

2025 Minot Public Library Annual Report



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Library Director

Hello, community members and neighbors! My name is Joshua Pikka, and I am the Library Director at the Minot Public Library. I want to give you an overview of 2025 and share what to look forward to in 2026 and beyond.

The Minot Public Library had quite a year in 2025. In July, our Library Director left for another position out of state, and I was chosen to be our interim director. I would like to thank our staff and board, who helped guide our library through the interim period. Although the change of directors can sometimes bring a lot of tension and stress, I am happy to say that 2025 ended on a good note. We continue to look into the future with a positive outlook.

The library and its patrons were very busy in 2025. Over 24,000 people attended one of our programs or outreach events, nearly 30,000 eBooks and eAudiobook items were checked out, and just under 95,000 people stepped through our doors. That is one busy year!

We continue to provide great value to our patrons, as every dollar spent delivers over \$7 in services to the community. We are happy to be here for our community and to create a welcoming environment for everyone.

I really would like to thank everyone who made 2025 possible. A special thanks goes to our library board. Another thanks goes out to the staff who actually do the work that makes everything possible. And of course, we wouldn't want to forget our community- everything we do is to help you!

Thank you!
Joshua Pikka

MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY GOVERNANCE

Mission

The Minot Public Library is the center of information and exploration for the community.

Vision

The Library will be a leader in both traditional and state of the art library services, be responsive to the diverse interests and needs of residents of all ages and create productive partnerships within the community and region.

Core Values

CONNECT

ENRICH

INSPIRE

Board of Trustees

Christine Cherry
President

KayLee Bourquin
Vice President

Rob Fuller
City Council Rep

Mark Lyman
Secretary

Kate Rock
Member

The Library Board of Trustees governs library operations. Board members must be residents of Minot and are appointed under the authority of state statute to three-year terms. The Board meets on the third Thursday of every month at 4:15 PM in the Library's lower-level meeting room. The meeting dates are subject to change by action of the Board.

Minot City Council Members

Mayor Mark Jantzer

Mike Blessum Mike Hayes Lisa Olson

Rob Fuller Paul Pitner Scott Samuelson

Friends of the Minot Public Library



The Friends of the Minot Public Library is a volunteer nonprofit organization that supports the library's mission and raises awareness of the library's critical role in the community. The Friends assist the library through fundraising, advocacy, and programming, enabling it to better serve the residents of our community. They are most visible in the community with the book sales that they hold several times each year.

The Friends of the Library welcomes new members. Ask any library staff member how to join today!

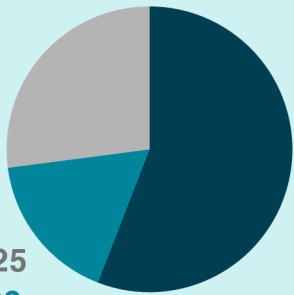
\$ 12,400	Books & Materials
\$ 700	Haunted House
\$ 350	Staff In-Service
\$ 2,00	Overdrive/Libby
\$ 616.38	2024 Holiday Social & Postage
\$ 29.56	Book Sale Ads
\$ 2,500	Children's Library Mural
\$ 1,506	Children's Programming
\$ 1,506	Teen Programming
\$ 1,206	Adult Programming
\$ 300	Sweater Weather Prizes
\$ 4,728	3D Printer & Filament
\$ 300	Minecraft Server
\$ 500	Staff Fund
\$ 380	2026 Calendars
\$ 490.80	2025 Holiday Social

