January in Childrens

Usually, my January missive is filled with "Woe, me, I can't stand another day of this cold and snow!" Not this year! While I am sad for the snow lovers, and especially for businesses that rely on the snow and cold, I, personally, am enjoying living through "what may, perhaps, be the mildest winter on record." You are welcome to remind me of this joy next year when things will probably be back to normal.

Anyway, we had a great January in Children's! Some highlights:

- Our Cohasset 4th graders had a lovely visit, during which we talked about reading, struggles with reading, and famous authors who struggled with reading. (Did you know Patricia Polacco could not read until she was 14? And she didn't publish her first book until she was in her 40's? And she is now working on her 70th book? Did you know that Dav Pilkey spent most of his second-grade year sitting alone in the hallway because his teacher couldn't handle his ADHD? And that year he started drawing Captain Underpants? And his teacher told him he would never amount to anything "drawing his little comics?" Well, umm, his Dog Man series alone has sold well over 60 million copies. He's doing okay.)
- Lego club had 30-ish builders join us this month.
- Page Turners (book club for kids 8-12) met this month, as did our Teen Book Club. For Teen Book club we read the book "Peak" by Roland Smith, a story of a boy climbing Mt. Everest.
- We have had to pivot a bit on Online Storytime, as Teacher Missy is unable to be with us for a while. Gramma Pat (Pat Fideldy) has graciously agreed to fill Missy's shoes until Missy can return. Gramma Pat has already filmed her first three shows, Sledding, Winter Birds, and Snow.
- Book Time, our partnership program with ECFE, continues to be a very important part of our Tuesdays.
- We enjoyed our first Steam program in conjunction with the Bell Museum. Jenny Behm is our local Bell Museum educator, and this month she presented a great project on chromatography, or how colors separate.
- I spent a lot of time on the radio this month. We taped my normal book review piece earlier in the month, and then we taped another piece about the challenges involved in getting kids to continue to read. My interview with Kate DiCamillo ran, and, finally, we taped a segment about Newbery Monday (eep!) (the American Library Association Youth Media Awards)and my reaction to the winners.

Happy Reading!

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                Monthly Report - Overview for Jan 2024
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Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library




Checkout

Description        Jan 2024 Dec 2023 %chg  Jan 2023 %chg  2024 YTD 2023 YTD %chg
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1st Time             10461     7260   44      9257   13      10461     9257   13
Phone Renewal          233      235   -1       256   -9        233      256   -9
Renewal                225      158   42       132   70        225      132   70
Opac Renewal           502      607  -18       613  -19        502      613  -19
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                11421     8260   38     10258   11      11421    10258   11


Checkout Stock Rotation

Description        Jan 2024 Dec 2023 %chg  Jan 2023 %chg  2024 YTD 2023 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
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Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
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	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	8089	6932	16	7353	10	8089	7353	10
Late	2131	2163	-2	1847	15	2131	1847	15
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	10220	9095	12	9200	11	10220	9200	11

Requests Placed

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Placed	2362	758	211	2153	9	2362	2153	9
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Total	2362	758	211	2153	9	2362	2153	9

Requests Resolved

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	101	63	60	108	-7	101	108	-7
Filled	3558	2100	69	3114	14	3558	3114	14
Expired	2	5	-60	5	-60	2	5	-60
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Total	3661	2168	68	3227	13	3661	3227	13

Holds Resolved

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	2255	1255	79	1888	19	2255	1888	19
Cancelled	0	1	-100	5	-100	0	5	-100
Expired	120	111	8	105	14	120	105	14
Total	2375	1367	73	1998	18	2375	1998	18

Overdues

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	431	726	-41	384	12	431	384	12
2nd Notice	3	9	-67	5	-40	3	5	-40
3rd Notice	1	3	-67	2	-50	1	2	-50
4th Notice	0	2	-100	2	-100	0	2	-100
5th Notice	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Final Notice	0	1	-100	2	-100	0	2	-100
Notice # 7	0	1	-100	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	1	-100	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	211	264	-21	185	14	211	185	14
Total	647	1008	-36	581	11	647	581	11

