

GRAL Director's Report

APRIL 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

MLA Legislative Updates: 10-10:30 a.m.

4/5/23, 5/3/23, 6/7/23, 7/5/23, 8/2/23, 9/6/23, 11/8/23, 12/6/23

Please note: no update in March due to MLA Legislative Day at the Capitol and no update in October due to MLA Annual Conference.

MLA Library Legislative Day Debrief via Zoom: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 10-11 a.m.

-Legislative Day at the Capitol Debrief

The statewide consensus is Library Legislative Day 2023 was a success. HF 1917 SF 1919 – Regional Library Basis System Support – has bipartisan support with 8 co-authors in the House and 5 in the Senate. I continue to monitor this legislation.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Minnesota Historical Society Grant

The Minnesota Historical Society awarded the library a Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grant (Legacy) in the amount of \$8,513.00 for the purchase of Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner equipment. The Foundation is providing a local match of \$500 as required by the grant.

- Keeping Governance on Track

Ellen Teigland – Library Board Member and Friends of the Library President – and I are signed up for an American Library Association (ALA) webinar focused on board governance and parliamentary procedure.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-Bid Summary for Library Façade Repair Project

03-13-2023, City Staff received bids from four contractors for the Library Façade Repair Project, described as:

1. Replace exterior sealant, joints are in poor condition and the material is past its useful age.
2. Repair/replace flashing at front bay windows with a weatherproof membrane and protective cladding.
3. Remove and reset capstones, replace flashing with new material featuring a drip edge.
4. Fix (reinstall) the window in east office, bringing it up to as new condition.
5. Perform sealant maintenance / repair around skylights. Sealant is in poor to fair condition.
6. Clean brick to remove stains and moss, add water repellent product to extend useful life.
7. Spot masonry repairs on estimated total surface area of 1,400 square feet.
8. Repaint exposed steel on building exterior.

I am working with City Administration on how to complete this project this summer.

-Snow Removal

Ongoing.

END OF REPORT

March in Children's

March in Children's? it was kinda like the march of the children...ALL the children! We had two visits from all the Cohasset First graders. During their second visit I facilitated their story skills, by helping them create their own story on the flannel board. It was a very engaging, and silly, activity that we all enjoyed! We also enjoyed two visits by Mr. Hannah's 3rd graders from West Elementary. We talked about how to put a library shelf in order through the books on the shelf game, and for the second visit of the month we talked about reading: who likes it, who doesn't, and why it is vitally important to keep trying. I feel like I'm finally getting back in the swing of school visits...and these children are, for the most part, charming and delightful.

We had a unique school visit this month as well. Shortly before we closed due to Covid, Cindy Eckert, the Preschool teacher at St. Joseph's, wanted to make arrangements for her students to visit the library. Sounds simple, but preschoolers are not allowed to be transported by anyone other than their parents. Thus, the only way to fulfill that wish was by having preschool here, at the library! She approached me in late January to see if we could still make that happen. Through incredibly detailed planning on her part, she held her three-hour preschool class in the community room (we moved our Storytime filming equipment elsewhere for the duration.) Her students came into the library for my usual preschool lessons, and a library project she had designed for them. She also made sure EVERY SINGLE STUDENT had their own chaperone! Thanks to her great planning, it went off smoothly, and we received many thank-yous from kids, parents, and grandparents.

Lego Club saw 16 engineers, and Afternoon with Ms. Amy had 12 participants. Book Time has been quite popular this month. One Tuesday had 19 participants at the beginning of the program, and 29 by the time they finished, about 20 minutes later!

Our Online presence continues to surprise me. I just checked numbers, as I do every few months, to see if it is worth continuing this type of programming. I still maintain that if we fall below 20 views (knowing that many of these are day cares, and represent 8-10 kids per view) I would stop. Well, the storytime that went up on Facebook and You Tube 6 hours ago has 34 views already. Last week's Online Storytime has 208 views, the week before has 187, and the week before that (Sharks!) has 224 views. So, I guess we're still pretty relevant. Those are all of this moment, Thursday afternoon, 3/30. Artastic with Grandma Nancy has been up for a little over a week, and currently has 196 views! I never knew what audience we could have beyond these walls.

In March, I recorded two book review sessions, with Tammy Bobrowsky from KAXE-KBXE. I very much appreciate being able to do that from my office!