TOTAL GIVING **\$29,512.74**

Thank You

CONNECT

Yearly Program Breakdown by Age



Adults - 5,225

Teens - 3,292

Kids - 10,791

*includes on-site, off-site, and outreach

On Site Programs

Program Participation **9,032**

Total Programs **377**

Outreach

People Reached **3,152**

Events Attended **22**

Off Site Programs

Program Participation **7,124**

Total Programs **108**

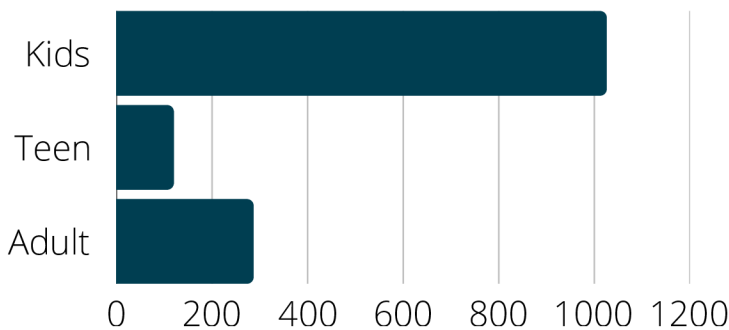
Passive Programs

Program Participation **5,069**

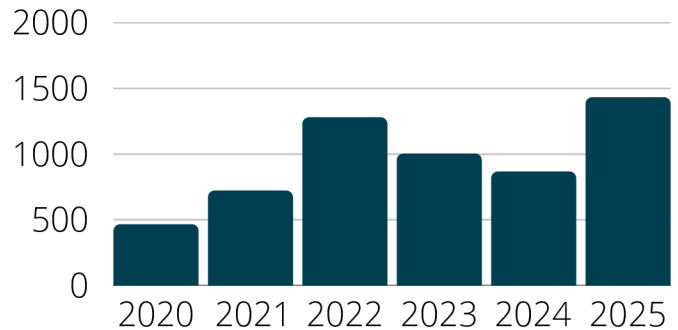
Total Programs **84**

Summer Reading Program

2025 Participation by Age



Summer Reading Participation By Year



Participants: **2025: 1433**

2024: 867

Days Read: **42,373**

Prizes Earned: **894**

Sweater Weather Reading Challenge

Minot Public Library continued our winter reading program from November 2025 to February 2026.

November: Mystery

- Participants: 182
- Days Read: 2,681

January: Fantasy

- Participants: 110
- Days Read: 1,407

December: Your Choice

- Participants: 151
- Days Read: 2,281

February: Romance

- Participants: 151
- Days Read: 2,281

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Challenge

This reading challenge encourages brain development in children, pre-literacy skills, vocabulary, and strengthens the family bond.

Total Participation **403**

Books Read **67,826**

Completions **20**

ENRICH

Circulation by Collection

Children's books	50.3%
Adult & YA books	35.5%
Adult & YA DVDs	3.9 %
Children's DVDs	3%
Children's Audiobooks	2.7%
Adult & YA Audiobooks	1.9%
Makerspace, Tools, Other	1.7%
Ed Kits & Book Paks	0.7%
Magazines	0.3%



8,209 New & Donated Items added to collection

211,461 Total checkouts & renewals

2025 Top Circulation

Top 3-Week Checkout Items

Books, Audiobooks, Playaways, Music, Launchpads, Magazines, e-Readers, and Makerspace Equipment

1 - *Bluey. Barky Boats* (21x- book)

2 - *Dog Man. A Tale of Two Kitties*
by Dav Pilkey (20x- book)

Top 2-Week Checkout Items

Binge Boxes, Digital Experience, DVDs, TonieBoxes/Tonies, and Video Games.

1 - *Princess Peach Showtime* (43x- video game)

2 - *Pete the cat.* (25x- tonie)

Top 1-Week Checkout Items

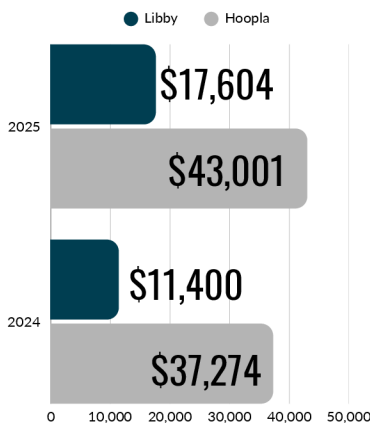
Board Games, ED Kits, Experience Passes, and Tools

1 - *Pretty, Pretty Princess* (32x- board game)

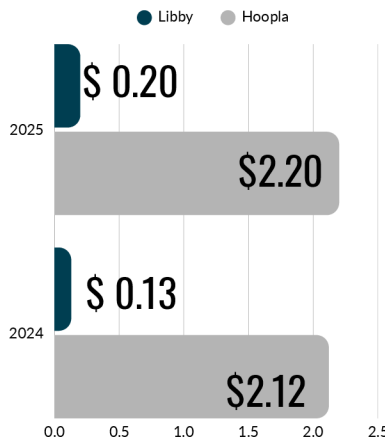
2 - *Roosevelt Zoo Park Pass*
(24x- experience pass)

