



Springmier Community Library
FY 2026
End of Year Report

Financial Health & Accountability

- External Funds
 - Springmier Endowment
 - \$397,473.50 (as of December 2025)
 - Receive 3-5% of the three year average
 - Received 5% last year, totaling \$16,195
 - **Expect to receive a similar amount for 26/27**
 - Johnson County Grant
 - \$10,000
 - **Expect to receive the same amount for 26/27**
- Operating Expenditures
 - Majority of expenditures were allocated to collection development and programming
 - Increased adult collections as well as ELL/Multilingual collections
- Capital Improvements
 - New seating area in children's room
 - Teen Lounge in 26/27

Community Usage & Statistics

- Circulation Totals
 - 1558 Public Patrons
 - Checkouts - 13002
- Outreach
 - 29 Days of Outreach
 - Sprout - 14 (35 students on average per day)
 - Graceland - 5 (17 students on average per day)
 - CCA Preschool - 10 (110 students on average per day)
- Foot Traffic/Program Attendance
 - 11,853 Total Patrons (6699 in 24/25)
 - 2249 Babies/Toddlers
 - 3960 Children (PK-5th)
 - 1318 (Teen)
 - 4326 (Adult)

Community Impact & Success Stories

- Patron Testimonials (see attached document)
- Partnerships (the following businesses and entities partnered with the Springmier Library in some capacity for programming or collection development)
 - Farmers State Bank
 - Hills Bank

- Fareway
- Midwest Chinese Academy
- Mississippi River Museum
- John's Ice Cream
- The Depot
- Oxford Public Library
- Strategic Alignment
 - Goal 1: Improve Financial Support
 - Created a few fundraisers this year through merchandise sales
 - Accessed and utilized Springmier Endowment for the first time since its inception
 - Goal 3: Enhance Access to Library Services
 - Nearly doubled patron access to library services, including both outreach and in-person visits
 - Increased weekly programming, including the addition of three weekly storytimes and monthly teen and middle grade activities
 - Goal Four: Increase Access to Diverse Collection
 - Weeded library materials last checked out between 2016 & 2019, depending on section
 - Increased ELL/Multilingual materials across all sections
 - Created “Library of Things” to increase accessibility to resources and technology not readily available to all patrons outside of the library
 - Added multiple evening and weekend programs for all ages

Goals for the Next Fiscal Year

- Upcoming Priorities
 - Increase visibility and accessibility
 - Wayfinder Signs (one being purchased by the school district, placed at south end of parking lot, Window Sign)
 - Increase physical shelving capacity
 - Adult Section
 - Increase programming
 - Additional adult programming
 - Create a Friends of the Library or Endowment of the Library
- Challenges and Needs
 - Space Constraints
 - Have been utilizing CCAMS Cafeteria for most Summer Reading Programs due to lack of space
 - Visibility and Accessibility
 - District is purchasing a wayfinder sign
 - Social Media

Collection Analysis

Brief Analysis (178)

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CLEA

Title Count	19203
Copy Count	21131
Total Purchase Cost	\$330,820.46
Total Replacement Cost	\$348,963.92
Average Purchase Cost	\$15.66
Average Replacement Cost	\$16.51
Average publication year	2012

Patron Testimonials

Liz and the Springmier Library have truly changed my family's life for the better. Liz has poured so much dedication, creativity, and love into this library, and the result has been nothing short of magical. The library has become so much more than a place to borrow books. It's a place where my children can attend storytimes, participate in activities and crafts, discover new interests, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Liz brings so many amazing programs to this library. It's also become a place where our family feels welcomed, connected, and part of a community. We are so grateful for everything Liz and the library have given our family. She always makes time to get to know her patrons and their interests. My children look up to Liz as a role model, and the positive impact she has on our lives is something we'll always cherish.

-Tonia Breher (Tiffin)

The Springmier Community Library is a special place that has truly changed our lives since moving to the area. It provides a safe and fun place for my children to learn and play while being supported by one of a kind staff members who have made a lasting impact on myself and children. We feel valued and known as patrons and are provided with so many opportunities that it feels like a second home to us. The Springmier Community Library is a rare gem that we will continually support for many more years to come. **-Hannah Ruppenthal (Coralville)**

My son and I started going to Springmier Community Library in August 2024 when he was just 9 months old. At the time, I was really struggling postpartum. Reaching out, socializing, and connecting with other people felt overwhelming, and I often felt isolated. Over the past couple of years, the library has become one of our favorite places. We love attending story times, but we also enjoy stopping in just to visit with Liz Peterson and the incredibly friendly staff. From the very beginning, they have made us feel welcome, valued, and cared for. What makes this library so special is that I never feel like a customer when I walk through the doors, I feel like family. My son asks to go to the library all the time, and it has helped foster his love of learning, reading, and imaginative play. This library has truly changed our lives. It gave us a place to connect, grow, and belong during a time when we needed it most. We are forever grateful for the kindness, support, and sense of community we have found there. Thank you to everyone at Springmier Community Library for making such a positive impact on our family.

-Alyssa James (Coralville)

The library provided us a space of community, connection, and friendship during our time adjusting to new parenthood and living far from family. The staff are so welcoming, friendly, and fun while also providing a focus on creativity and education for kids of all ages. Some of our best mother-son memories are from our library mornings, it truly is such a special place! We couldn't be more thankful for Springmier library and all the opportunity it provided us to connect with other parents and kids. In addition - the access to books and programs we couldn't find elsewhere was so important to giving us a free and easy way to access so many worlds and spaces. We love the library! **-Aly Humphrey (Tiffin to MN)**

My family moved to Tiffin in 2021 amidst a pandemic that was still very much secluding us all to our own bubbles. As one can imagine, that was not conducive to meeting new people nor getting to know a new town. With a one year old and aspirations of growing my family, finding some semblance of community was crucial. That's about the time the library came into our lives and changed everything. After my second child was born, I went to the library regularly with both my children, where I met one of the best librarians who was also freshly postpartum. We bonded over our shared experiences and she enthusiastically invited me to join the library book club and several story-times and a plethora of events the library offers for children and adults alike. My kids and I make trips to the library several times a week; it is a staple in our weekly routine. The experiences we have had and the people we have met along the way at such an important time in our lives is truly priceless. We owe a lot to the library and we will be forever grateful for the friendship, guidance, knowledge, and joy we have experienced. We now know what being part of a community means. **-Stacy Jack (Tiffin)**

My family and I absolutely love having Springmier Library so close to home. Whether it's an afternoon visit to the children's play area and books or Tiny Tot Story Time on Tuesday mornings, our toddler could spend hours at the library. It has also been a great way for my wife and I to connect with other parents with kiddos around the same age. The cherry on top of it all is that Ms. Liz and her team are so unbelievably kind and make everyone who walks through the door feel welcome and accepted. **-Josh Schneiderman (Tiffin)**