusive Organization Committee has been working on this over the past several months. Updates include more hours and changing wording to be less constricting about the definition of a close. Although this update does not require Board approval, Michael wants to keep everyone aware. The Board applauded the updates and Christine confirmed she would sign the final copy once received.

Staff Reports: Youth Services Manager

Thom was absent for this meeting due to providing services at the Juvenile Detention Center. Christine shared, on behalf of Thom, that the teen poetry event celebrating the publication of *A Forest of Words* took place and was by all accounts well-received. She is always impressed with the bravery of the teens for speaking in public with, especially because sometimes their poems address difficult topics. The Youth Services department built a puppet stage and performed a version of Hansel and Gretel at every branch. Thom reported to Christine that the shows happened exactly how he wanted them to: the kids were very involved and engaged. The puppet shows are a wonderful experience for youth, as well as staff, to experience.

Staff Reports: Community Relations Manager

Mary discussed her written report. She commented on the Summer at the Library t-shirts that the Board received at today's meeting. Mary encouraged the Board to brainstorm how they would answer the question, "What is summer at the library?" These shirts will be a good conversation starter to encourage library events, different branches, the library game, etc. Mary gave her thanks to Whatcom County Library Foundation, Whatcom Community Foundation, and Peoples Bank for their support with Summer at the Library promotions, such as the t-shirts. Mary will share a full campaign summary at the June Board meeting.

Performance Measures & Committee Reports: Performance Measures

In addition to his written report, Michael said that though there were a fewer number of programs in May, there was a higher number of attendees. George Takei's graphic novel, *They Call Us Enemy*, was the highest reserved last month, most likely due to the One Book, One Coast program. He also noted the number of people who are utilizing the system to learn languages as well as some engagement with AI literacy learning.

Performance Measures & Committee Reports: Personnel Committee

No updates were received.

Performance Measures & Committee Reports: Whatcom County Library Foundation

No updates were received.

Announcements and Adjourn

John mentioned to the group that, as a radio listener, he has been pleased with how much coverage One Book, One Coast is receiving in locally and in Canada. Matthew requested that Jessica Burson join the next meeting to give an update on how the Whatcom County Library Foundation Donor Appreciation Luncheon went on May 20.

Matthew adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on June 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. online via Microsoft Teams and at Administrative Servies, Bellingham, WA 98226.

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Danielle Gaughen, Board Secretary	Date	Allyson McBride, Exec. Assistant



RESOLUTION NO. 06/16/26-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
DECLARING A CAPITAL ASSET AS SURPLUS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved the Asset Policy on April 15, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the policy requires that assets with an original purchase price greater than \$5,000 be declared surplus by a resolution of the Board of Trustees prior to their disposal; and,

WHEREAS, a Dodge Grand Caravan purchased by Whatcom County Library System in 2011 has been replaced by a newly purchased Chevrolet Blazer EV; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following equipment be declared surplus property and withdrawn from inventory as indicated:

Property Number	Description	Original Purchase Price	Inventory Status	Anticipated Disposal Method
7401	2011 Dodge Grand Caravan	\$23,571	Surplus	Local Auction

Approved by the Whatcom County Rural Library District Board of Trustees this 16th day of June, 2026.

Matthew Santos, Chair

**Designation of Applicant's Agent
Resolution 06/16/26-05**

Be it resolved by _____ of _____
(Governing Body) (Public Agency)

_____, _____ is hereby designated the authorized
(Name of New Agent) (Title)

representative and _____, _____ is designated
(Name of Alternate) (Title)

the alternate for and in behalf of _____, a public
(Public Agency Name)

agency established under the laws of the state of Washington.

The purpose of this designation as the authorized representative is to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds. These representatives are authorized on behalf of the _____ to execute all contracts, certify completion of projects, request payments, and prepare all required documentation for funding requirements.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____, _____, _____, _____
(Signature) (Title) (Signature) (Title)

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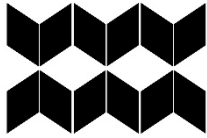
Certification

I, _____, duly appointed and _____ of _____,
(Name) (Title) (Public Agency)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by
the _____ of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Governing Body) (Public Agency)

