



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

2. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda may come forward at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

CONSENT AGENDA

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 19, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Central Operations

5.1 *Office of Performance and Analysis (OPA)* - Update On Services From Nonprofit Vendors

6. Public Services and Revenue

6.1 *Library* - Update On Self-Service Hours And Overview Of Metropolitan Library Service Agency

7. **County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report**
8. **Future Agenda Items**
9. **Adjournment**
 - 9.1 Adjournment

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General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5734

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 6/9/2026

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



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Item Number: DC-5735

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Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 10:40 a.m.

Present

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
- Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Chair Workman noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No comments were received for this agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Paul Cassidy and Dan Dwight, Stinson representatives and Tom Downs, Downs representative were present via interactive technology and provided a state and federal legislative update. The updates summarized the end of the legislative session. Lobbyist will return to an upcoming General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole to further elaborate on the session and what it means for Dakota County. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

6. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave the following update:

- the Boardroom will be closed for the month of June due to the Boardroom technology remodel. The County Board meetings will be held in Conference Room 3A during the month of June.
- staff from Divisions will begin to meet with the County Manager in June to discuss 2027 department budgets.

7 Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeni Reynolds
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board



General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5664

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 6/9/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Performance and Analysis (OPA)

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Services From Nonprofit Vendors

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive presentations from major nonprofit vendors that Dakota County utilizes for service provision.

SUMMARY

In order to provide services to county residents, Dakota County contracts with 501(c)(3) nonprofit vendors. The ten nonprofit vendors with the largest county contracts have been invited to present to the Board of County Commissioners and provide an update regarding their activities. Although nonprofit vendors provide services across county divisions and elected offices, the largest nonprofit vendors perform work primarily through Community Services.

Although it is structured as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and not a nonprofit, Ally Supportive Services has also been included in the list of ten organizations scheduled to present. Ally's inclusion is an example of an organization with a different structure that the county contracts with for services.

The ten presentations were scheduled over three separate General Government and Policy Committee (GGP) meetings. Each presentation was scheduled for 10-15 minutes.

Organizations that presented at the April 7, 2026, GGP meeting included 360 Communities, Ally Supportive Services, Avivo, Center City Housing Corporation (CCHC), and Dakota Woodlands.

Organizations that presented at the April 21, 2026, GGP meeting included DARTS, Guild, Nexus Family Healing, and The Link.

The final nonprofit presentation scheduled on June 9, 2026, provides the following services for Dakota County:

- **Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency** provides housing, homelessness, and emergency rental assistance services.

In addition to the presentations, summaries of the nonprofit activities have been provided and include the nonprofit's mission; the number of contracts they have with the county, including a description of each service, the funding source, and contract dates; a description of the oversight provided for their services; outcome measures provided by the nonprofits illustrating the impact of their services on county residents; a description of the applicable mandates for the services; and financial information,

including the budgeted contract amount for 2026-2027.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None Current budget Other
- Amendment Requested New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency Summary Document

Attachment: Presentation Slides

BOARD GOALS

- Thriving People A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources
- A Successful Place for Business and Jobs Excellence in Public Service

CONTACT

Department Head: Dave Paulsen

Author: Penny Anderson

Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency

Presenter: Suzie Misel, Director of Housing and Emergency Services,
smisel@capagency.org, 952-402-9832

Program Overview

Mission: CAP's mission is to assist and empower people to achieve social and economic well-being in partnership with our community.

Contract(s): Dakota County has 4 contracts with **Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency** for the following service(s):

Service	Service Description	Funding Source(s)	Contract Term Date
Housing Supportive Services – Haralson Apartments	Provide support services for individuals residing at Haralson Apartments in Apple Valley. Persons who qualify for housing at Haralson Apartments, including long-term homeless and persons with a diagnosed Serious Mental Illness.	100% funded by Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) – MN Department of Revenue.	1/1/2026-12/31/2027
Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)	Prevent homelessness by stabilizing households at risk of homelessness, rehouse those experiencing homelessness, and eliminate repeat episodes of homelessness.	100% funded by FHPAP – MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)	10/1/2025-9/30/2027
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)	To provide emergency rental assistance to households with rental arrears to prevent housing instability and evictions.	100% funded by Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) – MN Department of Revenue.	2/25/2026-6/30/2026

Service	Service Description	Funding Source(s)	Contract Term Date
MOU with CAP Agency for set-aside units	Scott-Carver-Dakota (CAP) Agency has nine apartment buildings and thirty-six units for low-income residents located throughout Dakota County. CAP Agency dedicates thirty-six units to individuals experiencing long term homelessness or HUD homelessness who have received a Housing Assistance Program resource through Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry process or have another rental assistance resource. Dakota County has trained and experienced staff that work with individuals experiencing homelessness and will utilize the appropriate Rental Assistance programs.	NA	6/2/2020-12/31/2047

Strategic Alignment

Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency’s work supports and aligns with the following County Board strategies:

Thriving people: Dakota County creates access to opportunities, cares for vulnerable people, and fosters community safety, health and well-being.

Oversight

Housing Supportive Services – Haralson Apartments: Quarterly reports are required summarizing the following: number of referrals, number of unduplicated clients, basic demographics (age, self-identified race, family status, income). Invoices are submitted, at a minimum, quarterly and include specific budget categories and any support documentation.