Borrower Delta

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	80	64	25	130	-39	80	130	-39

Description								
Deleted (Manual)	3	2	50	10	-70	3	10	-70
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total	83	66	25	140	-41	83	140	-41

Bib Delta

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	190	104	82	170	11	190	170	11
Deleted (Manual)	259	119	117	116	123	259	116	123
New (Batch)	52	91	-43	68	-24	52	68	-24
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total	501	314	59	354	41	501	354	41

Auth Delta

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	1	0	100	0	100	1	0	100
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total	1	0	100	0	100	1	0	100

Item Delta

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg

	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	433	315	37	522	-18	433	522	-18
Deleted (Manual)	1046	491	113	718	45	1046	718	45
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1479	806	83	1240	19	1479	1240	19

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	%chg	Jan 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	185	239	-23	211	-13	185	211	-13
Items Rcvd by Ven	188	265	-30	222	-16	188	222	-16
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	373	504	-26	433	-14	373	433	-14

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

January 2024

	January	YTD 2024
Door Count	4934	4934
Reference Questions	199	199
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	22	22
Tests Proctored	0	0
Public Computer Use: Sessions	178	178
Public Computer Use: Hours	149	149
Special Computer Sessions	113	113
Passports Accepted	116	116

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED	2 87,554 9	3 87805 12	4 88,113 3	5 88268 4	6 28
7	8 88547 4	9 88,797 3	10 89061 6	11 89300 8	12 89440 4	13 25
14	15 CLOSED	16 89887 5	17 90024 5	18 90245 7	19 90,416 4	20 21
21	22 90760 14	23 91,010 7	24 91266 1	25 91488 8	26 91,663 2	27 32
28	29 91913 2	30 92,196 4	31 92488 4			10

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 closed	**2** 8 NP/ C/ IIII	**3** 9 NP/ C/ HHT	**4** 9 NP/ C/ HHT HHT	**5** 11 NP/ C/ IIII I	**6**
7	**8** 12 NP/ 9 I II	**9** 9 NP/ C/ HHT III	**10** 22 NP/ C/ HHT	**11** 12 NP/ C/ II	**12** 4 NP/ C/ II	**13**
14	**15** closed	**16** 14 NP/ 9 HHT I II	**17** 10 NP/ 4 HHT III	**18** 6 NP/ C/ II I	**19** 7 NP/ C/ II	**20**
21	**22** 5 NP/ C/ HHT I	**23** 11 NP/ C/ HHT I	**24** 12 NP/ 4 IIII II	**25** 6 NP/ C/ HHT	**26** 4 NP/ C/ HHT I II	**27**
28	**29** 11 NP/ C/ HHT HHT II	**30** 9 NP/ 4 HHT I	**31** 8 NP/ C/ II HHT HHT			

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics
January 2024

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook views: 295

YouTube views: 522

Total views: 817

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Programs: 1

Facebook views:250

YouTube views: 50

Total views: 300

Kits handed out: 150

Programs:	Date	Name of Program	Number of people
	1/08	Page Turners	6
	1/09	Book Time	10
	1/11	Lego Club	30
	1/16	Book Time	11
	1/17	Afterschool STEAM	38
	1/23	Book Time	16
	1/30	Book Time	12
	1/31	Teen Book Club	5

Book Times : 4   People: 49
Library Programs: 4   People: 79

Total Programs: 8   People: 128

Class Visit: 1 groups   **People:** 46
- Cohasset Fourth Grade: 46

Reference Questions 2024: 431

Reference Questions 2023: 403

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed	2 16	3 14	4 66	5 13	6 109
7	8 21	9 15	10 20	11 25	12 4	13 91
14	15 CLOSED	16 12 Cindy - Late	17 23	18 18	19 7	20 60
21	22 31	23 28	24 22	25 15	26 7	27 103
28	29 18	30 22	31 28			68

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	7.00	8	43.25	1	8.00		243.50
February												0.00
March												0.00
April												0.00
May												0.00
June												0.00
July												0.00
August												0.00
September												0.00
October												0.00
November												0.00
December												0.00
Total		141.75		101.75		7.00		43.25		8.00	*	243.50