

## Children's in April

I can feel the wheels turning faster. Do you remember going down a hill, on a sled, or in a wagon, and you went agonizingly slow, until, whoosh, you were flying. At the beginning of April I was at the very tip top of Mount Summer Reading, now I feel the wind in my hair. Some highlights:

1. Our Cohasset 4<sup>th</sup> graders joined us for a lesson on non-fiction books, and what sets non-fiction apart from fiction books. (The final answer: they provide bits of information in many unique ways, because that is how the human brain best absorbs information. We identified many features of this such as: different font sizes, information boxes pulled away from the text, maps, graphs, bold words, glossaries, indexes, tables of contents, photographs, etc.)
2. The last Lego Club of the school year saw many happy builders. Maddie and Bella Pratto will continue their craft of running Lego Club in June and July.
3. Tuesday afternoon Book Time continues to be a hit. I appreciate Teacher Shannon and Teacher Courtney very much!
4. I taped my last KAXE "What We're Reading Episode" until next fall.
5. Online Storytime filming continued; "Kittens" was our April winner with over 460 views to date.
6. Jenny Behm, in conjunction with the Bell Museum, facilitated a wonderful STEAM program.
7. Both Page Turners and the Teen Book Club met.
8. I spent an inordinate amount of time both receiving new books and ordering new books. Mr. Lyman Loveland's generous \$3000 to purchase new non-fiction books resulted in over 150 new books for the Children's Library. It is simply breath-taking to me to see that astounding generosity in actual books. I also just finished ordering \$800 in new holiday books. I very much wanted to expand our selection of standard holiday books to include holidays about which we didn't have much information, and certainly few actual stories. (That is, we probably have non-fiction information about most of these, but no fiction.) We will now have some stories about: Ramadan, Eid, Purim, Hannukah, Lunar New Year, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and Holi on our holiday shelves. Our patrons are soon to step out on a global stage, and this is just one small way to help them get ready. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for this generous grant.
9. Planning for summer continues...daily.

Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Apr 2024

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	10285	9922	3	9973	3	39915	38515	3
Phone Renewal	443	268	65	316	40	1240	1234	0
Renewal	232	220	5	124	87	866	581	49
Opac Renewal	869	651	33	668	30	2570	2628	-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	11829	11061	6	11081	6	44591	42958	3

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 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	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	9914	9056	9	9236	7	35495	33855	4
Late	2013	1795	12	1857	8	7731	7298	5
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11927	10851	9	11093	7	43226	41153	5

Requests Placed



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Total	90	88	2	91	-2	350	450	-23

Bib Delta

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	310	66	369	227	36	688	762	-10
Deleted (Manual)	309	266	16	200	54	1143	739	54
New (Batch)	166	43	286	66	151	463	307	50
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	785	375	109	493	59	2294	1808	26

Auth Delta

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	1	0	100	0	100	3	2	50
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	1	0	100	0	100	3	2	50

Item Delta

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	761	307	147	657	15	2109	2169	-3
Deleted (Manual)	154	525	-71	130	18	2185	1307	67
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	915	832	9	787	16	4294	3476	23

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	%chg	Apr 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	500	166	201	370	35	1034	1213	-15
Items Rcvd by Ven	503	174	189	381	32	1050	1246	-16
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	1003	340	195	751	33	2084	2459	-16

# **Grand Rapids Area Library**

## **Reference Statistics**

**April 2024**

	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD 2024</b>
<b>Door Count</b>	<b>5,332</b>	<b>20,044</b>
<b>Reference Questions</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>753</b>
<b>Computer Help Over 5 Minutes</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Tests Proctored</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Public Computer Use: Sessions</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>793</b>
<b>Public Computer Use: Hours</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Special Computer Sessions</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>Passports Accepted</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>376</b>

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<sup>1</sup> 103095 7	<sup>2</sup> 103,368 3	<sup>3</sup> 103624 3	<sup>4</sup> 103,960 CALLIGRAPHY PROGRAM 3	<sup>5</sup> 104,092 3	<sup>6</sup> (19)
<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> 104395 12	<sup>9</sup> 104,679 3	<sup>10</sup> 104991 3	<sup>11</sup> 105,274 7	<sup>12</sup> 105,430 2	<sup>13</sup> (27)
<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> 105704 2	<sup>16</sup> 105,959 1	<sup>17</sup> 106200 4	<sup>18</sup> 106548 4	<sup>19</sup> 106,714 5	<sup>20</sup> (16)
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# GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

## April 2024

### Online Storytime

Programs: 4  
 Facebook views: 135  
 YouTube views: 786  
 Total views: 921

### Artastic

Programs: 1  
 Facebook views: 60  
 YouTube views: 45  
 Total views: 105  
 Kits handed out: 126

<b>Programs:</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Program</u></b>	<b><u>Number of people</u></b>
	4/02	Book Time	27
	4/09	Book Time	29
	4/11	Lego Club	22
	4/16	Book Time	32
	4/17	Afterschool STEAM	29
	4/23	Book Time	27
	4/28	Page Turners Club	7
	4/30	Book Time	19

Book Times : 5                      People: 134  
 Library Programs: 3                People: 58

**Total Programs: 8    People: 166**

**Class Visit: 3 groups    People: 101**

- Cohasset Fourth Grade: 52
- RJEMS SPED: 12
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**Reference Questions 2024: 492**

**Reference Questions 2023: 401**

# April 2024

492

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 22	2 17	3 34	4 77	5 17	6 167
7	8 24	9 18	10 32	11 19	12 11	13 104
14	15 16	16 13	17 41	18 15	19 17	20 101
21	22 21	23 30	24 11	25 13	26 5	27 88
28	29 14	30 18				5

## GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2024 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	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												
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
<b>Total</b>		<b>635.50</b>		<b>355.25</b>		<b>110.00</b>		<b>236.25</b>		<b>56.00</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>990.75</b>