Date: _____

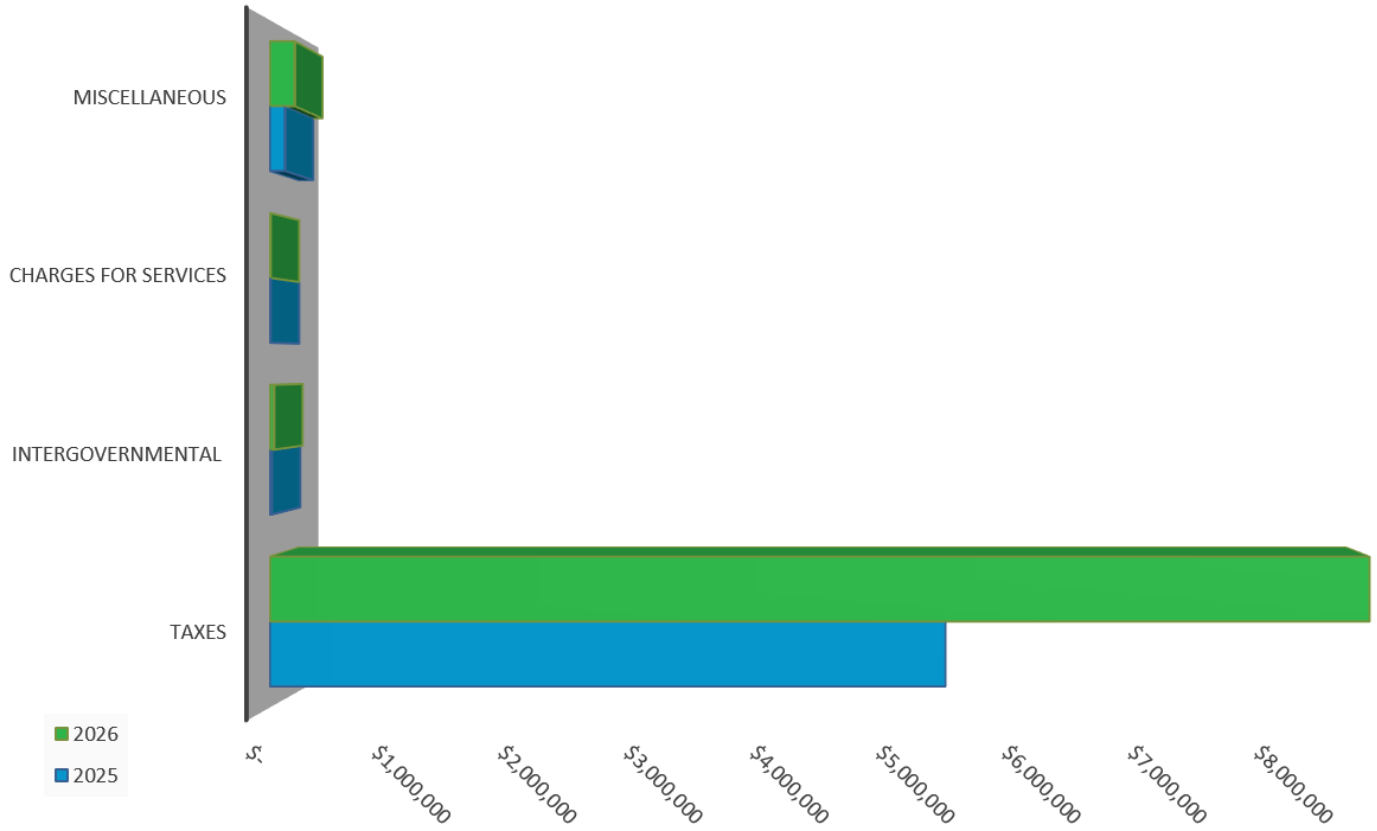
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**2026 Budget Revenues - Year-To-Date
May 2026 (42% of FY)**

Acct No	Description	Budgeted Revenues	Actual Revenues YTD	% of Actual Revenues YTD	% of Budgeted Revenues Received YTD	Budget Variance
310	TAXES					
311.10	General Property Taxes	\$ 16,816,085	\$ 9,052,499	97.41%	53.83%	\$ (7,763,586)
	TOTAL TAXES	16,816,085	9,052,499	97.41%	53.83%	(7,763,586)
330	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE					
337.1000	Local Grants, Entitlements & Other	45,000	11,407	0.12%	25.35%	(33,593)
337.2000	Leasehold Excise Tax	30,000	21,262	0.23%	70.87%	(8,738)
	TOTAL INTERGOV. REVENUE	75,000	32,669	0.35%	43.56%	(42,331)
340	CHARGES FOR GOODS & SERVICES					
347.2001	Printing & Duplication Services	7,000	3,192	0.03%	45.61%	(3,808)
347.2002	Library Use Fees	13,000	520	0.01%	4.00%	(12,480)
	TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	20,000	3,712	0.04%	18.56%	(16,288)
360	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
361.1100	Investment Interest	404,800	123,746	1.33%	30.57%	(281,054)
362.1000	Rents & Leases	4,000	2,151	0.02%	53.77%	(1,849)
367.1000	Contributions & Donations	88,000	69,667	0.75%	79.17%	(18,333)
369.1000	Sale of Surplus	100	70	0.00%	70.00%	(30)
369.8100	Cashier's Overages or Shortages	-	2.18	0.00%	0.00%	2
369.9101	Other Misc. Revenue	24,750	5,283	0.06%	21.35%	(19,467)
369.9102	Reimburse Lost/Damaged Books	10,000	3,417	0.04%	34.17%	(6,583)
	TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	531,650	204,337	2.20%	38.43%	(327,313)
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	17,442,735	9,293,218	100.00%	53.28%	(8,149,517)
390	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
395.1000	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	-
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	-
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,442,735	\$ 9,293,218	100.00%	53.28%	\$ (8,149,517)

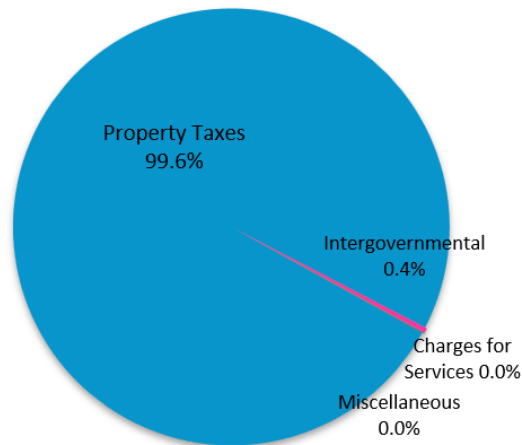
General Fund Operating Revenue to Date-Compared to Prior Year