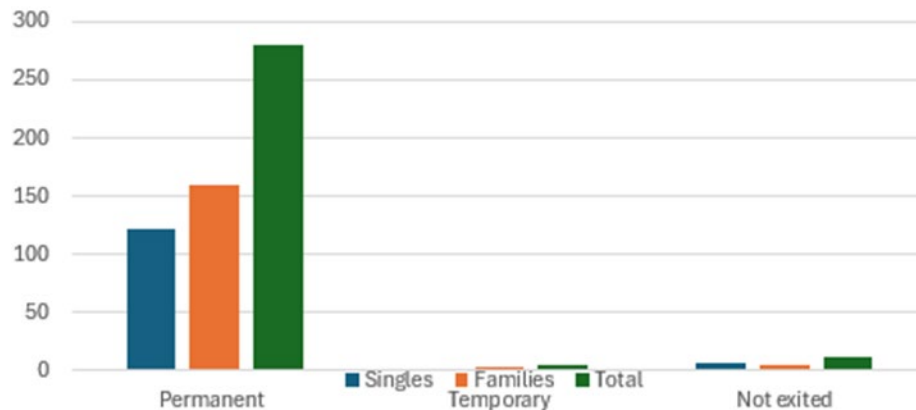
Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP): Monthly verbal updates at the FHPAP Work Group meetings. Quarterly financial Expenditure Reports with outcome and reporting every six months, using format provided and data system required by MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA). Documentation supporting expenditures (staff time, administrative time, rent and utility payments) will be reviewed during annual site visits. Invoices are submitted at minimum, monthly and invoices must specify funding sources and accurately reflect service and population deemed eligible under funding source.

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA): Report using LAHA ERA reporting form as provided by Dakota County. Adherence to processes as described in the Dakota County LAHA ERA eligibility requirements and determine eligibility for funding and issue payment within one week.

MOU with CAP Agency for set-aside units: CAP will dedicate 35 units to individuals experiencing homelessness and meet criteria laid out in MOU. Dakota County will provide experienced/trained staff to work with individuals experiencing homelessness and will provide Supportive Services to the DC tenants and coordinate services provided utilizing rental assistance programs.

Outcome Measures

FHPAP Outcome Data



Data from CAP’s 2023-2025 Biennium. Families exiting our program and remain in permanent housing.

Due to **Haralson Apartments** starting January 1, 2026, CAP does not have any outcome data yet to share. CAP was able to meet all but 1 of the 16 tenants. CAP is currently working on building relationships with them and their goals. Several are utilizing the food pick-up from Open Door Pantry and staff have signed them up for Energy Assistance.

CAP Properties continue to work in partnership with Dakota County. CAP currently has 32 of the 36 units filled with a Dakota County referral. CAP is waiting on 4 referrals to be assigned or to determine if they want to be part of CAP’s Housing Program. 88% full.

Mandates

Mandate Level (Board Decision) – Program Name, Authority for Program (Statute, Resolution, etc.), Program Description

Housing Supportive Services – Haralson Apartments: The Board of Commissioners is not mandated to provide or contract for these services.

Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP): By Minn. Stat. § 462A.204, FHPAP grant funding must be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities. Board Resolution 25-309; 1/1/2025.

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA): The Board of Commissioners is not mandated to provide or contract for these services.

MOU with CAP Agency for set-aside units: The Board of Commissioners is not mandated to provide or contract for these services.

Financials

Total Contracted Payments 2024-2025: \$1,690,021

Service	Contract Budget 2026-2027
Housing Supportive Services – Haralson Apartments	\$125,000
Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)	\$585,451
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)	\$50,000
MOU with CAP Agency for set-aside units	\$0



Scott Carver Dakota CAP Agency

Suzie Misel

June 9, 2026

Who we are and what we do

Our Mission:

CAP's mission is to assist and empower people to achieve social and economic well-being in partnership with our community.

Our Goal:

At CAP Agency, we help people break down barriers by providing the tools and resources necessary to achieve success. We partner with businesses, schools, and other leading nonprofit organizations to create vital and lasting connections. We rely on our generous network of volunteers and donors to support our mission and their neighbors, strengthening our community.



Programs we offer



Food and Nutrition

Food shelf, Senior Meals on Wheels, mobile food distribution



Head Start and Early Head Start

Rewarding and accessible education for all



Energy Assistance

Assisting members of our community live comfortably in their homes



Thrift Store

Local Imports, located in Shakopee, puts all proceeds back into serving our communities



Community Programs

Specialty programs offered to CAP clients to assist in times of need



Housing

Allows clients access to a safe and affordable place to live

Senior Nutrition



- Senior Meals on Wheels provides healthy meals to seniors living in Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties.
- Depending on their location, there are two options:
 - Congregate – meals served midday in Belle Plaine and Jordan- No sites in Dakota.
 - Home delivered meals – meals delivered directly to seniors in certain cities

Chore

The Chore Program for Seniors aids residents of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties “age in place,” with a variety of in-home services and home to needed destination services:

Yard Maintenance

All year-long tasks with summer lawn mowing, fall leaf raking, winter snow removal, and spring clean-up. House cleaning; deep, routine, and one-time de-cluttering. Minor home repair & other special projects.

Homemaker Services

Includes laundry, grocery shopping, and small meal preparation.

Assisted Transportation

Rides to grocery store, doctor appointments, and other rides from senior’s home to location with return trip.

Home Modification

Includes wheelchair ramp construction, shower grab bars installation and other projects.

*Seniors pay on a sliding fee scale based on their stated monthly income. No one is denied service due to inability to pay.



Energy Assistance (EAP)



LIHEAP

The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. LIHEAP provides federally funded assistance to reduce the costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs.

