17th Inspiration Celebration 2026 Results

At Lillie M. Evans Library District on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 5-7pm

Attendance from LME Library Staff: Beth, Michelle, Barbara, Erin, Kate, Autumn, Ruthie, Lorrie, and Josie. Attendance from LME Library Board: Diane, Angie, Rachel, Deb, Gayle, and Dan. Randy was absent. Beth read a note of encouragement from Randy. The celebration started with dinner together (pizza from BP, cookies from The Vine and salad).

1. Celebrating our accomplishments–we reviewed our FY26 successes.

2. Longevity Recognition—Lorrie was recognized for her upcoming 15 year milestone anniversary on November 10, 2026.

3. Long Range Plan FY27– we reviewed our upcoming plan.

4. Workplace Culture—we reviewed the statements from last year:
   - We are committed to direct, open-minded communication.
   - We value and respect each other.
   - We collaborate with each other and achieve results as a team.
   - We provide services and develop partnerships to build an engaged community.
   - We draw on each staff member's individual strengths, differences, passions, and experiences.
   - We are proud of our building and work to maintain welcoming spaces.
   - We strive to create a pleasant work environment with kind and positive interactions and project this model in our community.
   - Our leaders develop trust by supporting innovation and providing flexibility.

   The staff will discuss in more depth at our next staff meeting.

5. Dream Big – other staff suggestions included:

What would make our collection better? impact-est.	**Category**	**Budget**
More Tonies (figurines only—no kits)	Materials	<$200
Additional hotspots	Materials	$270

What would make our services better? impact-est.	**Category**	**Budget**
Adding a book bike to reach kids during summer and at school	Service	<$4,000
Adding a Bambu 3D printer at front desk + filament	Service	<$1,000
Offering blind date with crafts for teens	Service	<$200
Start a student ambassador program x2 yr at joint board meetings &/or add a FFA student to assist with gardens	Service	<$2,000

What would make our facility better? impact-est.	**Category**	**Budget**
Backup generator	Facilities	>$50,000
New outside bookdrop	Facilities	<$6,000
Little Library – would Scouts make one?	Facilities	<$500

What areas should we fix?	Category	Budget impact-est.
More sign holders (door and tabletop)	Facilities	<$100

What are things that need to be changed?	Category	Budget impact-est.
Explore weekly storytime/toddler time &/or add some Saturdays	Service	
Consider incorporating series into call numbers	Service	

6. Adjourned at 7:01pm.