Actual General Fund Revenue Year to Date Comparison

	2025	2026	% Change
Taxes	\$ 5,561,392	\$ 9,052,499	62.77%
Intergovernmental	12,954	32,669	152.19%
Charges for Services	3,590	3,712	3.40%
Miscellaneous	124,372	204,337	64.29%
Total Operating Revenue	5,702,309	9,293,218	62.97%
Other Financing Sources	-	-	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 5,702,309	\$ 9,293,218	62.97%

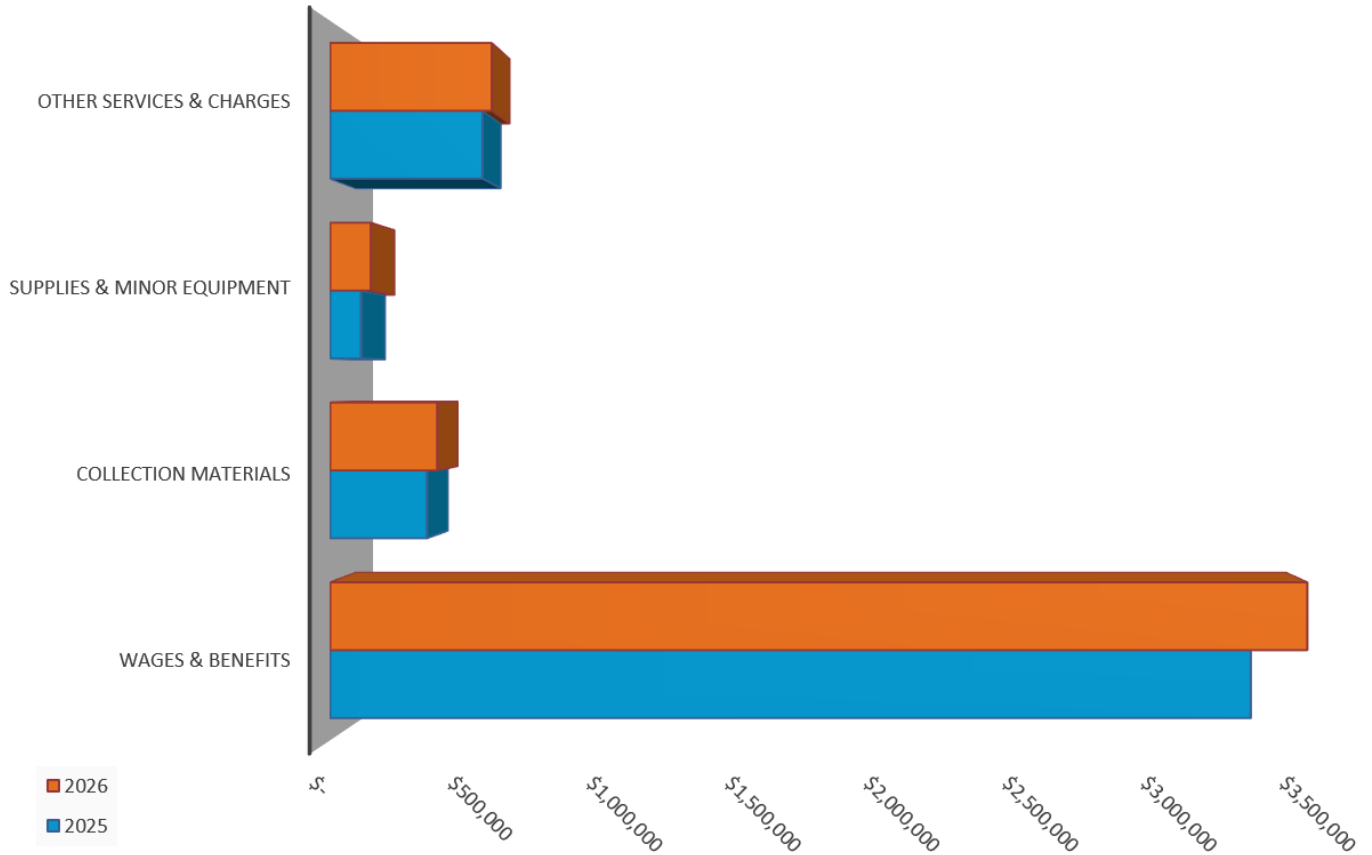
YTD Revenue by category



**2026 Budget Expenditures - Year-To-Date
May 2026 (42% of FY)**

Acct No	Description	Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures YTD	% of Actual Expenditures YTD	% of Budgeted Expenditures Spent YTD	Budget Variance
572	SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS					
572.1000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,901,446	2,767,470	57.55%	40.10%	\$ (4,133,976)
572.2000	Benefits	2,203,925	885,824	18.42%	40.19%	(1,318,101)
	TOTAL SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS	9,105,371	3,653,294	75.97%	40.12%	(5,452,077)
572.30	SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIPMENT					
572.3031	Office & Operating Supplies	180,225	54,035	1.12%	29.98%	(126,189)
572.3032	Fuel	27,650	9,033	0.19%	32.67%	(18,617)
572.3034	Collection Materials	1,400,000	400,133	8.32%	28.58%	(999,867)
572.3035	Small Tools & Minor Equipment	239,800	88,555	1.84%	36.93%	(151,245)
	TOTAL SUPPLIES & MINOR EQUIPMENT	1,847,675	551,756	11.47%	29.86%	(1,295,919)
572.40	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES					
572.4041	Professional Services	742,875	292,604	6.08%	39.39%	(450,271)
572.4042	Communication	140,450	43,424	0.90%	30.92%	(97,026)
572.4043	Travel	53,025	15,898	0.33%	29.98%	(37,127)
572.4044	Taxes & Operating Assessments	750	287	0.01%	38.24%	(463)
572.4045	Operating Rentals & Leases	27,447	9,772	0.20%	35.60%	(17,675)
572.4046	Insurance	122,634	87,583	1.82%	71.42%	(35,051)
572.4047	Utilities	186,066	77,027	1.60%	41.40%	(109,040)
572.4048	Repair & Maintenance	120,255	41,716	0.87%	34.69%	(78,539)
572.4049	Miscellaneous	118,965	35,484	0.74%	29.83%	(83,481)
	TOTAL OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,512,468	603,795	12.56%	39.92%	(908,673)
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	12,465,513	4,808,845	100.00%	38.58%	(7,656,668)
590	OTHER FINANCING USES					
597.1000	Transfers to Capital	1,000,000	-	0.00%	0.00%	-
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	1,000,000	-	0.00%	0.00%	-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,465,513	4,808,845	100.00%	35.71%	\$ (8,656,668)
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 3,977,222	4,484,373			\$ 507,151
	FUND BALANCE SUMMARY					
	Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 9,138,159	9,138,159			
	Net Income	3,977,222	4,484,373			507,151
	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 13,115,381	13,622,532			\$ 507,151

