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## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

March 12, 2024, 6:30pm

West Branch Public Library Community Room

Online Attendance is available at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510234590">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510234590</a>, by phone at 1-312-626-6799, or by a Zoom application on mobile device with meeting code 845 1023 4590.

Roll Call

Approve agenda

Approve minutes February 13

Open Forum

Financial condition report and approval of expenditures February 2025 March 2025 in progress

Director's Report

Discuss/approve budget for replacement of patron computer

Discuss ideas for outdoor plantings

Training

Discuss ILOC video "Evaluating Your Library's Value Beyond Cost-Benefit Analysis" https://youtu.be/-6Sa2bUpfl8?si=Pp9ZgLYffkp872Pp

Next meeting

Next meeting April 9 @ 6:30pm

Adjourn

# WEST BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510234590

February 13, 2025

Meeting commenced at: 6:33 PM

#### Roll Call

#### Present:

- Jessie Schafer (Director)
- Annika Pettitt (Secretary)
- Lizabeth Osborne (President)
- Seth Goodspeed (Vice President)
- Holly Waison (Trustee)
- Erin Monaghan (Trustee)

#### Absent:

- Lisa Kofoed (Trustee)
- Deb Kauffman-Watson (Trustee)

#### **Meeting Agenda and Minutes:**

On a motion by Trustee Monaghan the agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Trustee Pettitt and seconded by Trustee Waison the December 2024 minutes were unanimously approved

#### **Open Forum:**

The board agreed that closing the library for inclement weather on 2/12 was a very smart idea.

#### **Financial Condition Report:**

-Question the Liability Insurance shows a cost over budgeted amount. Jessie confirmed this is a value calculated by the city and not something that will need to be found/reallocated from other library funds.

On a motion by Trustee Waison and seconded by Trustee Osborne the financial report was unanimously approved.

#### **Director's Report:**

See meeting packet for additional notes

#### Additions to the Packet:

• Author visit with H.W. Bouwman has been rescheduled for Friday 2/21 at 5:30

#### Discuss painting the interior of the library

-Jessie has a recommendation for someone to paint the interior walls of the library. Given the time since the last painting and the availability of both maintenance and capital improvement funds, the board agrees that she should get a quote.

#### Motion to adjourn to closed session

Purpose of adjournment: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered as part of an annual review process and that individual requests a closed session pursuant to Section 21.5(i) of the Code of Iowa.

On a motion by Trustee Goodspeed and seconded by Trustee Monaghan the motion to close the session was unanimously approved at 7:04

#### Discuss/Approve performance plan and review of Library Director

Closed Session Adjourned: 7:35

#### Discuss/Approve Library director performance plan for 2025

Provided limited feedback and adjustments to the Library Director performance plan and goals for 2025.

