

GRAL Director's Report

NOVEMBER 2021

ADVOCACY

-City of Grand Rapids

The 2022 Library budget – as discussed at the September and October Library Board meetings – is included in the preliminary levy. The Grand Rapids City Council will set the final levy in December following the December 6 Truth-in-Taxation meeting. Projected Levy & Tax Rate for the City of Grand Rapids is included with this report.

-Itasca County

The Itasca County will set the final levy after the December 14 Truth-in-Taxation meeting. Currently, the County Budget maintains the 2019 increase. Overall, the preliminary county levy is a 0% increase.

-American Rescue Plan Act – State Library Services / Arrowhead Library System

At Library Board direction, I applied to Arrowhead Library System for ARPA grant funds. I was notified the Library is set to receive \$4,800. This grant will offset about half of the cost of (2) network switches from SHI International – the low quote accepted at the August Library Board meeting. The IT Director anticipates the network switches will arrive in early November. UPDATE: This grant will free up dollars and enable the Library to start much needed replacement of public network computers.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Report to Council

I made my annual report to the Grand Rapids City Council on 11/8 with a focus on how the Library Adapted, Communicated, and Collaborated during 2021. A summary is included with this report.

-Dr. Herreid, Organizational Development Consultant

Dr. Herreid visited GRAL twice during the past month. Staff are moving forward with a set of shared norms and core values. Amy and I will continue to work with Dr. Herreid on a performance management plan for the Library.

-Municode (website) transition

The City Council authorized city staff to move forward with transitioning the city website to the Municode platform. Municode is the vendor that the city recently switched to for agenda management software – they have been great to work with.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-Special Election (ISD 318 School Board)

The Library was a precinct polling place for the 11/2 special election.

-Heating System Check

Gardner visited the Library to perform seasonal maintenance and get the heating system online.

-Carpet Cleaning

Mike Russell spent several weekends cleaning carpet – it was nice to get this done over the weekend without the public in the building.

FIRE RESPONSE

UPDATEI responded to 23 calls in October (4 from the Library including a mutual aid structure fire 10/28).

END OF REPORT

**PROJECTED LEVY & TAX RATE
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED LEVIES AND 2022 PROPOSED LEVY**

	2017 Levy Payable 2018	2018 Levy Payable 2019	2019 Levy Payable 2020	2020 Levy Payable 2021	2021 Levy Payable 2022	
General Fund	4,575,478	4,809,012	4,931,764	5,197,994	5,243,850	
Library Fund	702,687	702,687	702,687	711,010	759,331	
Cemetery	198,575	203,540	200,313	212,812	218,427	
GREDA Levy	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	
Levy Internal Loan-Equip Purchases	175,000	219,000	179,000	192,000	224,000	
Abatement Levies	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	
Special Levies	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Levy Required for Operations	5,736,740	6,019,239	6,098,764	6,398,816	6,520,608	1.90%
Bonded Indebtedness	1,671,438	1,669,784	1,694,906	1,680,512	2,082,657	23.93%
GROSS LEVY	7,408,178	7,689,023	7,793,670	8,079,328	8,603,265	6.48%
Less:						
Fund Balance Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	
CERTIFIED LEVY	7,408,178	7,689,023	7,793,670	8,079,328	8,603,265	
	2.06%	3.79%	1.36%	3.67%	6.48%	

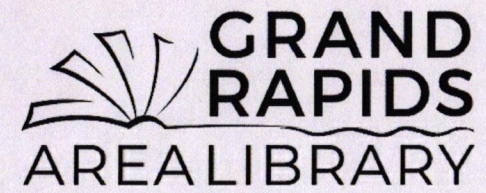
2021 ESTIMATED TAX CAPACITY AND PROPOSED LEVY

TAX CAPACITY	\$10,790,958	CERTIFIED LEVY	8,603,265
Less:		Less:	
Abatement Levy	-	Fiscal disparities distribution levy	(825,774)
TIF Captured tax increment	(197,401)		
Fiscal Disparities contribution	(1,172,324)		
Taxable tax capacity*	\$9,421,233	Net amount levied to property owners	\$7,777,491
			5.29%