- Program open October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
 - Designed to assist low-income households with energy bills.
 - Income Guidelines – 50% MN median income
 - Minimum of \$200 in assistance
 - Max is \$1400
 - Crisis funds to assist with Shut Off, Disconnect Notices, and Seniors with current bills.
 - Program can also assist with furnace repairs and replacements
 - Almost 10,000 applications submitted so far this year.



HS Program Components

- ✔ **Education** – Quality learning experiences to help children grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally.
- ✔ **Health** – Supporting and providing health services such as immunizations, dental, medical, mental health, nutritional services, and early identification of health problems.
- ✔ **Parent Involvement** – Involving parents in the planning and implementation of activities. Parents serve on committees that make administrative decisions; participate in classes and workshops on child development; and volunteer in the program.
- ✔ **Social Services** – Provide outreach to families to determine what services they need, provide resources, and set goals with the family.



Local Imports Thrift Store

Items include high-quality secondhand goods, vintage finds, and specialty pieces.

- Clothing, shoes & accessories
- Furniture, housewares, & home furnishings
- Books, DVDs, sports equipment & toys



100% of the proceeds from Local Imports helps fund our programs

Donation Hours:

11am-5pm M-F & 9am-3pm Sat

Store Hours:

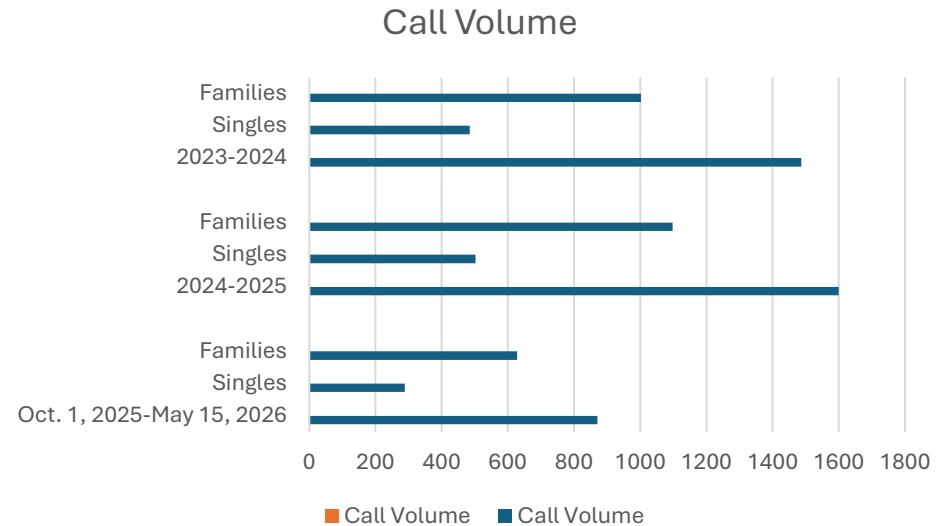
11am-6pm M-F & 9am- 4pm Sat

8085 Old Carriage Ct. Shakopee, MN 55379

Eligibility and the Call Volume

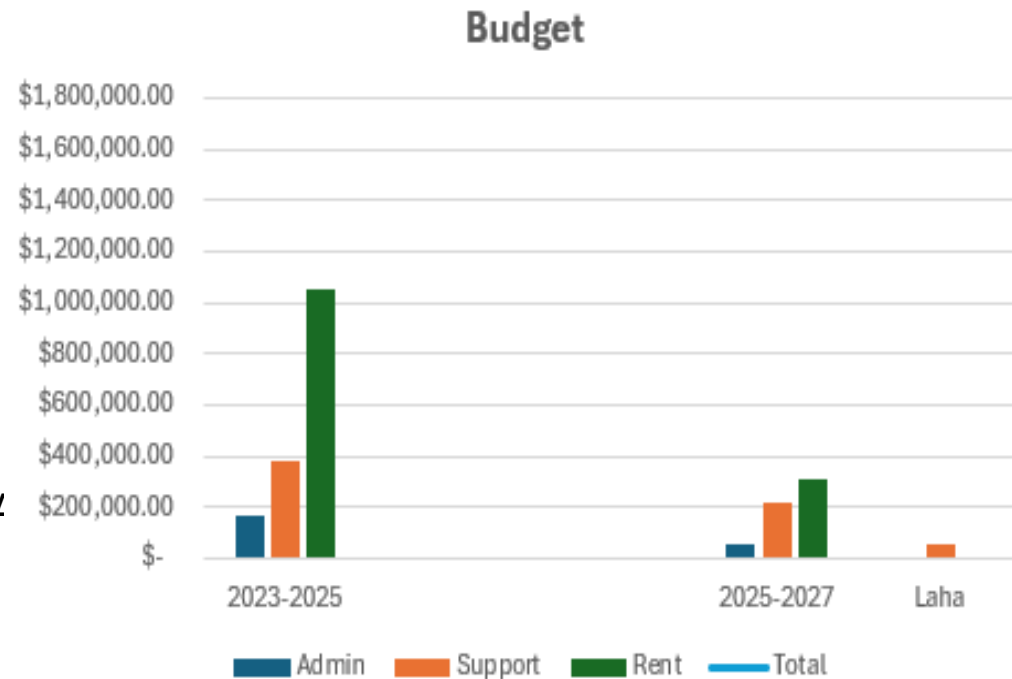
- Eligibility
 - Dakota Resident
 - Under 200% Poverty Guidelines
 - Past Due Rent
 - At-risk of becoming homeless

