

**Mohawk Valley Library System**  
**Schenectady County Public Library**  
**Central Library Services Plan, 2024 – 2026**

Goals, Intended Results & Evaluation Methods

Element 1: Resource Sharing

Goal: Library users within the MVLS service area have access to a wide variety of materials in various formats through Central Library resources and services.

Intended Result: Library users have access to the resources that they need. Libraries can reap economic savings through coordinated purchases and resource sharing.

Evaluation Method: Circulation statistics, request statistics, member surveys

Initiatives:

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2. CLA provides for the development of additional, new e-resources including instructional, reference and video products. These activities will encumber approximately 22% of Central Library Aid, or \$37,000.
3. CLA supports the new InDemand shared collection that will provide on-site and request based access to high demand library books. These activities will encumber approximately 33% of Central Library Aid, or \$55,000.

Element 3: Professional Development

Goal: Library users within MVLS are served by library staff and trustees who are well versed in library operations, management and governance best practices including youth services, adult services, outreach, technology.

Intended Result: Member Libraries provide up-to-date library service through well-managed and well-governed organizations.

Evaluation Method: Member surveys and evaluations

Initiatives:

1. Central Library Aid supports professional development and continuing education for member library staff and trustees. These activities will encumber approximately 15% of Central Library Aid, or \$25,000. Activities will include acquisition of training resources, live or virtual workshops and events, and registration and travel costs to facilitate wide participation.

#### Planning: Development of the Central Library Plan of Service

The Central Library Advisory Committee met in late 2022 and in 2023. The MVLS Directors' Council considered the plan at several meetings. The MVLS Board of Trustees discussed the plan at several meetings in late 2023. The plan will be approved by the MVLS and the Schenectady County Public Library Boards of Trustees in 2024.

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