**2007 - 2021 TAXABLE TAX CAPACITY, CERTIFIED LEVY and CITY TAX RATE
and 2021 ESTIMATED TAXABLE TAX CAPACITY
and 2022 ESTIMATED LEVY and CITY TAX RATE**

TAX YEAR PAYABLE	TAXABLE TAX CAPACITY	NET CERTIFIED LEVY	CITY TAX RATE	CEMETERY TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
2007	6,224,893	4,091,108	65.722	2.972	68.694
2008	6,851,971	4,503,251	65.722	3.834	69.556
2009	7,919,927	4,677,712	59.063	1.841	60.904
2010	7,115,267	4,631,705	65.095	1.271	66.366
2011	7,647,353	4,885,894	61.602	2.288	63.890
2012	7,014,456	4,874,006	67.019	2.466	69.485
2013	7,346,013	5,068,674	66.644	2.355	68.999
2014	7,014,208	5,562,859	76.842	2.466	79.308
2015	8,067,867	6,393,379	77.206	2.039	79.245
2016	8,140,678	6,450,063	76.794	2.438	79.232
2017	8,171,794	6,717,854	79.890	2.318	82.208
2018	8,142,204	6,716,767	80.054	2.439	82.493
2019	8,329,612	6,937,752	80.847	2.443	83.290
2020	8,475,628	7,073,543	81.094	2.363	83.457
2021	8,851,302	7,386,756	81.050	2.404	83.454
2022	9,421,233	7,777,491	80.234	2.318	82.553

0.88%
6.80%
2.64%
0.00%
16.67%
-40.00%

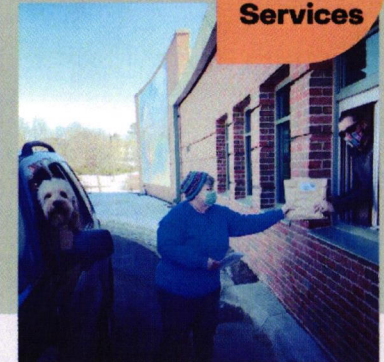
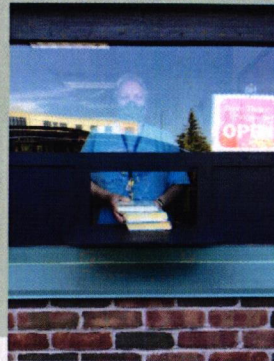


Report to City Council



Adapting

Adjusting to pandemic and budgetary constraints to provide the best possible service to the community.



**Drive-
Thru
Services**



**Limited
Staff**

Adapting

Creating opportunities for patron engagement that are innovative and sustainable.



Online Programs



Take & Make Art Kits

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY & Children First! PRESENT

ARTASTIC AT HOME! WITH GRANDMA NANCY

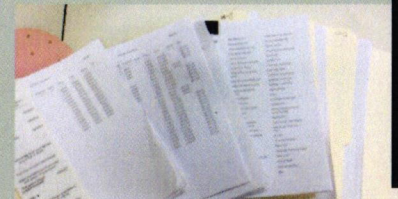
No registration required! Pick your FREE art kit up at the Children's Library desk on Monday, June 28, or Tuesday, June 29, from noon-6pm. Quantities are limited and are available first-come, first-served.

We'll post a video on the Grand Rapids Area Library Facebook page on Wednesday, June 30, featuring the follow-along instructions.

140 NE 2ND STREET | 248-327-8823 | OPEN MON-THURS, 12:00PM - 5:00PM



Custom Book Bundles



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY

HELLO kids & parents! looking for a good book?

Tracy and Dion REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, miss our library families! Call them in the Children's Library at 248-327-8823 for help finding books!

Answer a few questions and they'll pull books especially for you!