#### Discuss times for future meetings

Still staying with Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49

Next Meeting is March 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM

West Branch																	
Туре	J	uly	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	M	<b>I</b> ay	June	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining \$
Full-Time Salaries	\$	7,321.76	\$ 10,982.64	\$ 7,321.76	\$ 7,321.76	\$ 7,321.76	\$ 7,321.	6 \$ 11,113.86	s -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 96,498.00	\$ 58,705.30	\$ 37,792.70
Part-Time Salaries	\$	1,621.80	\$ 2,183.55	\$ 127.50	\$ 165.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 945.0	0 \$ 2,288.00	s -	s -	s -	\$	-	s -	\$ 24,804.00	\$ 7,660.85	\$ 17,143.15
Dues/Memberships - 6210	S	-	s -	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	s -	\$ -	\$ 185.00	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 360.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 15.00
Travel and Conference - 6240	S	-	\$ 79.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.22	\$ 22.:	1 \$ -	s -	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 600.00	\$ 145.73	\$ 454.27
Building Maintenance - 6310	\$	-	\$ 1,326.21	\$ 125.25	\$ 277.83	\$ 136.87	\$ 581.5	4 \$ 108.52	\$ 296.25	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,852.47	\$ 11,147.53
Utilities - 6371	s	601.31	\$ 695.36	\$ 661.67	\$ 525.14	\$ 526.52	\$ 450.0	2 \$ 674.59	\$ 687.93	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 4,822.54	\$ 5,077.46
Telephone - 6373	\$	238.39	\$ 238.72	\$ 238.72	\$ 239.02	\$ 239.02	\$ 239.0	2 \$ 239.11	\$ 239.11	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 2,868.00	\$ 1,911.11	\$ 956.89
Janitorial Expense - 6409	S	385.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 402.50	\$ 420.00	\$ 367.5	0 \$ 280.00	\$ 472.50	\$ 367.50	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 5,785.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,285.00
Advertisement/Legal - 6414	\$	-	s -	s -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Technology Services - 6419	s	121.99	\$ 36.00	\$ 321.83	\$ 36.00	\$ 35.75	\$ 4,942.	1 \$ 191.63	\$ 36.00	s -	s -	\$	-	s -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,721.31	\$ 778.69
Contract Payments - 6498	\$	-	\$ 1,870.00	s -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129.00	s -	s -	\$	-	s -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 401.00
Office Supplies - 6506	S	-	\$ 51.22	\$ 53.41	\$ 55.22	\$ 91.61	\$ 34.8	8 \$ 104.08	\$ 62.65	\$ 61.99	s -	\$	_	s -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 515.06	\$ 1,484.94
Postage and Shipping - 6508	\$	144.52	\$ 143.60	\$ 77.37	\$ 100.00	s -	\$ 351.2	7 \$ 100.00	\$ 77.37	s -	\$ -	\$	_	s -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 994.13	\$ 505.87
Programs (Misc) - 6599	S	545.10	\$ 57.80	\$ 60.12	\$ -	\$ 71.44	\$ -	\$ 164.80	\$ 331.81	\$ 790.25	\$ -	\$	_	\$ 495.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,516.32	\$ 3,683.68
Office Equipment - 6725	\$	451.08	\$ 142.02	\$ 142.02	\$ 331.14	\$ 142.02	\$ 142.0	2 \$ 279.40	\$ 142.02	\$ 142.02	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,913.74	\$ 1,086.26
Capital Improvements - 6761	\$	-	s -	s -	s -	s -	\$ -	s -	s -	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Collections - 6770	\$	1,892.18	\$ 1,597.95	\$ 2,071.41	\$ 1,655.92	\$ 1,526.00	\$ 1,244.9	1 \$ 1,211.48	\$ 1,574.62	\$ 775.97	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 23,100.00	\$ 13,550.44	\$ 9,549.56
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Operating (non-collections)	\$	4,109.19	\$ 7,278.48	\$ 2,217.89	\$ 2,231.85	\$ 2,037.45	\$ 8,075.8	7 \$ 4,615.13	\$ 2,474.64	\$ 1,361.76	s -	\$	-				\$ 49,691.84
Liability Insurance	S	-	\$ 7,086.73	\$ -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 7,086.73	\$ (2,046.73)
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Self Funded Insurance	\$	201.84	\$ 201.84	\$ 201.84	\$ 201.84	\$ 201.84	\$ 201.8	4 \$ 201.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 1,412.88	\$ 495.12
Workman's Comp	\$	61.40	\$ 18.40	\$ 18.40	\$ 18.40	\$ 18.40	\$ 18.4	0 \$ 18.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ 171.80	\$ 48.20
General Fund total	S	1,844.42	\$ 1,801.42	\$ 1,801.42	\$ 1,801.42	\$ 1,801.42	\$ 1,801.4	2 \$ 1,803.58	s -	\$ -	\$ -	s		s -	\$ 16,202.00	\$ 12,655.10	\$ 3,546.90
Library Total Expenditures	s	15,167.55	\$ 21,660.49	\$ 13,412.48	\$ 13,010.95	\$ 12,686.63	\$ 18,443.9	6 \$ 18,744.05	\$ 4,049.26	\$ 2,137.73	s -	s	-	\$ 495.00	\$ 249,316.00	\$ 138,163.50	\$ 160,844.34
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General Property Tax	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	S -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	S -	\$ 226,587.00	\$ -	\$ 226,587.00
Interest Income	\$	-	\$ 276.75		\$ -	\$ 248.97	\$ 754.5	9 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 300.00		\$ (1,468.86)
Rural Library Assistance	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 14,367.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 24,792.00		
State Library Funding	\$		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,827.85	\$ -	\$ 922.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		-	S -	\$ 2,600.00		\$ (150.59)
Private Contributions	\$	430.15	\$ 26.70			\$ 5.05				\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	s -		\$ 1,304.26	
Fines	S	-	\$ 52.00		\$ 102.29	\$ 119.00			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	s -	\$ 400.00	\$ 298.29	\$ 101.71
Misc Revenues	\$	95.00	\$ 121.55			\$ 77.80				\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	S -	\$ 1,000.00	0,0.1)	\$ 123.81
Library Total Income	5	525.15	\$ 477.00	\$ 14,977.11	\$ 2,301.14	\$ 450.82	\$ 2,566.5	8 \$ 67.40	\$ -	s -	s -	\$	-	s -	\$ 258,679.00	\$ 21,365.20	\$ 237,313.80
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Hansen Donation CD		59,319.25					1			S -	\$ -		-	S -			
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Krouth Interest Fund		25,613.69			\$ 26,313.41		1			S -	S -		-	S -			
Krouth Money Market	\$	8,522.32								S -		\$	-	\$ -			
Margery Gray Estate		16,353.25								\$ -	s -		-	S -			
Library Total Investment	\$ 1	75,676.16	\$ 177,987.65	\$ 179,564.14	\$ 179,564.14	\$ 179,813.11	\$ 181,554.	5 \$ 181,554.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -			

