

Monthly Report - Overview for Aug 2026

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Time	8640	9218	-7	9585	-10	64868	77848	-17
Phone Renewal	166	146	13	217	-24	997	1684	-41
Renewal	161	139	15	152	5	953	1226	-23
Opac Renewal	647	661	-3	727	-12	5290	4932	7
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	9614	10164	-6	10681	-10	72108	85690	-16

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 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 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Normal	8625	8495	1	8964	-4	59239	70190	-16
Late	1639	1868	-13	1967	-17	13113	14878	-12
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10264	10363	-1	10931	-7	72352	85068	-15

Requests Placed

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Placed	1500	1605	-7	1876	-21	12550	14655	-15
Total	1500	1605	-7	1876	-21	12550	14655	-15

Requests Resolved

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	114	88	29	86	32	795	854	-7
Filled	2425	2458	-2	2742	-12	19450	21815	-11
Expired	7	3	133	4	75	41	27	51
Total	2546	2549	-1	2832	-11	20286	22696	-11

Holds Resolved

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1299	1522	-15	1701	-24	11610	13637	-15
Cancelled	4	3	33	5	-20	37	42	-12
Expired	128	127	0	138	-8	1028	946	8
Total	1431	1652	-14	1844	-23	12675	14625	-14

Overdues

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	601	705	-15	757	-21	4885	5074	-4
2nd Notice	0	8	-100	2	-100	36	37	-3
3rd Notice	2	1	100	0	100	5	7	-29
4th Notice	1	1	0	0	100	3	5	-40
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	222	142	56	227	-3	1368	1517	-10
Total	826	857	-4	986	-17	6297	6641	-6

Borrower Delta

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	84	73	15	112	-25	450	728	-39
Deleted (Manual)	3	3	0	3	0	13	45	-72
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	87	76	14	115	-25	463	773	-41

Bib Delta

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	88	172	-49	179	-51	1153	1275	-10
Deleted (Manual)	260	230	13	158	64	1760	2736	-36
New (Batch)	118	101	16	34	247	768	343	123
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	466	503	-8	371	25	3681	4354	-16

Auth Delta

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	0	5	-100	24	-100	17	68	-75
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	5	-100	24	-100	17	68	-75

Item Delta

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	291	406	-29	503	-43	3163	3991	-21
Deleted (Manual)	435	245	77	79	450	2486	4753	-48
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	726	651	11	582	24	5649	8744	-36

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	%chg	Aug 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 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	250	220	13	373	-33	1784	2124	-17
Items Rcvd by Ven	254	222	14	391	-36	1834	2205	-17
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	504	442	14	764	-35	3618	4329	-17

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

August 2026

	August	YTD 2026
Door Count	5,213	33,860
Reference Questions	317	1,871
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	25	159
Tests Proctored	0	9
Public Computer Use: Sessions	343	1,428
Public Computer Use: Hours	254	1,088
Passports Accepted	73	502

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/28: 248,464				<u>Weekly totals</u>		1
2	3 248,858 394 5	4 249,252 394 7	5 249,605 353 5	6 1,141	7	8 17
9	10 250,033 428 9	11 250,704 671 6	12 251,272 @1:00 568 6	13 1,667	14	15 21
16	17 251,454 182 6	18 251,790 336 4	19 Aviation Day 252,178 388 7	20 906	21	22 17
23	24 252,555 377 1	25 252,889 334 6	26 253,314 425 5	27 1,136	28	29 12
30	31 253,677 363 6	Notes 8/31/26: 253,677 - 7/28/26: 248,464 *5,213✓			363 <u>5,213✓</u> 73 passports	

*5213 ÷ 13 open days = ~401 patrons per day

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 21 np ⊆ 	4 24 np ⊆ 	5 26 np ⊆ 	6	7	8 Ref?: 71 np = 28 c = 6
9	10 26 <u>pass</u> ⊆ 	11 27 ⊆ 	12 25 ⊆ 	13	14	15 Ref?: 78 np = 0 c = 3
16	17 26 ⊆ 	18 25 ⊆ 	19 Aviation Day 18 ⊆ 	20	21	22 Ref?: 69 np = 0 c = 3
23	24 29 ⊆ 	25 28 ⊆ 	26 14 ⊆ 	27	28	29 Ref?: 71 np = 0 c = 11
30	31 28 ⊆ 	Notes				Ref?: 28 c = 2
Totals:						Ref?: 317 np = 28

August in Children's

It was the best of times...no, really, it kind of was! Generally, in Children's Libraries, August is a very quiet month. Folks are taking final summer vacations, spending days at the lake, and getting ready for school. This year, while I'm sure all that was happening, they also continued to come to the library. Last Monday, August 24, by 11:15 I counted 32 people just in the children's area! They were finding books, playing, and meeting friends. It was crazy...and lovely. Some highlights of the month:

- We are wrapping up Summer Reading 2026. (Whew!) While our numbers will obviously be lower, due to limited library access, I was impressed that 879 folks signed up and walked out the door with their book log. I don't keep an official tally of returns, because the return rate is completely dependent on adults bringing kids back to the library to turn in their card. And even those kids who don't complete their logs still participate by doing an activity or two. But, unofficially, it looks like we will have an over 35% return rate, which is outstanding, both industry-wide, and due to the fact that library access is so limited.
- We just received our invoice from Kona Ice, and they handed out 478 Kona Ice cups at Summer Celebration. Yahoo!! We use this number as our official participation number at Summer Celebration. It is true that some kids get more than one, but it is also true that many adults don't get any. So, it's a good guesstimate. While it is slightly lower than last year's number, we cut the event from three hours to two, and it was over 90 degrees in the shade, so I was thrilled with that number. All thanks go to the Library Foundation for underwriting this event, and to Nicole Johnson for coordinating all the volunteers. And to all my co-workers for all the help they so readily give in the days leading up to the event, and on the day of the event as well. And to all of you who show up, year after year, to lend a hand and create smiles for our readers. And...
- We had our final Lego Club and Summer Book Time this month. Summer Book Time attendance has been significantly higher than anticipated, for which I am grateful...and tired.
- Artastic kits this month were flying out of Children's!
- A new Story Walk went up in August.
- And now September...a month of planning, and rejuvenation!

Happy Reading!

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

August 2026

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 599

YouTube views: 11

Total views: 610

Kits handed out: 150

Programs:

08/03	Lego Club	14
08/03	Page Turners	5
08/04	Summer Book Time	38

Total Programs: 3 People: 57

Book Times: 1 People: 38

Library Programs: 2 People: 19

Reference Questions 2026: 355

Reference Questions 2025: 454

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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2026 Volunteer Report

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	40	161.75	4	43.75	9	29.00	10	60.00	10	14.00	44	205.50
February	29	129.25	4	71.25	8	28.00	7	61.00	1	6.00	33	200.50
March	26	183.25	4	99.50	7	27.00	7	90.00	1	3.00	30	282.75
April	32	169.25	4	71.00	8	28.00	6	67.50	7	10.50	36	240.25
May	32	155.00	5	85.50	8	28.00	9	68.00	1	2.50	37	240.50
June	34	204.00	5	101.25	7	27.00	10	105.50	1	4.00	39	305.25
July	57	278.25	9	114.50	7	39.00	21	149.00	3	8.00	66	392.75
August	35	176.00	5	72.00	7	17.00	12	78.25	1	5.00	40	248.00
September											0	0.00
October											0	0.00
November											0	0.00
December											0	0.00
Total		1456.75		658.75		223.00		679.25		53.00	*	2,115.50