

Meetings:

May 6 | June 3 | June 17 | July 1 | August 6 | August 19

↑ **20%**

Increase since Jan. - April 2025

Updates:

- During last quarter, the committee was developing a commitment statement that was later approved by the Board of Trustees on May 14th
- The J-IDEA Committee now has a landing page on the library's website: milnelibrary.org/diversity-equity-inclusion which highlights committee members, the logic model, resources, link to our Land Acknowledgement, committee-led initiatives, and progress reports
- The DEI Policy has been removed from library policies, but is still included on our policy page directing patrons to the new J-IDEA landing page
- In the town's DIRE (now READI) committee's May 19th meeting, J-IDEA presented our January - April progress report. You can watch the recording [here](#) (Time Stamp: 7:50 - 32:28)

Discussions:

May 2025

- Adopting our committee's logic model
- Brainstorming Community Fridge / Library Pantry
- Out-of-State fees

June 2025

- J-IDEA landing page
- Met with Ursula Bare about Menstrual Justice Initiative
- Met with Farm-2-Library regarding library food insecurity

July 2025

- Met with Berkshire Community College's Workforce and Community Education Department

August 2025

- Connecting with Williams College and Community College of Vermont for career development and education fair
- Reflection on Community Cupboard's first month at the library

Initiatives:

May 2025

- Sustained relationship with Remedy Hall
 - Agreed to share space for Community Cupboard
- 413 Cares
 - Added the Milne to their website to highlight our resources
 - Posted their information in the library for patrons
- Community Convos w/ Val continued to discuss social justice and how the library can connect the community with local resources
 - A total of 23 conversations - a 21% increase from last progress report

June 2025 - N/A

July 2025

- Launched Milne's Community Cupboard

August 2025

- One white board question regarding resources patrons would like to see/know more about

Grants:

Awarded:

- Creative Experience Grant - Mass Cultural Council

Applied:

- Equity Grant - Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Testimony

A patron mentioned that they are grateful to have all the resources necessary to prepare a hot meal. Our Thingdom contains items like an induction cooking kit which, in conjunction with our Community Cupboard, aids in food literacy and accessibility.