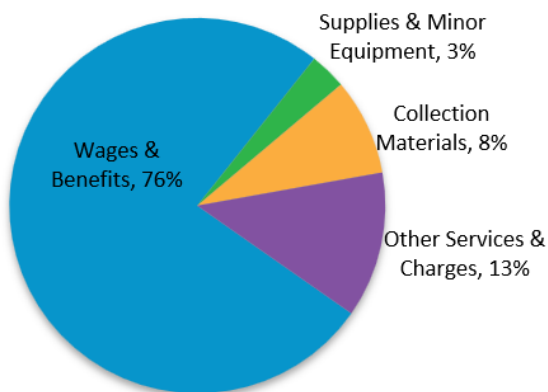
General Fund Operating Expenditures to Date-Compared to Prior Year



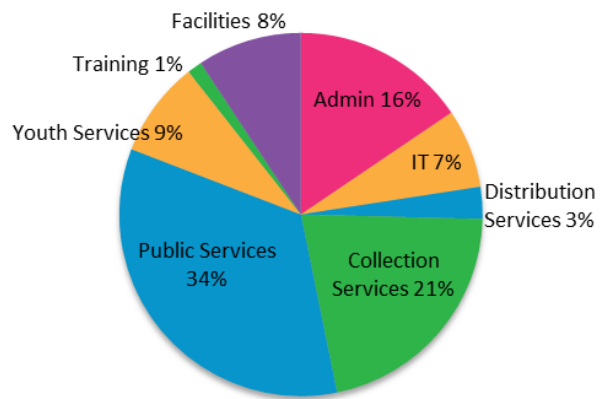
Actual General Fund Expenditures Year to Date Comparison

		2025		2026	% Change
Wages & Benefits	\$	3,442,002	\$	3,653,294	6.14%
Collection Materials		361,311		400,133	10.74%
Supplies & Minor Equipment		114,767		151,623	32.11%
Other Services & Charges		569,097		603,795	6.10%
Total Operating Expenditures		4,487,177		4,808,845	7.17%
Other Financing Uses		-		-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$	4,487,177	\$	4,808,845	7.17%
Net Operating Income	\$	1,215,131	\$	4,484,373	269.04%

YTD Expense by Category



YTD Expense by Department



Fund Balance Summary	2025 Actual	2026	2026
		Budgeted	Actual to Date
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 9,932,448	9,115,981	\$ 9,115,981
Revenue	10,582,816	17,442,735	9,293,218
Expenditures	(11,399,284)	(13,465,513)	(4,808,845)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,115,981	\$ 13,093,203	\$ 13,600,354

Ending Fund Balance Designation Detail	2025 Actual	2026	2026
		Budgeted	Actual to Date
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Cash Flow	\$ 3,767,044	\$ 4,107,993	\$ 4,107,993
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Emergency	951,274	1,037,372	1,037,372
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Capital Transfer	78,164	1,000,000	1,000,000
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Unemployment Comp Reserve	15,560	17,254	17,254
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Birch Bay Operating Fund	600,000	505,000	600,000
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Facility Ownership & Library Svcs Fund	2,967,315	2,967,315	2,967,315
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Facility Maintenance Fund	550,000	550,000	550,000
Designated Ending Fund Balance - Levy Sustainability Fund	-	1,000,000	-
Total Designated Ending Fund Balance	8,929,357	11,184,933	10,279,933
Ending Unassigned Funds with no designation	186,623	1,908,269	3,320,420
Total Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,115,981	\$ 13,093,203	\$ 13,600,354

May Summary

- As of the end of May we have received \$9,052,499 in property tax revenue, which is 54% of the \$16,816,085 budgeted for the year. Total revenue is \$5,702,309 (53%).
- Operating expenditures are tracking slightly below budget at \$4,408,845 (39%), leaving us with a year-to-date net income of \$4,484,373. This surplus will provide cash flow until the next property tax revenue influx in October.
- I have submitted a reimbursement request for \$56,000 to the State Department of Commerce for our Birch Bay project award. Now that we're entering the next phase of the project and we've drawn down all of the County funding that had a 2025 deadline, we will be using the State funding.