Туре	Number	Category	Payee	Amount	Invoice #
Dues/Memberships		- Category	ruyee	7111104111	
Dues/ Weiliberships	031-5-4-410-6210				
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Travel/Conference	031-5-4-410-6240				
			Subtotal	\$ -	
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	031-5-4-410-6310		BEAVER HEATING & AIR - seasonal furnace maintenance	\$ 100.00	21257
			WALMART - storage bins, cleaning supplies	\$ 196.25	1660960143
			Subtotal		
Utilities	031-5-4-410-6371		ALLIANT	\$ 687.93	2-3-2025
Othitics	031-3-4-410-0371		Subtotal	•	2-3-2023
Telephone	031-5-4-410-6373		LIBERTY	\$ 239.11	2-1-2025
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Janitorial Services	031-5-4-410-6409		MOPPY MO'S	\$ 472.50	1137
James I di Jervices	031-3-4-410-0403		Subtotal		1137
Advertisement/Legal	031-5-4-410-6414				
Advertisement, Legar	031-3-4-410-0414		Subtotal	\$ -	
Technology services	031-5-4-410-6419		GOOGLE WORKSPACE - library email accounts (paid by credit card)	\$ 36.00	5165699601
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Contract Payments	031-5-4-410-6498		AMAZON - annual business Prime membership	\$ 129.00	
contract rayments	031-3-4-410-0438		Subtotal		
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Office Supplies	031-5-4-410-6506		AMAZON - tape	\$ 25.55	
			AMAZON - sign holders and colored paper	\$ 37.10	
			Subtotal	\$ 62.65	
Postage and Shipping	031-5-4-410-6508		PITNEY BOWES - postage meter lease	\$ 77.37	3320324698
			Subtotal	\$ 77.37	
Programs	031-5-4-410-6599	Youth	AMAZON - storytime supplies	\$ 117.25	
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			WALMART - snacks, program supplies	\$ 83.14	1660960143
		Adult	AMAZON - Tea/Tee Time game	\$ 19.48	
		Winter Reading	AMAZON - WARM prizes	\$ 111.94	
			Subtotal	\$ 331.81	
Office Equipment	031-5-4-410-6725		LEAF - copier lease	\$ 142.02	17862071
			Subtotal	\$ 142.02	
Capital Improvements	031-5-4-410-6761				
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Materials	031-5-4-410-6770	Adult	AMAZON	\$ 24.00	
			BAKER & TAYLOR	\$ 645.10	
		Youth	AMAZON	\$ 118.85	
			BAKER & TAYLOR	\$ 184.23	
		Electronic	KANOPY - streaming video	\$ 51.00	4377566
			OVERDRIVE - ebooks		497CO25042054
			OVERDRIVE - audiobooks		497CO25042054
		DVD	AMAZON	\$ 79.83	1004 1472 042
			AMAZON - refund on DVD		1CRW-JVT3-9K3X
			WALMART Subtotal		1660960143
			Total		

