

Millinocket Memorial Library Director's Report

April/May 2026

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LIBRARY UPDATES

Programs	In April and May, we continued to offer recurring programs like Teen Crafter Collab, MahJong, weekly children's storytime and the new weekly crochet group. We also hosted Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters' vacation camp during the April vacation. Upcoming June programs include local author Chris Davis on June 17; Historic Postcards of the Katahdin region on June 27; and most importantly, Summer Reading Kickoff on Friday, June 26! Summer reading kicks off on June 26, and Darling's Ice Cream Truck returns for the kickoff this year! We have an exciting lineup of summer programs for kids, including the always-popular bubble party, digging for dinosaurs, and weekly craft sessions geared towards kids 5-11 in addition to our weekly teen Crafternoons. We are also serving as a summer meal site again this year, starting June 22. All children 18 and under can get free meals at the library on weekdays, 11 am - 4 pm.
Help Desk	In April, 25 people were assisted through the library's help desk program, the majority with tech help questions. An additional 20 people received tech help and resource navigation services at the circulation desk.
Facilities	Our patio is now open for the season and able to be used! We are also working on our Wifi network, and will soon have outside Wifi back up and accessible for people to use from the patio or outdoor picnic tables if needed. We are in the process of scheduling professional radon testing for the library basement to determine the need for mitigation.
Development	The library received a small grant (\$8,800) from the Association of Rural and Small Libraries to install a fence around the pellet silo, make minor landscaping improvements, and add plants to our garden this summer.
Operations	MML Extended Summer Hours have begun! We will be open until 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. All other library hours will remain unchanged.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Patrons	April 2026	March 2026	Change	April 2025
Cardholders	3352	3326	26	3086

Adult Cardholders	2634	2580	54	2429
Youth Cardholders	691	686	5	654
Millinocket Resident Cardholders	2457	2440	17	2292
Out of State Cardholders	85	85	0	95

Circulation	April 2026	March 2026	Change	April 2025
Active Cardholders	295	287	8	305
Circulation	989	1171	-182	1369
Active Cloudlibrary Users	37	32	5	35
Imagination Library Users	177	175	2	188

Program Engagement	April 2026	March 2026	Change	April 2025
Adult Programs	11	12	-1	12
Adult Program Attendance	119	137	-18	94
Children's Programs	21	21	0	18
Children's Program Attendance	89	99	-10	69
Community Meetings	25	27	-2	20
Community Meeting Attendance	142	120	22	152
Foot Traffic	2766	2775	-9	1975
Library Volunteer Hours	78	89	-11	171
Number of Reportable Incidents	2	4	-2	1

Facilities	April 2026	March 2026	Change	April 2025
Hours Open	154	161	-7	161
Computer Sessions	313	276	37	230
Public Meeting Room Use	157	162	-5	157
EV Charges	5	1	4	4