Digital Collection

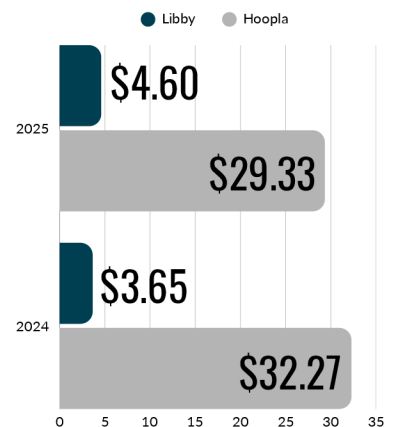
Cost of Service



Cost Per Borrowed Item*



Cost Per Unique User*



*yearly average

Friends of the Library Donations

	Libby	Hoopla
2025	\$2,000	\$15,000
2024	\$0	\$6,000

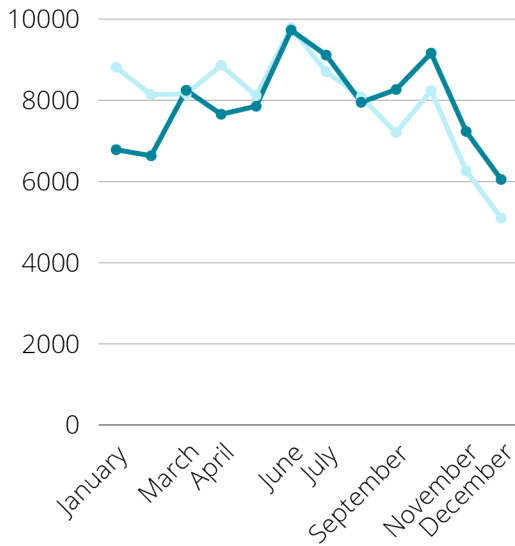
Unique Monthly Borrowers

	Libby	Hoopla
2025	19,564	6,689
2024	17,839	4,989

Items Checked Out

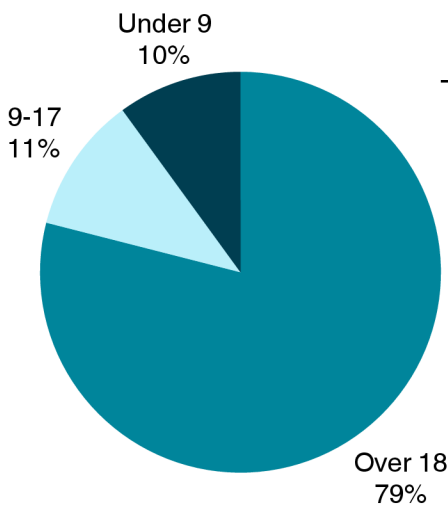
	Libby	Hoopla
2025	93,318	20,183
2024	87,448	16,761

MPL Foot Traffic



2025 - 94,701 2024 - 95,492

Library Card Holders



Total Cards Added in 2025

3,212

Total Card Holders

17,690

“Very nice library, my son loves the children's library and that he gets to go play. They've got tons of activities for kids of all ages, even adults!”

Google Review
(Kelsey- October 2025)

Community Rooms

In 2025, we saw **1,261 hours** of use in our 3 community rooms.

Quick Facts

WiFi Sessions	2025	139,844
	2024	131,364

Reference Questions	2025	12,647
	2024	11,925

Homebound Delivered Items	2025	1,793
	2024	2,403

Building & Grounds

- Space Needs Assessment completed, indicating a cost range of 1.15M to 7.6M, as several ideas were presented. Most notable expenses were the older electrical & mechanical components and accessibility needs.
- Added security cameras and updated security hardware, costing \$9,726.
- Patron donation supported revamp of the speaker system in the children's library and the addition of microphones for programming, donation \$10,000.
- Completed year 2 of a 3-year savings plan to purchase a new roof for the Library in 2027, saved so far \$185,354. (\$80,000 more will be saved in 2026)

FINANCIALS

2025 Property Taxes



OUT OF \$100

School District 39.90%
= \$39.90



City of Minot 28.50%
= \$28.50



Ward County 17.72% = \$17.72



Minot Park District 13.59%
= \$13.59

State of ND 0.29% = \$0.29

*General Fund - Public Safety 44.87% = \$7.93

*General Fund - Highways & Streets 33.23% = \$5.87

Flood Control 16.04% = \$4.57

*General Fund - General Government 21.90% = \$3.87

Library 7.80% = \$2.22

General Obligation Bonds 4.20% = \$1.20

General Fund E 4.01% = \$1.14

Public Transportation 2.60% = \$0.74

Airport 2.08% = \$0.59

Cemetery 1.10% = \$0.31

Special Assessment Bonds 0.15% = \$0.04

*General Fund Total: 62.02% = \$17.68
Public Safety = 44.87%
Highways & Streets = 33.23%
General Government = 21.90%

Return on Investment

Population of Minot 47,791

2024 estimate from census.gov

Minot Public Library's 2025 Budget

\$2,293,863

For every \$1 MPL spent, we
provided \$7.43 in service.

Service Value Per Person

\$356.81

Value of Service offered by the
Minot Public Library in 2025

\$17,052,483

(based on services and costs of services provided by others)

Funding Sources

Property Taxes	86.52%
Sales Tax*	8.68%
Copies, Fees, Interest	1.92%
State Aid	1.79%
Donations, Grants, & Friends of the Library	1.06%

*Sales tax is a 3-year savings plan for structural repair.
(2024-2026)

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	71 %
Supplies, Equipment, Tech, Etc.	14 %
Collections	12 %
Utilities	3 %