- Since January 1, 2026 there has been 445 calls answered

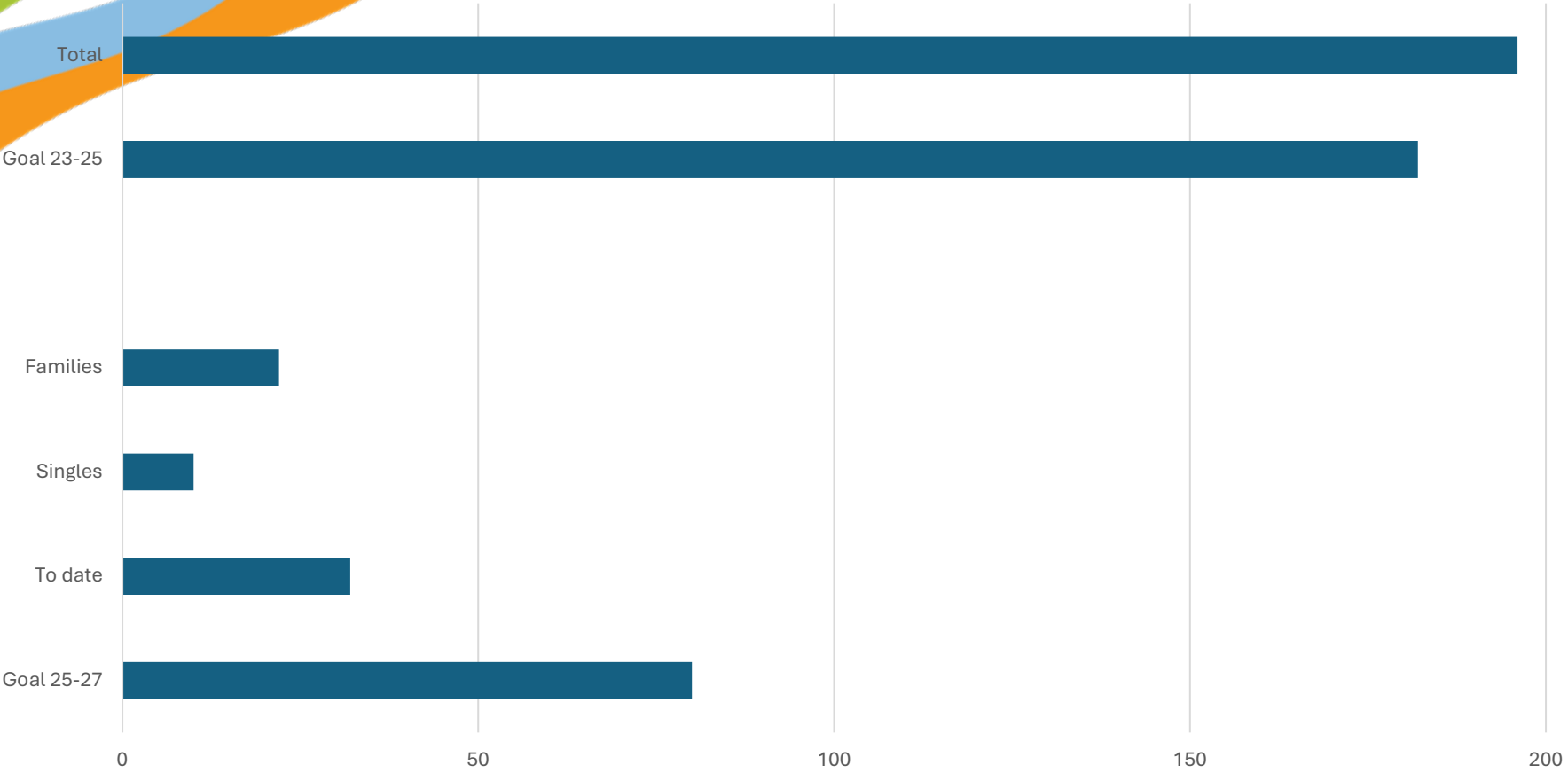


Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

- Purpose to provide crisis management to those who are at risk of losing their housing.
 - Rental Assistance
 - Light case management
 - Resource and referral
 - Landlord/Tenant Education
 - \$585,451.00 FHPAP
 - \$50,000.00 LAHA
 - \$25,000.00 Eagan LAH/



Numbers Served with FHPAP



Haralson Apartments

- Purpose is to provide support services to individuals who formerly were unhoused and help them maintain the housing.
 - CAP provides support to 16 units in the building
 - All tenants work on goals that are person centered
 - All were long-term homeless and disabled
 - All receive rental assistance to meet their housing costs

- CAP is at the property in Apple Valley 2 days a week.
- Works along side the property manager
- Helps problem solve and connect to resources
- Provides an onsite activity quarterly
- Picks up food from Open Door Pantry, in Eagan



CAP Housing Properties

CAP owns 11 properties, 44 units

- 14 – 1-bedrooms
- 20 – 2-bedrooms
- 0 – 3-bedrooms
- 2 – 4-bedrooms
- 8- Single room occupancy units
- 35 of these units in Dakota
- 9 of these units are in Scott

Focused on serving the hardest to house

- Homeless
- High barriers
- Those with vouchers and who have case management.

Meet the tenants where they are at, help them develop positive rental history and safe place to focus on their goals.



