

Librarian's Report
For February 16, 2026 Meeting

1. Submission of Reports

- a. The Per Capita Grant application and Expenditures report were submitted Jan. 23.
- b. The Technology Grant quarterly report was submitted January 15.
- c. The required Annual Certification was submitted January 28. Libraries that are members of a regional library system are required by statute to annually certify that they are compliant with the membership criteria as set forth in the Illinois Administrative Code (23 ILAC 3030.200).

2. Lazerware Fee Increase

Lazerware's monthly fee is increasing by \$107.55.

3. Amendments to the Technology Grant

There is still \$7850.28 in the Technology Grant fund. The State Library is getting concerned that the money may not get spent before the June 2026 deadline. (**I always get grant money spent before the deadline**). I had originally planned for the additional funds to be spent on making our website ADA compliant. For populations of less than 50,000, the deadline to be compliant is April 27, 2027. I have had a bit of trouble getting a response to the cost to update our website as well as a vendor, hence the delay. I can submit an amendment to the grant for other needed equipment/services if time runs short. Suggestions for this are paying our phone & internet services for several months ahead, new computers for staff, new printer for staff and/or patrons, yearly fees for belonging to SHARE (the Friends now pay this). I am going to continue to pursue the website update, but keep these other possibilities in mind. The budget amendment, if changes are needed, is May 1. This is for your information and if you should have other suggestions for the use of the grant funds.

4. HeadStart Tour

Beryle entertained the area's HeadStart group on a tour of the library. There were 12 children along with their adult caregivers. After the tour, she read a story to them and then played in the children's area.