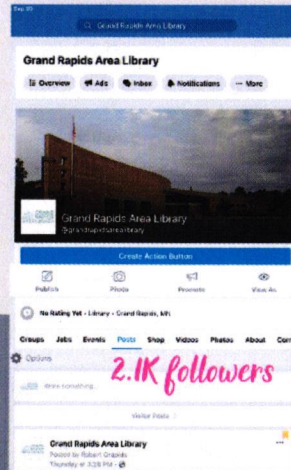
a bundle of ten picture books
three chapter books
up to three books on a subject

You'll be notified when your holds are ready to be picked up.

Communicating

Acting as hub of information, not only for activities and features inside our building, but for Arrowhead Library System, the City of Grand Rapids, and other community campaigns.

Active Social Media



Follow us on Facebook & Instagram to see all the latest program & service updates.

Grand Rapids Area Library

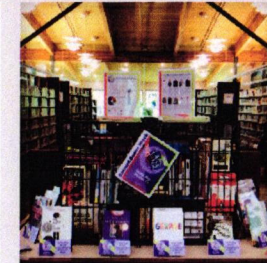
2021 Winter Reading Now thru February 26
 GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY

Pick up a winter reading card at the library's drive-thru window. Complete fun activities and get a prize!

Draw to a Good Book

This program is for EVERY reader of EVERY age!

140 NE 2ND STREET | 100-100-1000 | DRIVING THRU OPEN FROM 10A-5PM



Dynamic Displays & Promotions

FALL FRIENDS

Fall Pop-Up Book Sale

SEPTEMBER 9
10AM - 5:30PM

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FELLOWSHIP HALL
705 W HICKLEMAN AVE
GRAND RAPIDS

WE'RE GOING FINE FREE!

These special parties won't be charged for summer books! They feature some classes and there'll be a chance to win four books!

But, if you have an item on it becomes damaged by your care, we'll have to charge you for a replacement. Don't!

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Summer CELEBRATION

Activity before school August 10, 8-9am

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY

Don't forget! This is the first day to return your completed Summer Reading card! Bring it in and check your prize book!

ONE BOOK ONE MINNESOTA

NEW FROM THREE BESTSELLERS

LOUISE ERDRICH

THE PLAGUE OF DOVES



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY!

DRIVE-THRU OPEN MON-FRI, NOON-6PM

CLAYTON BOOK BUNDLES!

ONLINE STORYTIME!

USE A PHONE APP TO VIEW AND RESERVE!

SEE US FOR THE SUMMER CELEBRATION & PRIZE BOOKS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, OR TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, FROM NOON-6PM. QUANTITIES LIMITED AND ARE AVAILABLE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

SEE US FOR THE HOLIDAY BOOK BOUTIQUE & PRIZE BOOKS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, FROM NOON-6PM. QUANTITIES LIMITED AND ARE AVAILABLE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

Welcome Back!

OPEN MON-THURS, 12-6PM & FRI, 10AM-2PM

PATRONS ARE ABLE TO:

- ✓ Browse the shelves and check out items
- ✓ Pick-up holds
- ✓ Use computers
- ✓ Print, photocopy, scan, and fax
- ✓ Apply for passports by appointment

YOUR GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY PRESENTS

ARTASTIC AT HOME! WITH GRANDMA NANA

No registration required! Pick your FREE kit up at the Children's Library desk on Monday, August 30, or Tuesday, August 31, from noon-6pm. Quantities are limited and are available first-come, first-served.

We'll post a video on the Grand Rapids Area Library Facebook page on Wednesday, September 1, featuring the follow-along instructions.

ART IN COLOR

THE KITS ARE ALL GONE!

FREE DIY WILDLIFE TAKE-AND-MAKE KIT - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Collaborating

Fostering relationships with partners to promote community connection and support.

Rental Locations

- 1 Grand Rapids City Hall
- 2 Grand Rapids Area Library
- 3 Rosa County Family YMCA
- 4 Rosa Recreational Center (RC)

Bike Safety 101:

- 1. **Ride responsibly** – wear a helmet
- 2. **Be respectful** of all riders, vehicles, and pedestrians
- 3. **Use hand signals** when appropriate
- 4. **Obey Minnesota traffic laws.** Stop at stop sign!