CAP

IMPACT



Distributed
2.76 million
pounds of food to
74,000 individuals

Educated
277 children
through Head Start
and Early Head Start



Delivered
100,253 meals
to **853 Seniors**
through Senior Meals on Wheels

Distributed
873 backpacks
to k-12 students as a part of
Backpacks for Success



Assisted
1,281 individuals
through housing services



Energy assistance provided to
20,254 individuals



Questions



General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5696

Agenda #: 6.1

Meeting Date: 6/9/2026

DEPARTMENT: Library

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Self-Service Hours And Overview Of Metropolitan Library Service Agency

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Provide an update on Self-Service Hours at the libraries and an overview of Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA).

SUMMARY

Staff will provide an update on Self-Service Hours including promotion, costs, security and use. Self-Service Hours was piloted in August of 2022 and made available at all library locations by August of 2024.

The Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) promotes cooperation among its members and the public access to resources, programs, and other services with funding from the State of Minnesota. The MELSA Director will share information about MELSA, the regional public library system that includes the eight Twin Cities public library systems.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None
- Current budget
- Other
- Amendment Requested
- New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides - Self-Service Hours

Attachment: Presentation Slides - MELSA

BOARD GOALS

- Thriving People
- A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources

A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

Excellence in Public Service

CONTACT

Department Head: Jennifer Reichert Simpson

Author: Jennifer Reichert Simpson



Self-Service Hours

Jennifer Reichert Simpson
Library Director

Overview

- Library card holders 18 or older can sign up to use the library 6 a.m.–11 p.m., seven days a week, including holidays.
- 598 Self-Service Hours a week; 592 staffed hours a week.

Timeline

- Authorization to pilot August 2022.
- Pilot at Farmington Library January 2023.
- Authorization to expand to all locations August 2023.
- Service at all locations by August 2024.

One Time - \$338,900

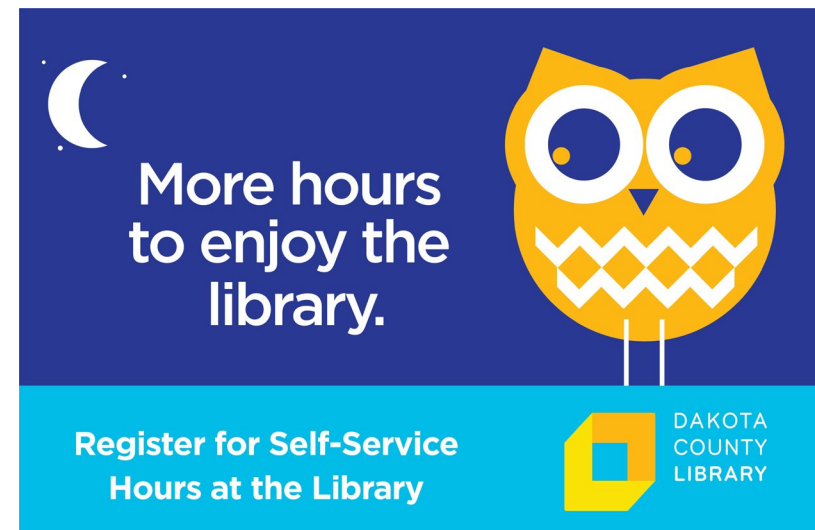
- \$320,000 – County funding (card readers, cameras and speakers).
- \$18,900 – MELSA funding (additional cameras and speakers).

Ongoing - \$475,700

- \$305,700 for Staff time 2.5 FTE.
- \$160,000 for utilities a year.
- \$10,000 for cards a year.

- 16 out of 170 library security incidents occurred during Self-Service Hours in 2025.
- Self-Service Hours accounts for 9.4% of library security incidents and 7.7% of visits in 2025.
- Currently, the library has temporarily or permanently revoked access from 13 individuals.