Board Meeting Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Meeting Date:	6/16/2026
Committee or Department:	Administration Department
Subject:	Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County to Piggyback Onto Fuel Purchasing Contract.
Prepared By:	Christine Perkins
Impact upon Budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Supporting Documents:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Recommendation or Request: Authorize Executive Director to sign an interlocal purchasing agreement with Whatcom County and following execution of said interlocal purchasing agreement, authorize Executive Director to enter into purchasing agreement with Nelson-Reisner to piggyback onto Whatcom County’s Fuel Purchasing Contract

Suggested Motion for Consideration:

Move approval to authorize Executive Director to sign an interlocal purchasing agreement with Whatcom County.

Move approval to authorize Executive Director to enter into purchasing agreement with Nelson-Reisner to piggyback onto Whatcom County’s, following execution of interlocal purchasing agreement with Whatcom County.

Summary:

Whatcom County recently renegotiated its fuel purchasing contract, following a competitive bidding process, and notified WCLS that they will no longer allow WCLS to purchase fuel using Whatcom County’s account (we used to charge the costs to Whatcom County, who would then bill us for reimbursement). Instead, we are pursuing the option to piggyback onto Whatcom County’s contract with Nelson-Reisner. Nelson-Reisner would then bill WCLS directly for fuel purchases.

Our current arrangement with Whatcom County is set to expire at the end of July so we would like to have this agreement in place as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to execute both the interlocal agreement and the Nelson-Reisner purchasing agreement, so that we avoid paying full retail prices for gasoline.

Alternatives: Pay full retail price for fuel.

Fiscal Impact: WCLS will continue to enjoy reduced cost per gallon to purchase fuel for fleet vehicles. We will also no longer be required to pay a 10% administrative fee to the County.

Comments: With gasoline prices at all-time highs, it is important to seek savings wherever possible.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
WHATCOM COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT –
WHATCOM COUNTY**

Whatcom County Contract No.

This Agreement, made and entered into by and between Whatcom County Rural Library District, State of Washington, a Washington municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as WCLS) and WHATCOM COUNTY, State of Washington, a Washington municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as “Whatcom County”), (collectively “Parties”), and whereby the Parties agree to cooperative governmental purchasing upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Cooperative Purchases. The Parties hereto, pursuant to Chapters 36 and 39 bidding laws, Revised Code of Washington, and pursuant to Chapter 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington do hereby agree to cooperatively purchase supplies, goods, services, and equipment as a result of competitive bidding and within the qualifications or specifications established by and for WCLS and Whatcom County.

Parties will finalize their own arrangements, including option selection, selections, trade-in, and delivery arrangements for goods, services, and equipment directly with the applicable contractor or vendor. WCLS and Whatcom County agree that each Party has no liability as far as the durability, serviceability, performance and warranty of the goods, services, and equipment selected. It is also agreed that the goods, services, and equipment selected shall be agreed upon by each individual Party and will not be perceived as selected by the other Party. WCLS and the Whatcom County accept no responsibility of the performance of any contracts by the contractor, and WCLS and Whatcom County accept no responsibility for payment of the purchase price for any contract entered into by the other Party.

Each notice issued by a party requesting competitive bids for goods or services shall inform bidders that other public agencies shall have the right to cooperatively purchase the goods and/or services upon the same accepted price, terms, and conditions, exclusive of freight and transportation fees; provided that each party may omit the right of cooperative purchasing when doing so may favorably affect the bid prices received.

2. Administration. No new or separate legal or administrative entity is created to administer the provisions of this Agreement. Each Party reserves the right to contract independently for the purchase of any particular class of goods or services with or without notice to the other Party. The Parties reserve the right to exclude the other Party from any particular purchasing or services contract, with or without notice to the other Party.
3. Term. This Agreement shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until terminated. It may be terminated by either Party by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other; provided, however, that termination shall not affect or impair joint purchases of the Parties that are agreed to on or before the date of termination.
4. Compliance with Laws. Each Party accepts responsibility for compliance with federal, state, or local laws and regulations including, in particular, that Party’s bidding requirements applicable to the acquisition of any goods, services, or equipment obtained through the cooperative process agreed to herein.
5. Indemnification. Each Party shall be liable and responsible for the consequence of any negligent or wrongful act or failure to act on the part of itself and its employees. Neither Party assumes responsibility to the other Party for the consequences of any act or omission of any person, firm, or corporation not a party to this Agreement.
6. Recording. As provided by RCW 39.34.040, this Agreement shall not take effect unless and until it has (i) been duly executed by both parties, and (ii) either filed with the respective county Auditor or posted on the respective county’s website.
7. General Provisions. This Agreement contains all of the agreements of the Parties with respect to any matter covered or mentioned in this Agreement. No provision of this agreement may be amended or modified except by written agreement signed by the Parties. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties’ successors in interest, heirs, and assigns.

