

June in Children's

Happy Summer everyone! It's going gangbusters around here. Some highlights:

- Page Turners book Club met. Teen Book Club was postponed until July.
- Dion handled the first two weeks of Summer ALONE in the Children's Library, while I was off handling family matters and a funeral. To do this ALONE is extraordinary, as the first two weeks of summer are traditionally our busiest weeks of the year. She handled all the crowds, answered hundreds of questions, kept the lid on things, and explained and handed out scavenger hunts by the dozen. She helped our patrons access our new programs, and answered any questions our program leaders might have. She planned and presented two story times ALONE. She was, and is, a rock star, and I am so grateful that she is here.
- Many young builders and their families have enjoyed the first three weeks of Lego Club.
- I had to reorder our Summer Reading Activity Sheets from ALS as we have almost gone through our first 1100!!
- "Explore and Create" with Diana Magner has been an incredible STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) addition to our summer programming calendar. Each week she takes the kids outside on the grounds of the library, looking at the nature that surrounds us. Then they all go back inside and interpret what they have learned through an art project. Next week is "Wet Wiggles," where they will be exploring all the critters that live in our rivers and lakes.
- Ditty Wish (Emily Slaubaugh) presents a wonderful musical story time each Tuesday. So much music! So many stories!
- We filmed Houses, Turtles, and Beaches for Online Storytime.
- Brodini the Magician wowed 139 people at his performance. Scheduled to start at one, he happily put on a preshow, starting almost an hour early! Kids, adults, and a certain Children's Librarian were flabbergasted by his illusions!
- On to July! Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Jun 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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1st Time	11039	8227	34	10310	7	56861	60075	-6
Phone Renewal	220	238	-8	225	-3	1269	1764	-29
Renewal	130	141	-8	154	-16	867	1162	-26
Opac Renewal	586	624	-7	658	-11	3556	3878	-9
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
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Total	11975	9230	29	11347	5	62553	66879	-7

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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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
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Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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Normal	9238	7736	19	8739	5	50872	53574	-6
Late	1560	2113	-27	1832	-15	10612	11728	-10
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	10798	9849	9	10571	2	61484	65302	-6

Requests Placed

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Placed	1835	1389	32	1898	-4	11121	13350	-17
Total	1835	1389	32	1898	-4	11121	13350	-17

Requests Resolved

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	95	73	30	129	-27	667	683	-3
Filled	2626	2412	8	2472	6	16429	18532	-12
Expired	3	1	200	2	50	19	14	35
Total	2724	2486	9	2603	4	17115	19229	-11

Holds Resolved

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1661	1363	21	1573	5	10284	11883	-14
Cancelled	6	1	500	3	100	28	10	180
Expired	111	117	-6	160	-31	690	865	-21
Total	1778	1481	20	1736	2	11002	12758	-14

Overdues

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	587	765	-24	810	-28	3587	3935	-9
2nd Notice	5	2	150	9	-45	28	26	7
3rd Notice	0	1	-100	1	-100	6	4	50
4th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	150
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	-67
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	177	214	-18	284	-38	1119	1263	-12
Total	769	982	-22	1104	-31	4746	5233	-10

Borrower Delta

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	107	82	30	125	-15	525	527	-1
Deleted (Manual)	7	4	75	7	0	37	47	-22
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	114	86	32	132	-14	562	574	-3

Bib Delta

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	143	121	18	130	10	877	948	-8
Deleted (Manual)	136	156	-13	110	23	2175	1473	47
New (Batch)	32	33	-4	50	-36	195	606	-68
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	311	310	0	290	7	3247	3027	7

Auth Delta

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	7	3	133	0	100	29	6	383
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	7	3	133	0	100	29	6	383

Item Delta

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	477	442	7	359	32	2652	2919	-10
Deleted (Manual)	173	76	127	41	321	3294	2362	39
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	650	518	25	400	62	5946	5281	12

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Jun 2025	May 2025	%chg	Jun 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 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	340	306	11	214	58	1509	1546	-3
Items Rcvd by Ven	344	323	6	215	60	1553	1567	-1
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	684	629	8	429	59	3062	3113	-2