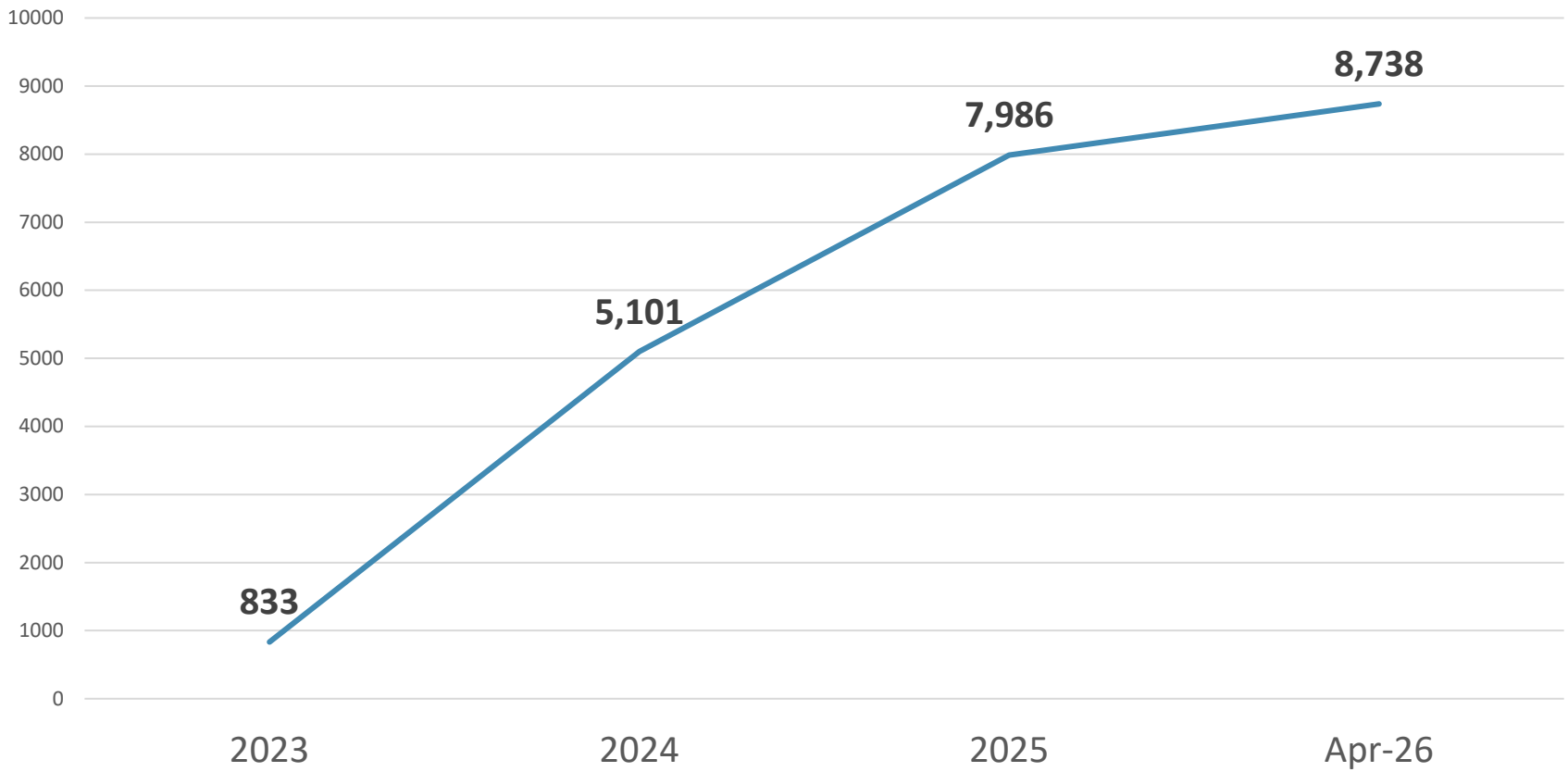
- **Launch campaign:** email to every library card holder, e-news, paid advertising, news coverage, social media, county newsletter.
- **Ongoing promotion:** point of sale, library podcast, social media, digital signs, posters.
- **Challenge and opportunity:** build awareness beyond books.



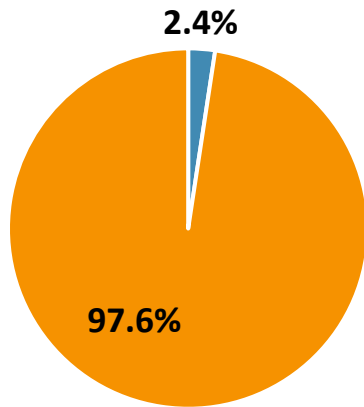
Registered Customers



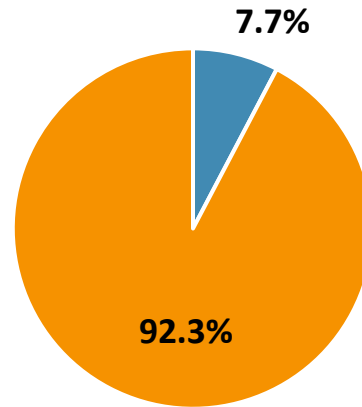
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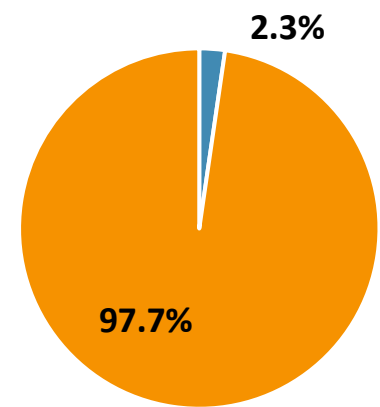
Card Holders



