



Library Advisory Board Meeting Monday, May 18, 2026 12:30 pm In-Person at Iroquois Branch

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District 1-Fischer (President)	District 4- Howells (Vice-President)	District 7- Aoh (Secretary)
District 2- Shoemaker	District 5- Bennett	At-Large- vacant
District 3- Kubiak	District 6- Grove	At-Large- Groves

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2026**
3. **Public Comment- (limit to 15 minutes)**
4. **Library Reports**
 - a. Report of the Director- Jessica Spitulski
 - b. Staff Reports- Alyssa Johnson
 - c. Review of Financial Report-
 - d. Statistical and Other Reports-
 - e. Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church
 - f. Report of County Council Liaison- Terry Scutella
 - g. Report of Friends of the Library- Karen Miller
 - h. Report of Erie Regional Library Foundation-
5. **Unfinished Business-**
 - a. None
6. **New Business-**
 - a. None
7. **Adjournment**
8. **Appendix**
 - a. Announcements
 - b. News Articles

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4. Library Reports

a. Report of the Director- Jessica Spitulski

- Upcoming Library Closures- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
- Spring Staff Development Day recap
- Children’s Renovation Update
 - General Contractor Awarded
- Staffing Updates-
 - Bookmobile position

b. Staff Reports- Alyssa Johnson

- HistErie
- Summer Library Program

c. Review of Financial Report-

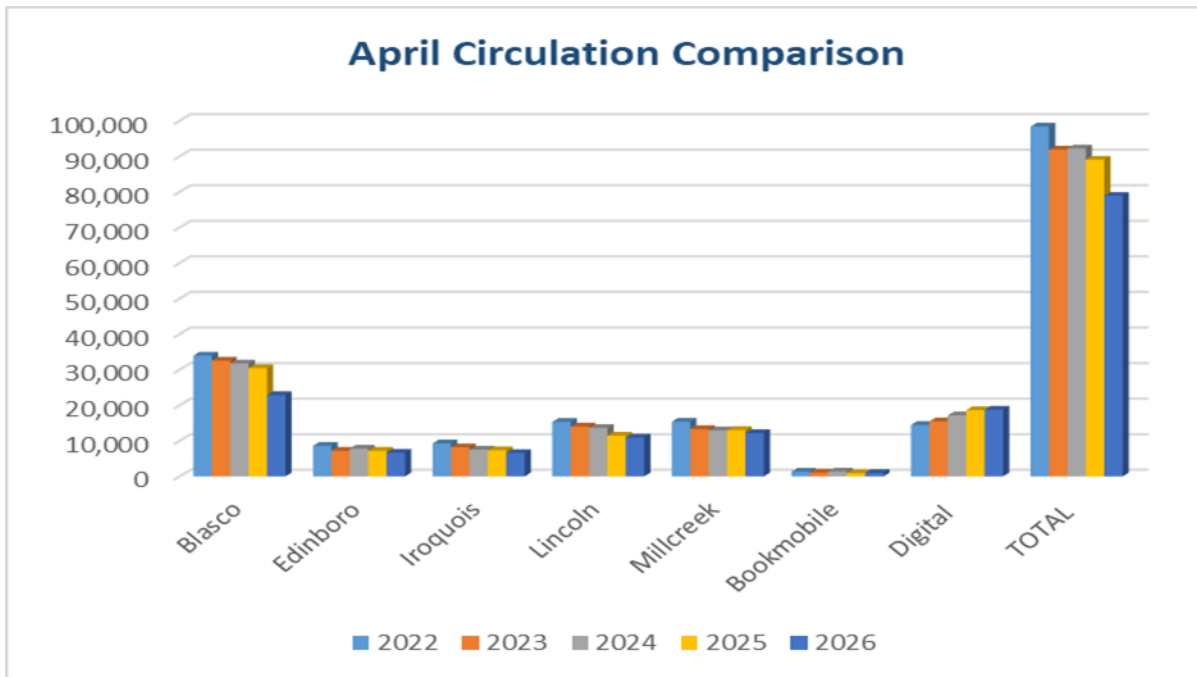
- 2026 May Financials

d. Statistical and Other Reports-

Numbers Snapshot

- 445 new cards issued
- 2036 WiFi logins, 2889 PC users
- 28,869 Patron visits ↓11% from April 2026 (Blasco was closed for 2 additional days, branches 1 additional day due to holidays and renovation).
- **121 programs, 1841 attendees.**
- Desk questions

Month	Type	Directions	Collection	Electronic	Program	Research	Total
April	In person	903	1278	527	437	410	3555
April	Online		3	1	0	0	4
April	phone	377	375	182	176	282	1392
		1280	1656	710	613	692	4951



* 9/2/25 Bayfront Road closure.

* Jan 2026- reduced public parking at Blasco

* April 2026- Blasco closed 2 additional days for holiday and renovation. Branches closed 1 additional day

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Blasco	33,980	32,556	31,746	30,445	22,863
Edinboro	8,611	7,213	7,820	7,223	6,636
Iroquois	9,276	8,188	7,524	7,357	6,561
Lincoln	15,316	14,031	13,642	11,462	10,923
Millcreek	15,386	13,312	12,949	13,017	12,182
Bookmobile	1,312	1,095	1,376	906	973
Digital	14,493	15,484	17,165	18,643	18,744
TOTAL	98,374	91,879	92,222	89,053	78,882

e. [Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church](#)

District Services Report as of May 15, 2026

Updates for ECPL LAB Report

Submitted by Jessica Church, District Consultant

Additional Libby E-Resources Now Available

The District covers the cost of access to the e-resources listed below and is available through Libby on both the Erie County and Crawford County platforms. Patrons can borrow 7-day passes with unlimited renewals to use the content. It's anticipated that the cost-per-circ/cost-per-pass model will be more cost effective than an annual,

flat fee which is typically based on population size and not actual usage. Hop in with your Libby app or visit LibbyApp.com to try them out!

- **(NEW) Classica**: Stingray Classica is the world's premium classical music destination dedicated to classical music, opera, and ballet.
- **(Continued) Craftsy**: Craftsy is an online resource for all creative makers from basic instruction to advanced techniques for fabric and yarn crafts, baking, drawing, and much more.
- **(NEW-ish) The Great Courses**: The Great Courses offer engaging and understandable lectures by esteemed professors, professionals, and experts in topics ranging from history, science, and much more. (Courses are available through Hoopla as well. Hoopla is also a cost-per-circ model for a comparable cost. Crawford does not have Hoopla, so this is a new option for their residents.)
- **(NEW) iNDIEFLIX**: iNDIEFLIX is a streaming movie service that offers access to pop culture favorites, box office hits, award-winning feature films, documentaries, and shorts.
- **(NEW) Qello Concerts**: Qello Concerts by Stingray is a collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on demand to just about any digital device.

New Delivery Van

Using the District and Erie's County Coordination Aid increases from State Aid, ECPL has acquired a new, larger vehicle with all-wheel drive for interlibrary loan delivery. The plan will be to remove the wrap on the Promaster and wrap both vans with art that represents libraries in Erie and Crawford counties. This will allow the vehicles to be interchangeable depending on need. We'll be excited to see them out on the road!

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Next board meeting will be held Monday, June 15 at 12:30pm via zoom.

- b. [News Articles](#)

Spring Cleaning? Donate unwanted books, help Erie County libraries

Erie Times News, April 16, 2026

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