Since the decision to make our Children's Library screen-free, we have added our Duplo table, flannel board, Magna-Tiles, and Keva planks, along with our Magnetic Poetry spot. (With great thanks to both the Friends and the Foundation for these donations.) Thus far, our patrons, both children and parents, have received the new additions with delight. And I delight in seeing the children happily engaging with one another while playing. Come down and check it out! Happy Reading!

Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Normal	9212	8054	14	9375	-2	24619	23812	3
Late	2052	1542	33	1875	9	5441	5189	4
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	11264	9596	17	11250	0	30060	29001	3

Requests Placed

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Placed	2185	1838	18	2440	-11	6176	6001	2
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Total	2185	1838	18	2440	-11	6176	6001	2

Requests Resolved

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Cancelled	125	99	26	114	9	332	283	17
Filled	3217	2840	13	3426	-7	9171	8834	3
Expired	0	4	-100	6	-100	9	15	-40
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Total	3342	2943	13	3546	-6	9512	9132	4

Holdes Resolved

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1899	1608	18	2133	-11	5395	5332	1
Cancelled	7	12	-42	3	133	24	9	166
Expired	116	127	-9	151	-24	348	410	-16
Total	2022	1747	15	2287	-12	5767	5751	0

Overdues

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	536	371	44	479	11	1291	1163	11
2nd Notice	3	0	100	2	50	8	13	-39
3rd Notice	1	0	100	0	100	3	1	200
4th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	100
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	100
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	116	95	22	111	4	396	283	39
Total	656	466	40	592	10	1703	1461	16

Borrower Delta

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	105	98	7	78	34	333	213	56

New (Manual)	505	485	4	571	-12	1512	1469	2
Deleted (Manual)	300	159	88	770	-62	1177	2827	-59
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	805	644	25	1341	-40	2689	4296	-38

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	%chg	Mar 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	320	312	2	261	22	843	773	9
Items Rcvd by Ven	329	314	4	263	25	865	782	10
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	649	626	3	524	23	1708	1555	9

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

March 2023

	March 2023	YTD 2023
Door Count	2699	7011
Reference Questions	246	684
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	38	77
Tests Proctored	2	5
Public Computer Use: Sessions	209	549
Public Computer Use: Hours Used	210	510
Special Computer Sessions	143	374
Passports Accepted	112	380

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 JN FTO 30992	2 JN FTO 31238	3 JN FTO 31464	4 (9)
5	6 3 31685	7 5 31,984	8 6 32217	9 4 32,466	10 2 32619	11 (20)
12	13 6 32820	14 9 33139	15 5 33447	16 7 33623	17 3 33713	18 (30)
19	20 Q 34012	21 5 34,301	22 1 34596	23 10 34,896	24 5 35,049	25 21
26	27 14 35458	28 6 35,703	29 5 36013	30 2 36252	31 6 36,394	(33)

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7 NP c	2 5 NP c	3 NP c	4
5	6 2+9 NP c	7 2+11 NP c	8 3+9 NP TP c	9 1+10 NP c	10 8 NP c	11
12	13 3+10 NP c	14 3+10 NP TP c	15 4+12 NP c	16 1+9 NP c	17 7 NP c	18
19	20 5+8 NP c	21 3+9 NP c	22 4+7 NP c	23 NP c	24 7 NP c	25
26	27 4+10 NP c	28 1+9 NP c	29 2+10 NP c	30 3+9 NP c	31 7 NP c	

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Children's Stats

Month March
2023

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook views: 274

YouTube views: 757

Total views: 1031

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook views: 110

YouTube views: 96

Total views: 206

Kits handed out: 150

Book Time

Programs: 4

People: 92

Class visits

Groups/People: 6 / 181

Children's Programs

Programs: 2

People: 28

Name of Program:

Lego Club

Afterschool with Ms. Amy

Reference Questions:

488

Reference Questions

2022: 400

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			23 1	38 2	8 3	69 4
5	18 6	15 7	11 8	42 9	6 10	92 11
12	8 13	13 14	31 15	11 16	6 17	69 18
19	18 20	14 21	44 22	43 23	7 24	128 25
26	35 27	13 28	20 29	40 30	12 31	132

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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2023 Volunteer Report

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Program Committee		Teen Advisory Board		Friends of the Library		Library Foundation		Total	Total
	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours
January	30	147.50	6	93.50	9	9.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	49.50	2	5.50	36	241.00
February	29	115.25	7	80.75	7	7.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	39.00	6	14.00	36	196.00
March	28	147.00	6	106.00	9	9.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	59.00	1	5.00	34	253.00
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Total		409.75		280.25		25.00		0.00		0.00		147.50		24.50	*	690.00