Visits

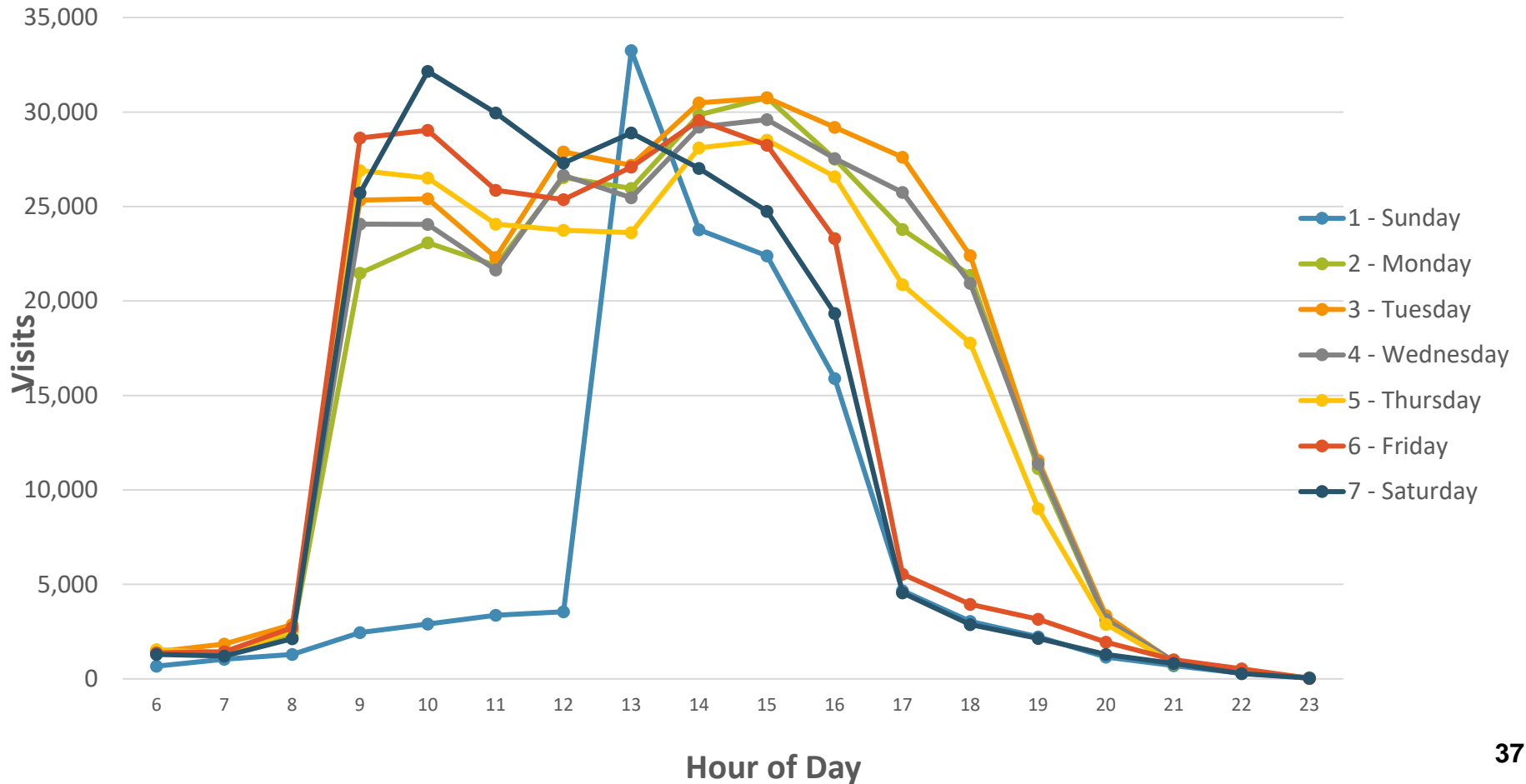


Checkouts



■ Self-Service Hours ■ Staffed Hours

Visits by Hour and Day



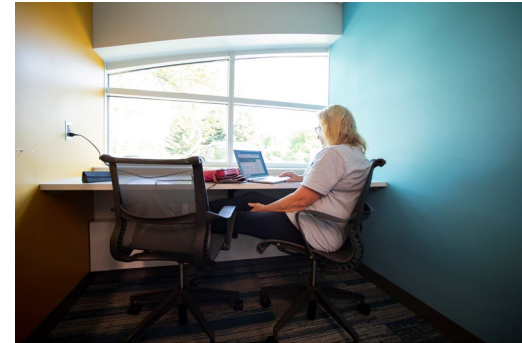
How Residents Use the Service

“Maintaining a full time job, while going to school, and being a parent can become hard to manage. I use the self service hours to get homework done and catch up in my studies.”

“For 4-H we have an activity called "Project Bowl" that is a knowledge competition. For the Poultry Project, we have been using the hours to meet at the library and study as a group for competition”

“It’s extremely convenient. I love not having to consider whether or not the library is open when wanting to stop by with my kids or pick up books on hold. Thank you for providing this service for Dakota county residents!”

“Use the kids play area to play with my child, colored the bookmarks (great idea!), read books, used the scanner (love this feature) and checked out books”



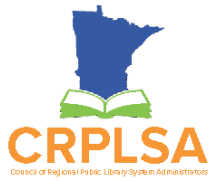
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Questions & Discussion