SPONSORED BY:

KINDER KONZERTS IN A BAG
August 1 - 31, 2021

This kit is for **Kindergarten** and is designed by the PRS of the Minnesota Children's Institute. Includes everything needed for a 45-60 minute program. Includes a variety of activities, songs, and stories. The kit comes with the CD, cassette, and a variety of other items. Available for \$10.00. Program is part of the **Kindergarten** and is part of the **Kindergarten** program.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the **Minnesota Arts and Culture Heritage Fund**.

Purchase a pack of eight booklets featuring the beautiful designs of Minnesota artist & musician **ALAN SWANSON**.

Available at our drive thru window, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

THE CAUSE Proceeds of this partnership provide direct support to GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY.

IMPROVING YOUR **ONLINE EXPERIENCE**

NEW LIBRARY APP AVAILABLE NOW!

SEARCH "ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM" IN YOUR APP STORE.

BROWSE FOR ITEMS, PLACE HOLDS, RENEW CHECKOUTS - EVEN SCAN THE BARCODE OF A BOOK TO SEE IF IT'S AVAILABLE - AND MUCH MORE!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**, FOR

GRAND RAPIDS RIVERFEST

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY FRIENDS USED BOOK STORE

Now Open!

Stop by the book store next time you're at the Library! Find a curated collection of gently used items at friendly, low prices. Proceeds benefit the Library!

Visit us **Mon-Thurs, 12-6 & Fri, 10-2**



Summer CELEBRATION

Thank you to our partner, **Children First!** and event sponsors, **Glorvigen Tierney & Co Grand Rapids Rotary Club (Monday)**

Children's Books with Librarian Tracy Kampa

LISTEN TO US

Children's Librarian Tracy Kampa talks about some of her favorite children's books of 2021 so far.

FREE SEED PACKETS

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY & **Arts & Early Childhood Center** PRESENT

Online Storytime!

Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Public Health

WHEN: TODAY! Monday, June 7, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

WHERE: Grand Rapids Area Library (140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, MN)

WHO: Anyone 18 years of age and older

Offering the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine - only one dose needed.

Walk-ins welcome!

October in Children's

What, really, is normal? Is it even desirable to "go back?" I've been pondering this over the past couple of weeks, as vaccinations make it possible to look forward to a time that might more closely resemble something that we knew in the past.

If Grand Rapids parents respond to the call for vaccination when their children become eligible, we might be able to consider in-person programming late winter. Hoping for this, funding has been secured through the Library Foundation, for weekly programming both for preschoolers (in-person storytime and continued Online Storytime) and for school-age kids (4 weekly programs to be held on rotating "early release" Wednesdays.) While I don't spend a lot of time dwelling in pessimism, I suspect that these programs will happen closer to the fall. It will all depend on Itasca County covid numbers. Hopefully, we will see the same type of drop as the rest of the country is experiencing now. Then we, once again, can host in-person programming.

I went visiting in October! I visited two classes at Stepping Stones preschool, where we talked about sea horses, sang a fun sea horse song, and counted baby sea horses on the flannel board. The energy in a preschool classroom is contagious, and there are so many smiles to share! Two days later, I visited the Class Act freshman at ICC. The energy level was decidedly more subdued, for a 9:00 a.m. college class. I presented to them "What Your Librarian Wants You to Know," encouraging library/classroom partnerships, and giving them info on how to incorporate books, and encourage a love of reading, in their future classrooms.

My Zoom life was active in October. I enjoyed a webinar on graphic novels, and I attended a three-hour "Unconference," hosted by the Arrowhead Library System. I am grateful to the City's IT department, Lasha in particular, for setting me up with Zoom capabilities on my new computer. Thank you to Will for finding the funds for this purchase; it has made my Zoom participation nearly seamless.

I recorded another episode of "What We're Reading" on KAXE this month. Highlighting what I believe might be Newbery winners has been fun and challenging! We also posted another Artastic at Home video, thanks to the wildly generous Nancy Mike-Johnson. It just went up Wednesday, and now, two days later, boasts 70 views. Out take-home art kits, all 150 of them, were snapped up in three days. Our Online Storytime programs have garnered 256 views as of this moment. Happy Reading!