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- 8. Any provision of this Agreement which is declared invalid or illegal shall in no way effect or invalidate any other provision. In the event either of the Parties defaults on the performance of any terms of this Agreement or either Party places the enforcement of this Agreement in the hands of an attorney, or files a lawsuit, each Party shall pay all its own attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses.

- 9. The venue for any dispute related to this Agreement shall be in Whatcom County if the bid is issued by Whatcom County or in WCLS if the bid is issued by WCLS. Failure of either Party to declare any breach or default by the other Party immediately upon the occurrence thereof, or delay in taking any action in connection with, shall not waive such breach or default. Time is of the essence of this Agreement and each and all of its provisions in which performance is a factor.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the parties have caused duplicate originals of this Agreement to be executed on the day and year the last signature hereto is affixed.

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

WHATCOM COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

Dated: _____

Title: _____

Approved as to form:

Dated: _____

By: _____
Chief Civil Deputy

COMMUNITY

In August, we're partnering with the Sumas Historical Museum for a historical walking tour of Sumas. Sumas was first incorporated in 1891. We are pleased to report that the Sumas Library should be re-opening to the public in the next few weeks, although it may take longer to receive new furniture to replace what was damaged during last winter's flood.

ACCESS

Thanks to a grant from the American Library Association called Libraries Transforming Communities, several staff organized a Community Conversation with the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing at the Lynden Library on Wednesday, June 10. The grant provided funding for ASL interpretation and crafts for children while adults participated in a discussion about what the library could be doing better to support and promote accessibility.

RESOURCES

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we are giving away copies of the Declaration and the U.S. Constitution at our branch libraries, while supplies last. We also have coloring pages for kids and are displaying "Moments That Made Us" signs curated by Washington State's America's 250th Committee.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Recent and upcoming strategic planning pop-up events include Khalsa Day and Vaisakhi Day, the Stommish Water Festival, and outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. We also took part in the Sudden Valley Spring Market, the Easts Whatcom Health Fair, the Blaine Spring Block Party, Rock the Nest Fest and the Deming Logging Show. Next up: Birch Bay Kite Festival, Suas Community Days, Everson Summer Festival, Whatcom Grooves concerts at Island, South Whatcom and Point Roberts, and the Northwest Raspberry Festival in Lynden.

STEWARDSHIP

The City of Blaine issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\) for Housing and New Library in Blaine's Downtown Core](#) seeking a developer interested in building a mixed-use building with a library on the ground floor with condominiums above. It is still early days regarding this concept but we are pleased that the City is considering creative ways to build a new, larger library building.

Christine Perkins, Executive Director

COMMUNITY

The Whatcom County Fire District 14 hosted a wildfire training at Fire Station 92 next to the North Fork Library in Kendall. WCLS permitted the use of the woods behind the library for training firefighters in the digging of wilderness fire lines. We value our relationship with our friends at Fire Station 92 who allow NF staff to use their meeting space for monthly staff meetings.

ACCESS

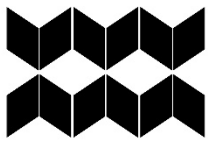
Occupancy for the Sumas Library has been granted by the City of Sumas six months after flooding closed the library in December 2025. This good news has triggered a flurry of activity as staff complete a final inventory of the collection which has been accessible and active while stored at Administrative Services. Distribution and Facilities staff plan to transport the collection, available furniture and other items very soon. Public Services staff are ready for a soft open sometime during the week of 6/15.



STEWARDSHIP

The Birch Bay boundary line adjustment process has concluded. In September 2025, the Board of Trustees approved a purchase and sale agreement between WCLS and Edgewater MHC LLC for the small strip of land directly behind the Birch Bay Library Project. Closing documents will be filed on 6/15/26, concluding this process.

Michael Cox
Deputy Director



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Youth Services Report

June 2026

RESOURCES

In May the Youth Services Team put on an original puppet show based on the folktale Hansel and Gretel, in every WCLS location (except Sumas), using an assemble-on-site stage we built, a script we wrote, and scenery, albeit minimal, we engineered. This is the first system-wide puppet experience WCLS has put on in over ten years, and between location coordination, stage transportation, staff scheduling for rehearsal and performance, the logistics were formidable. Still, the return on investment was immense. This is a great example of the deeply meaningful work the Youth Services Team delivers. On the surface it is ebullient and fun, an attractive opportunity for young children and their families to attend something entertaining. But beneath the diversion is profound learning and engagement providing important early learning and early literacy support. The interactive script invited lots of audience participation, built on some pretty hilarious dramatic irony; kids got to watch puppets get themselves in and out of trouble, inserting themselves into the action by shouting and singing warnings and advice. This kind of engagement positions kids as authors of their own narratives and reinforces their imaginative play. Indeed, one of the most rewarding elements of the whole experience was watching kids take up the puppets themselves after the show, get behind the stage, and act out their own impromptu stories using characterizations they recognized during the show itself. The experience also afforded the team a terrific collaborative opportunity. Each show required two puppeteers and a host, and a large group of staff took turns filling those roles across the system, some doing just one performance, others doing four or five. That experience taught us a lot about technical things like voicing, timing, projection, line reading, and puppet maneuvering, and offered a particular context for some real interpersonal connection, too. We



learned a great deal this time around and are already excited about our next puppet venture this fall.