			March 2025		
Туре	Number	Category	Payee	Amount	Invoice #
Dues/Memberships	031-5-4-410-6210				
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Travel/Conference	031-5-4-410-6240			\$ -	
Travely contended	031-3-4-10-02-40		Subtotal		
Duilding Maintenance			Subtotal		
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	031-5-4-410-6310			\$ -	
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Utilities	031-5-4-410-6371		ALLIANT	\$ -	
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Telephone	031-5-4-410-6373		LIBERTY	\$ -	
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Janitorial Services	031-5-4-410-6409		MOPPY MO'S	\$ 367.50	1141
	552 5 1 125 5 155		Subtotal		
Advanticement/Legal	224 5 4 442 5444		Subtotul	Ç 307.30	
Advertisement/Legal	031-5-4-410-6414				
			Subtotal	\$ -	
Technology services	031-5-4-410-6419		GOOGLE WORKSPACE - library email accounts (paid by credit card)	\$ 36.00	5187346951
			Subtotal	\$ 36.00	
Contract Payments	031-5-4-410-6498				
			Subtotal		
Office Supplies	031-5-4-410-6506		BANKER'S ADVERTISING COMPANY	\$ 61.99	848507
			Subtotal		
Postage and Shipping	031-5-4-410-6508		PITNEY BOWES -	\$ - \$ -	
Drograms	021 5 4 410 6500	CLD	incap are supplied and arises		a a time a te
Programs	031-5-4-410-6599	SLP	iREAD - program supplies and prizes		estimate
		Youth	AMAZON - preschool playbook	\$ 65.00	
		WARM	AMAZON - kids' prize Subtotal	\$ 19.99 <b>\$ 790.25</b>	
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Office Equipment	031-5-4-410-6725		LEAF - copier lease Subtotal	\$ 142.02 <b>\$ 142.02</b>	18018067
Capital Improvements	024 5 4 440 6764		Subtotul	7 142.02	
Capital Improvements	031-5-4-410-6/61		Subtotal	\$ -	
Materials	031-5-4-410-6770	Adult	AMAZON	\$ 54.01	
Materials	0020 : 1200770	710010	BAKER & TAYLOR	\$ 365.77	
		Youth	AMAZON	\$ 57.01	
			BAKER & TAYLOR	\$ 49.56	
		Electronic	KANOPY - streaming video	\$ 8.00	442208
			OVERDRIVE - ebooks	\$ 55.00	06497CO25058530
			OVERDRIVE - audiobooks	\$ 139.98	06497CO25058530
		DVD	AMAZON	\$ 46.64	
			WALMART	\$ -	
		LOT	AMAZON	\$ -	
			Subtotal		
			Total	\$ 2,173.73	

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Туре	Number	Category	Payee	A	Mount
Dues/Memberships	031-5-4-410-6210				
			Subtotal	\$	-
Travel/Conference	031-5-4-410-6240				
Travely conference	031-3-4-410-0240		Subtotal	ć	
D 1111 A4 1 1					-
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	031-5-4-410-6310		Amazon (paper towels for bathrooms)	\$	30.59
			Walmart (duct tape, ziploc bags, batteries, baking soda)	\$	23.07
			Subtotal	\$	53.66
Utilities	031-5-4-410-6371		Alliant	\$	541.36
			Subtotal	\$	541.36
Telephone	031-5-4-410-6373		Liberty	\$	238.79
			Subtotal	\$	238.79
Janitorial Services	031-5-4-410-6409		Moppy Mo's	\$	420.00
			Subtotal	\$	420.00
Advertisement/Legal	031-5-4-410-6414				
			Subtotal	\$	-
<b>Technology services</b>	031-5-4-410-6419		Google Workspace (email and storage for wbpl.org) - CC	\$	30.00
			Amazon (chargers)	\$	31.48
			Subtotal	\$	61.48
<b>Contract Payments</b>	031-5-4-410-6498		Amazon Prime subscription	\$	129.00
			Subtotal	\$	129.00
Office Supplies	031-5-4-410-6506				
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Postage and Shipping	031-5-4-410-6508		Pitney Bowes (postage meter lease)	\$	77.37
			Subtotal	\$	77.37
Programs	031-5-4-410-6599	Youth	Amazon (program craft)	\$	11.79
		All ages	Walmart (Winter Reading prizes)	\$	43.39
			Amazon (Winter Reading prizes)	\$	271.06
			Subtotal	\$	326.24
Office Equipment	031-5-4-410-6725		Leaf (copier lease)	\$	142.02
Office Equipment	031-3-4-410-0723		Subtotal		142.02
Capital Improvements	031-5-4-410-6761			<u> </u>	
ou price improvements			Subtotal	\$	-
Materials	031-5-4-410-6770	Adult	Amazon	\$	_
	002011200770	7.00.0	Baker & Taylor	\$	797.88
		Youth	Amazon	\$	-
			Baker & Taylor	\$	107.10
		Electronic	Капору	\$	11.00
			Overdrive (ebook)	\$	27.50
			Overdrive (audio)	\$	283.99
		DVD	Amazon	\$	70.66
			Walmart	\$	-
			Subtotal	<u> </u>	1,298.13
			Total	Ş	3,288.05

March 12, 2025

## **Library Facilities**

## • Building/Grounds

- With the snow melting, I've been keeping an eye on the grounds to make sure there are no sinkholes or other safety issues forming.
- Booth table from the Teen Room is broken. It was never stable to begin with, so I am
  looking into ordering new legs for it. There's still the cafe table in the room and some teens
  have said they like it without the table, so this isn't a high priority to fix.