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

June 2025

	June	YTD 2025
Door Count	6,118	32,127
Reference Questions	166	939
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	16	102
Tests Proctored	0	3
Public Computer Use: Sessions	209	1,302
Public Computer Use: Hours	153	1,153
Special Computer Sessions	100	657
Passports Accepted	105	695

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9 np/ 11 1111 cl 1	3 5 np/ 1111 cl	4 np/ 1 1111 cl	5 10 np/ 1111 1111 cl	6 13 np/ 1111 cl 1	7
8	9 8 np/ 11 cl 1	10 3 np/ 1111 cl 11	11 10 np/ 1111 cl 1	12 5 np/ 1111 cl	13 8 np/ 1111 cl 1	14
15	16 11 np/ 1111 cl	17 14 np/ 1111 cl	18 13 np/ 1111 1111 cl 1	19 Closed	20 7 np/ 1111 cl 1	21
22	23 15 np/ 11 1111 cl	24 5 np/ 11 cl 1	25 13 np/ 1111 1111 cl 11	26 12 np/ 1111 cl	27 np/ 1111 cl 11	28
29	30 np/ 1111 cl 1					

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June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 181967 2	3 182281 6	4 182596 ↗	5 182889 3	6 183106 6	7 (19)
8	9 183548 5	10 183906 5	11 184272 7	12 184523 4	13 184764 5	14 (26)
15	16 185073 4	17 185394 6	18 185689 5	19 CLOSED	20 185997 5	21 (20)
22	23 186359 9	24 186775 6	25 187135 5	26 187445 5	27 187729 7	28 (32)
29	30 183085 8					(8)

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

June 2025

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook plays: 1144

YouTube views: 149*

Total views: 1293

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 252

YouTube views: 24

Total views: 276

Kits handed out: 150

06/05	Summer Book Time	31
06/09	Page Turners	8
06/10	Ditty Wish	42
06/11	Explore & Create with Ms. Diana	20
06/12	Summer Book Time	36
06/13	Lego Club	30
06/18	Explore & Create with Ms. Diana	13
06/20	Lego Club	58
06/24	Ditty Wish	16
06/24	Brodini	139
06/25	Explore & Create with Ms. Diana	22
06/26	Summer Book Time	54
06/27	Lego Club	63

Total Programs: 13 People: 532

Book Times : 3 People: 121

Library Programs: 10 People: 411

Class Visit: 2 group People: 198

- West Elementary: 186
- Upward Bound: 12

Reference Questions 2025: 807

Reference Questions 2024: 642

*The YouTube algorithm has changed shifting focus from traditional metrics to personalized user engagement and satisfaction.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No MASH 38	3 43	4 No Katie 31	5 40	6 25	7 177
8	9 52	10 36	11 51	12 29	13 21	14 189
15	16 38	17 44	18 19	19 CLOSED	20 50	21 157
22	23 51	24 53	25 59	26 48	27 47	28 258
29	30 26					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No MASH 38	3 43	4 No Katie 31	5 40	6 25	7 177
8	9 52	10 36	11 51	12 29	13 21	14 189
15	16 38	17 44	18 19	19 CLOSED	20 50	21 157
22	23 51	24 53	25 59	26 48	27 47	28 258
29	30 26					

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2025 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	27	160.75	3	90.50	7	27.00	9	85.75	2	5.00	30	251.25
February	36	157.50	4	57.25	8	28.00	8	56.25	10	14.00	40	214.75
March	30	167.75	4	70.00	8	28.00	9	70.50	1	3.00	34	237.75
April	27	149.00	4	65.25	8	28.00	6	52.00	1	3.00	31	214.25
May	35	163.25	4	94.00	9	29.00	8	89.75	8	12.00	39	257.25
June	32	174.25	5	96.75	8	28.00	8	98.50	1	4.00	37	271.00
July												0.00
August												0.00
September												0.00
October												0.00
November												0.00
December												0.00
Total		972.50		473.75		168.00		452.75		41.00	*	1,446.25