Thom Barthelmess
Youth Services Manager

COMMUNITY/RESOURCES



Summer at the Library is underway. The marketing campaign — created in-house by Community Relations staff — intends to increase engagement and to gain new cardholders by:

- driving participation in summer library programs
- positioning WCLS as a hub of summer inspiration and activities
- and elevating awareness of library locations and services.

The multi-channel campaign gathers Summer Reading, Whatcom Grooves, The Library Game and other summer programs under one (beach) umbrella, enabling us to amplify a clear, compelling message.

External marketing includes:

- Bus boards
- [Digital ads](#) and [video](#) (in partnership with our media buyer)
- [Social media](#)

- Parade banner and props
- Media outreach
- Web page (wcls.org/summer)
- Patron emails
- Pop-up libraries with Summer at the Library retractable banners
- [Explorations](#)



At the libraries, there are door clings, posters and other messages, including Summer at the Library T-shirts for staff thanks to the financial support of our three community sponsors.

We will track results in many ways. So far, our ads are performing well. Between May 25 and June 9, the Summer Reading at the Library social media campaign generated 348 unique clicks to the website, resulting in a 2.77% CTR, which is above the 1-2% industry standard. Digital ads are also performing above industry standards.



Our generous financial sponsors — Whatcom County Library Foundation, Peoples Bank and Whatcom Together — made it possible for us to provide Summer Reading forever books for young people and staff T-shirts and to produce other marketing efforts, including incentives to encourage more adults to join Summer Reading. Adults who participate have a chance to win a Summer at the Library tote bag. Eleven lucky “early bird” winners will receive tote bags with tickets to see our sold-out July 11 event with author Ann Patchett and a copy of her latest book, *Whistler*. At the end of Summer Reading, adults who complete their card can enter to win a tote bag or a special edition bag with copies of books by our featured Open Book authors, Emma Pattee (*Tilt*) and Donna Barba Higuera (*The Last Cuentista*).



News Releases

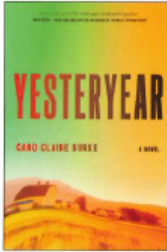
- [Spend your summer at the library](#)
- [Birch Bay Vogt Library Express renovation begins in June](#)

Book Reviews

- *Cascadia Daily News*, May 8, 2026, [Review: 'Murderland' by Caroline Fraser](#)
- *Cascadia Daily News*, May 12, 2026, [Review: 'They Called Us Enemy' by George Takei](#)
- Bellingham Alive, May 2026 (See clip below.)

Book Reviews

WRITTEN BY MARY KINSER



"Yesteryear"

by Caro Claire Burke

To millions of followers, Natalie Heller Mills's life is idyllic. Her Instagram feed shares inspiring, impeccably lit images of Natalie and her cowboy husband on their ranch, Natalie kneading the day's bread, Natalie with her stair-step, perfectly traditional children. She's careful that no one sees behind the pioneer façade to what holds it all together: the nannies, the high-end appliances, the old-money inheritance keeping the farm afloat. But one day Natalie wakes up in an altogether different reality, one where the traditions she's been playacting are frighteningly necessary for daily survival. Has she truly been transported to the 1800s? Or is something more sinister going on? The more we learn about Natalie—her background, her ambitions, and what she's willing to sacrifice to stay relevant—the more we wonder what's real and what's not. "Yesteryear" is a whip-smart page-turner that readers will find endlessly compelling and more than a little unnerving.



"Like, Follow, Subscribe: Influencer Kids and the Cost of a Childhood Online"

by Fortesa Latifi

No one thought too much about it in the early days of social media. Snap a cute pic of your kids, share it online, what's the harm? These days, though, parents are considering the impact of a childhood in the spotlight. Journalist Fortesa Latifi is one of those parents, and those questions echo throughout her book. Latifi traces the rise of family vlogging from the early days of text-based mommy blogs to today's proliferation of family-centered YouTube channels with massive fanbases. These channels, ad-sponsored to optimize revenue, bring in huge amounts of cash, rocketing a successful vlogging family into an entirely different social status. But those successes come at a price, Latifi asserts, one that is mostly paid by the children who may or may not want their private moments boosted for likes and shares. Nuanced and thoughtful, this book raises interesting questions about the roles of creator, consumer, and sponsor in the ever-churning cycle of content, and the lasting impact of viral fame.

