

Children's in August

Whew! That was one heck of a summer! It felt like every day brought happy smiles and a whole lot of busy-ness to the Children's Library. (And a few toddler screams. Some days louder than others.) Highlights of our month:

- Summer Book Time continued into the first week of August. (It usually concludes the last week in July.) I scheduled an extra book time because I had scheduled a concert the following week at the same time, and I hoped my Book Time people would stay in the same routine. The concert, Will Sings Songs, was absolutely phenomenal! I hope we can have him return next summer.
- Our Storywalk was changed twice in August. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Pam Friesen, and her grandsons Frank and James, we have changed it every three weeks during the summer. We'll make one more change in the Fall, and then probably not until we have significant snow melt next Spring. Changing in the Winter is difficult, and not many people use the riverwalk in the cold months.
- Both Teen Book Club and Page Turners met in August.
- We have nearly handed out our 150 Artastic kits for this month. I am still so appreciative of Nancy Mike-Johnson's willingness to spearhead this project. Nearly every month, since we were closed for Covid, she has come up with project ideas, told me what to order, and then videotaped an art lesson. Many families benefit, and so many children look forward to their Artastic Kits each month. This is an important outreach for our library, and I'm grateful that we can still do it.
- Summer Celebration 2024 was another great success! It takes months of planning, and so many people to pull it off! Kudos, especially to Nicole Johnson, who spearheads the volunteers each year. And thank you, Library Board, for always showing up when we need you. I think you're the bee's knees!
- And then Tracy went on vacation.
- Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Aug 2024

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	11347	12140	-7	11113	2	83562	80072	4
Phone Renewal	311	307	1	248	25	2382	2373	0
Renewal	188	233	-20	200	-6	1583	1288	22
Opac Renewal	697	700	-1	737	-6	5275	5418	-3
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12543	13380	-7	12298	1	92802	89151	4

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phone Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opac Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	10886	10788	0	9919	9	75248	71725	4
Late	2352	2397	-2	2240	5	16477	15587	5
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13238	13185	0	12159	8	91725	87312	5

Requests Placed

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Total	111	139	-21	126	-12	824	884	-7

Bib Delta

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	130	181	-29	207	-38	1259	1503	-17
Deleted (Manual)	267	311	-15	188	42	2051	2638	-23
New (Batch)	93	79	17	50	86	778	591	31
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	490	571	-15	445	10	4088	4732	-14

Auth Delta

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	2	10	-80	1	100	18	5	260
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	2	10	-80	1	100	18	5	260

Item Delta

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	523	469	11	524	-1	3911	4165	-7
Deleted (Manual)	298	399	-26	155	92	3059	3789	-20
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	821	868	-6	679	20	6970	7954	-13

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	%chg	Aug 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	231	314	-27	350	-34	2091	2380	-13
Items Rcvd by Ven	238	317	-25	367	-36	2122	2438	-13
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	469	631	-26	717	-35	4213	4818	-13

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

August 2024

	August	YTD 2024
Door Count	6932	43,711
Reference Questions	203	1505
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	27	146
Tests Proctored	0	13
Public Computer Use: Sessions	263	1798
Public Computer Use: Hours	261	1424
Special Computer Sessions	158	1047
Passports Accepted	103	700

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6 np/ ci 	2 7 np/ ci 	3
4	5 10 np/ ci 	6 19 np/ ci 	7 8 np/ ci 	8 7 np/ ci 	9 3 np/ ci 	10
11	12 13 np/ ci 	13 20 np/ ci 	14 4 np/ ci 	15 7 np/ ci 	16 2 np/ ci 	17
18	19 12 np/ ci 	20 8 np/ ci 	21 6 np/ ci 	22 5 np/ ci 	23 np/ ci 	24
25	26 15 np/ ci 	27 12 np/ ci 	28 np/ ci 	29 26 np/ ci 	30 13 np/ ci 	31

August 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			126,111 4	¹ 126,403 10	² 126,596 3	³ 16 17
⁴	⁵ 126,948 4	⁶ 127,300 3	⁷ 127,568 4	⁸ 127,994 1	⁹ 128,157 5	¹⁰ 17
¹¹	¹² 129,471 129,471 5 <i>Stacked @ Jam</i>	¹³ 128,965 VOTING 3	¹⁴ 129,460 Summer Celebration Qzero	¹⁵ 129,791 7	¹⁶ 129,968 4	¹⁷ 19
¹⁸	¹⁹ 130,297 2	²⁰ 130,605 7	²¹ 130,926 7	²² 131,254 6	²³ 131,454 7	²⁴ 25 25
²⁵	²⁶ 131,904 6	²⁷ 132,283 6	²⁸ 132,562 4	²⁹ 132,816 5	³⁰ 133,043 4	³¹ 25

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics August 2024

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook plays: 1618*

YouTube views: 3122

Total views: 4740

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 293

YouTube views: 117

Total views: 410

Kits handed out: 150

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	08/01	Book Time	49
	08/08	Will Sings Songs	51
	08/14	Summer Celebration	597
	08/19	Page Turners	6

Book Times : 1

People: 49

Library Programs: 3

People: 654

Total Programs: 4 People: 703

Reference Questions 2024: 534

Reference Questions 2023: 510

*The Meta platform has changed how they calculate Facebook viewer metric. They have changed views to plays.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11	2 21	3 32
4	5 23	6 27	7 28	8 42	9 15	10 135
11	12 21	13 24	14 21	15 28	16 10	17 104
18	19 ^{No MADAY} 13 ^{!!}	20 21	21 17	22 14	23 17	24 84
25	26 44	27 53	28 34	29 31	30 17	31 179

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Library Friends		Library Foundation		Total	Total
	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours
January	22	141.75	8	101.75	7	27.00	8	43.25	1	8.00	30	243.50
February	31	159.75	7	101.25	7	27.00	11	77.50	9	20.00	38	261.00
March	24	146.25	7	65.00	7	27.00	8	50.25	2	11.00	31	211.25
April	35	187.75	8	87.25	9	29.00	11	65.25	8	17.00	43	275.00
May	28	177.50	7	108.50	7	26.00	8	95.50	2	6.00	35	286.00
June	29	157.00	6	101.50	6	26.00	10	84.25	1	6.00	35	258.50
July	36	206.25	8	111.00	7	17.00	18	137.25	1	9.00	44	317.25
August	44	244.00	5	104.25	7	43.00	7	74.00	1	5.00	49	348.25
September												
October												
November												
December												
Total		1420.25		780.50		222.00		627.25		82.00	*	2,200.75