# Technology/IT

• One of our patron PCs is on its last legs. Because of the security camera replacement, we don't have enough left in the IT budget to replace a computer, but I think we have enough flexibility in other lines to replace at least one computer this fiscal year. I'm working on updating our equipment listing, which has gotten outdated over the past few years.

## **Library Staff/Services**

• **Continuing education:** Since we're getting back into a rhythm with three staff and regular programs, Kat and I have been focusing on our continuing education again. The state library sends out a list of online education opportunities every month and I've encouraged Kat to start prioritizing training. As a part-time employee, Mary is not required to be certified but she is welcome to participate in any training she might find helpful.

# Programs

- Book Discussion: We had a really great discussion about A
   Fever in the Heartland for Black History Month. We
   continue to prioritize reading books with a wide range of
   content, and members appreciate the diversity.
- Author visit: Our visit with H.M. Bouwman about the book Scattergood was a big success! About 19 people came and we had some great discussions about her writing process and the history of Scattergood.
- **Winter Reading Program:** 61 people signed up and 5 winners were drawn!

# **Upcoming Library Events/Activities**

- **Storytime** Fridays @ 10:15am
- **Early Out** Wednesdays @ 2:00pm on early release days
- STEAM with Ms. Howard Wednesday, March 19 at 5-7pm
- WBPL Book Discussion every 3rd Tuesday (March 18) at 7pm
  - Next book: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
- **Tea/Tee Time** First and third Monday at 1:30pm in the community room
  - o Crafts, games, and social fun for adults 18 and over!
- Spring break
  - Mario Kart Tournament Monday 3/17 at 3-4:30pm (Ages 9-14)
  - o Movie Wednesday 3/19 at 12:30 Raya and the Last Dragon
  - Storytime with Sarah Subbert from Cedar County Conservation Friday 3/21 at 10:15
- **After Hours Movie Night** Friday 3/28 at 7pm (Adults 21+)
  - o A Real Pain



# February 2025

## Circulation



2101

**January: 2226** 

Feb 2024: 2384

# **Visitors**

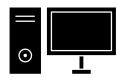


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January: 1206

Feb 2024: 1143

## **Computer Use**



239 sessions 157 hours

Jan: 252, 220 hrs

Feb 2024: 179 150 hours

# **Program Attendance**



561

January: 430

Feb 2024: 351

New strategic plan is still in progress! Since our accreditation was pushed back, the document is not the most immediate priority, however we are keeping the new service responses of <u>Stimulate Imagination</u> and <u>Know Your Community</u> at the forefront when planning programs and displays.

# Memo

**To:** Library Board of Trustees

From: Jessie Schafer, Director

Date: 3/12/2025

**Re:** Discuss/approve budget for replacement of patron computer



## **Background**

Each year the library budgets to replace several of the oldest library computers so the technology is constantly refreshed and up-to-date. This includes staff and patron computers, and is important for the functionality and security of library technology. In FY25, I had budgeted \$2,850 to replace three of the oldest computers.

We ended up having to spend \$4,712 to replace our security cameras in December, so no computers have been replaced yet.

One of the three oldest patron desktops has a failing hard drive and is virtually unusable at this point.

#### **Information**

The Technology line of our current budget only has \$778 left, which will not cover a computer, software, and setup from Mainstay along with our usual monthly technology costs. However, we have space in several other categories in our projected budget, including Office Supplies (\$1,484 74% remaining) and Building Maintenance (\$11,147 79% remaining). Given the timeline of the rest of the year, I'm comfortable we will be able to absorb the cost of the computer in other categories without going over the total budget, even with some larger building maintenance projects on the horizon.

The PC in question was purchased in 2018 and has been struggling for quite some time. It is slow to start up, slow to open programs, and often lags or freezes up entirely. Patrons avoid the computer whenever possible, and we are busy enough after school that it's affecting our service to have a PC essentially out of commission. Children avoid that computer and use computers on the adult side instead, causing more noise in the adult work area. We had Mainstay look at the computer, and their recommendation was that the hard drive is failing. Since the entire PC is so old, they recommend replacing the whole tower, not just the drive.

#### Recommendation

Recommend proceeding with replacement of one patron desktop computer in FY25.