Media Coverage

Birch Bay Library Renovation:

- *The Northern Light*, May 20, 2026, [Birch Bay library construction to begin next month](#)
- *KPUG*, May 22, 2026, [Construction set to begin for Birch Bay Library Express](#)
- *Cascadia Daily News*, May 22, 2026, [Birch Bay library renovation to begin in June](#)
- *Bellingham Now*, May 22, 2026, [Construction set to begin for Birch Bay Library Express](#)

- *WWU News*, May 4, 2026, [One Quick Question: What does literature have to do with justice? \(Whatcom READS\)](#)
- *The Northern Light*, May 13, 2026, [Whatcom County candidates file for August primary](#)
- *The Northern Light*, May 20, 2026, [New upgrades to Blaine Public Library](#)
- *Cascadia Daily News*, May 20, 2026, [Twin Sisters market to open new location](#)
- *The Bellingham Herald*, May 26, 2026, [Whatcom County mobile market opens fourth location in Everson](#)
- *All Point Bulletin*, May 27, 2026, [Story time on the puppet stage](#)
- *The Northern Light*, May 28, 2026, [In the garden with Kelle: Washington state's approach to waste management](#)
- *Visit Bellingham*, May 28, 2026, bellinham.org/pressreleases/birch-bay-chamber-of-commerce-announces-annual-kids-kite-festival-at-birch-bay-state-park-june-20-21
- All Points Bulletin, May 2026

PR Summer Reading Kick-off Party: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 27, library. Collect your summer reading card, learn about summer programs and connect with other readers. All youth under 18 will receive a free book to pick out and keep forever. Sponsored by the Whatcom County Library Foundation and Peoples Bank. Info: wcls.org.

Ukulele Group: 6 p.m., Wednesdays, community center. All skill levels welcome. Extra ukuleles can be checked out from the Point Roberts Library.

Mary Vermillion
Community Relations Manager

Collection Size	Physical	Electronic	Total
	296,533	436,744	733,277

Circulation	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
Physical Circulation					
Blaine	13,403	10,663	70,546	58,460	-17.1%
Bookmobile & Outreach	5,607	5,778	26,245	29,375	11.9%
Deming	7,430	7,650	38,127	40,693	6.7%
Everson	8,280	8,133	42,958	43,093	0.3%
Ferndale	29,733	26,969	149,218	135,859	-9.0%
Island	1,672	1,758	8,685	8,357	-3.8%
Lynden	34,209	32,895	175,372	168,105	-4.1%
North Fork	3,210	3,281	17,061	16,470	-3.5%
NWIC	102	2	146	51	-65.1%
Point Roberts + PRX	2,138	1,981	10,553	9,821	-6.9%
Sumas + SLX	2,174	712	12,381	3,697	-70.1%
South Whatcom	8,128	8,897	39,115	42,743	9.3%
NDX	3,662	4,189	19,562	20,130	2.9%
Physical Circulation Total	119,748	112,908	609,969	576,854	-5.4%
Disc materials: DVDs, CDs	23,528	20,535	120,888	108,265	-10.4%
All other materials	92,694	89,733	473,024	455,591	-3.7%
Digital Circulation					
eBooks/eAudiobooks	37,616	38,366	187,162	191,293	2.2%
eMagazines	6,016	6,259	29,760	31,451	5.7%
eMusic	13,894	9,737	53,133	52,251	-1.7%
Streaming Video	3,155	2,750	17,396	14,954	-14.0%
Digital Circulation Total	60,681	57,112	287,451	289,949	0.9%
Grand Total	180,429	170,020	897,420	866,803	-3.4%

Visitors (Door counts)	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
Blaine	7,038	5,183	34,572	30,946	-10.5%
Deming	2,616	2,547	13,735	14,076	2.5%
Everson	3,353	3,118	17,088	16,954	-0.8%
Ferndale	12,061	11,002	62,097	58,097	-6.4%
Island	1,376	1,940	7,361	8,254	12.1%
Lynden	11,345	11,454	58,764	59,391	1.1%
NDX	305	368	1,529	1,750	14.5%
North Fork	2,007	2,334	9,077	9,820	8.2%
Point Roberts + PRX	1,207	1,597	6,415	7,052	9.9%
Sumas + SLX	1,208	0	6,620	0	-100.0%
South Whatcom	3,079	3,252	14,783	15,866	7.3%
Total	45,595	42,795	232,041	222,206	-4.2%

New Borrowers	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
	565	512	2,786	2,724	-2.2%

Interlibrary Loan	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
Borrowed from BPL	11,794	10,415	60,452	53,476	-11.5%
Lent to BPL	21,608	20,868	111,051	107,960	-2.8%
Borrowed: other libraries	714	492	3,108	2,918	-6.1%
Lent: other libraries	539	486	3,018	2,798	-7.3%

Electronic Resources	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
WCLS.org Sessions	38,392	44,966	195,330	218,228	11.7%
Bibliocommons Sessions	86,175	81,246	446,135	461,942	3.5%
Internet Sessions	4,071	3,747	20,357	20,284	-0.4%
Wifi Clients / Sessions	7,737	7,879	37,751	37,431	-0.8%

Activities	May 2025	May 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	YTD % chg
Programs					
Adults	116	113	527	511	-3.0%
Teens	47	34	189	186	-1.6%
Children	64	81	493	436	-11.6%
Total	227	228	1,209	1,133	-6.3%
Attendance					
Adults	657	689	5,453	6,127	12.4%
Teens	3,319	548	6,129	4,075	-33.5%
Children	1,809	2,695	11,690	12,485	6.8%
Total	5,785	3,932	23,272	22,687	-2.5%

Notes/Corrections:

Sumas Library closed due to Dec 2025 flood

Blaine Library closed or providing limited services 4/27-5/8 for facilities improvements.

May 19, 2026 Performance Measures reported YTD 2026 physical circulation for Bookmobile & Outreach as 17,507. This has been corrected to 23,597. As a result, the total circulation YTD % change has been updated from -3.7% to -2.8%