Metropolitan Library Service Agency

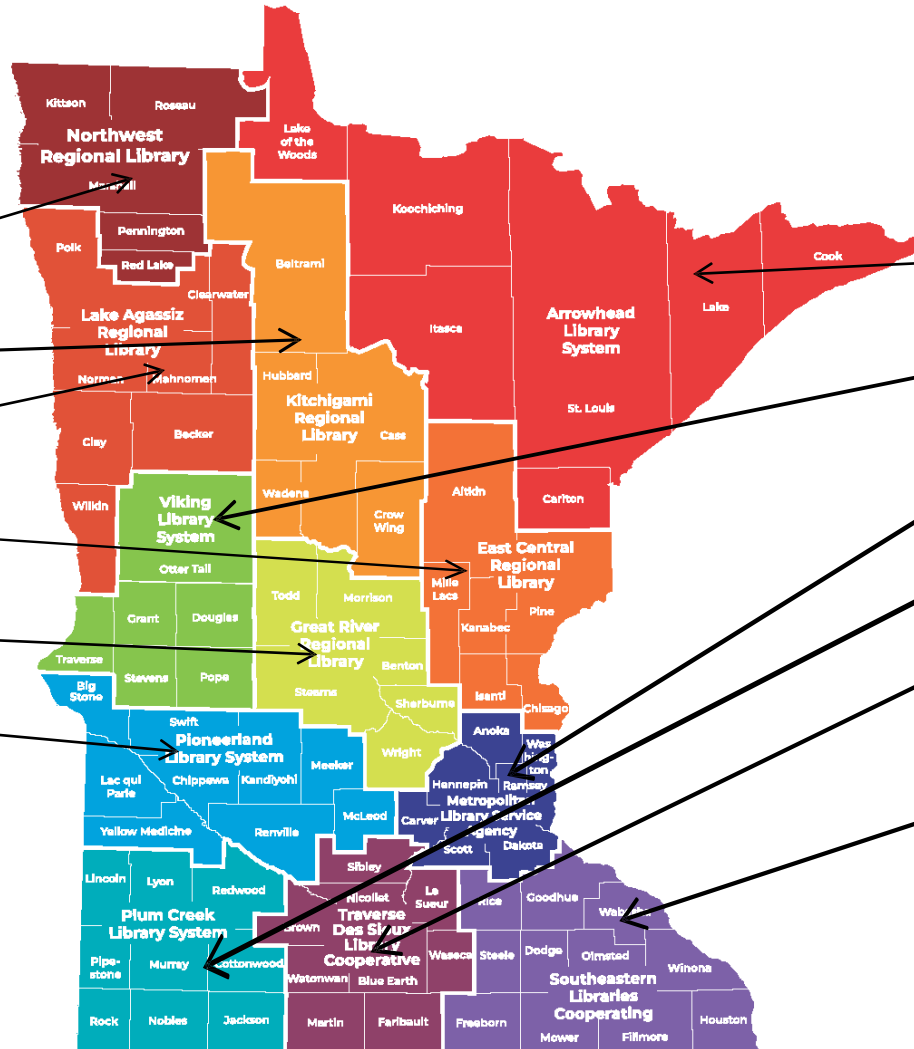
Sherry Wichitchu
Executive Director



Minnesota Regional Public Library Systems

Consolidated Systems:

- Northwest
- Kitchigami
- Lake Agassiz
- East Central
- Great River
- Pioneerland



Federated Systems:

- Arrowhead
- Viking
- MELSA
- Plum Creek
- Traverse des Sioux
- SELCO

Purpose Statement

Through collaboration, MELSA communicates, expands access, invests in, and advocates for strong public libraries.



DEFINE AND COMMUNICATE MELSA'S ROLE

- 1.1** Consistently clarify MELSA's role and scope of work with internal and external partners.
- 1.2** Enhance communication among MELSA, its member libraries, and their communities.
- 1.3** Lead membership in creating equitable access to resources and experiences for the communities they serve.



EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ERESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY

- 2.1** Leverage resources to best meet overall need for eResources and digital collections.
- 2.2** Support equitable access to technology for all member libraries.



INVEST IN LIBRARY COLLABORATION

- 3.1** Collaboratively curate and connect members and MELSA staff to professional training opportunities.
- 3.2** Facilitate collaboration and networking opportunities for MELSA and member libraries.
- 3.3** Support and cultivate programs and services responsive to the needs of our member libraries.



ADVOCATE FOR THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- 4.1** In collaboration with members raise public awareness, support, and value for libraries.
- 4.2** Work with partners, state agencies, and legislators at all levels to benefit member libraries and the communities they serve.

MELSA means Dakota County Library can provide more services *without* putting the full cost on local taxpayers



More Digital Resources

eBooks, audiobooks, online learning, and homework help shared across the metro



Shared Technology

Library apps, online catalogs, and systems that help libraries work together



More Efficient Spending

Libraries share costs instead of each library paying separately for the same services



More Access for Residents

Dakota County residents can access materials and services from libraries across the Twin Cities metro

Nearly \$1 Million

in annual services, technology, and resources provided to Dakota County Library through MELSA

2025 MELSA Benefits to Dakota County

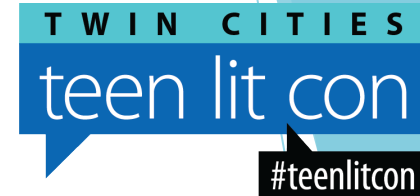
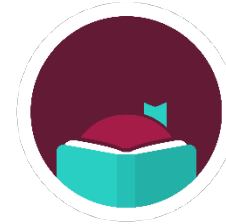
Direct Funding:

General Operations	\$284,117
Programming	\$35,555
Staff Training	\$27,511
Arts and Culture Funds	\$147,782
Telecommunications	<u>\$46,680</u>
Total	\$541,645

An additional \$417,261 in value is received from collaborative projects such as Libby, e-resources, Interlibrary Loan, promotion and community partnerships.

Total Value to Dakota County \$958,906

With MELSA



Libby.



COLLABORATIVE LITERACY PROJECT



Learning for Every Chapter



Together, we're building a metro where learning is accessible, inclusive, and lifelong. Contact your local library to explore programs designed for your community.

Dakota County's Collaborative Literacy Project

Helping more children become confident readers

What This Program Would Provide

- Easy-to-read books that help children practice reading skills
- Engaging books for older kids who struggle with reading
- More materials that match how reading is taught in schools today



Why It Matters

- Helps families find the right books for their children
- Gives kids more opportunities to practice reading outside of school
- Supports students who may be falling behind
- Builds stronger partnerships between libraries and schools

Strong reading skills help children succeed in school and beyond.



Dakota County's Collaborative Literacy Project

Connecting students with one-on-one reading support

What This Pilot Program Would Provide

- Volunteer reading tutors trained through Reading Partners
- Reading activities and lessons for students
- Chromebooks for tutors to use during sessions

Why the Library?

- Libraries are trusted community spaces for learning
- The program would give families another place to find academic support
- The pilot will help determine whether the program could grow in the future

Extra reading support can make a lifelong difference for struggling readers.





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