

November in Children's

Okay, I'm not a fan of the snow, but at least it feels "right." Remember last year when it was raining on Christmas? Yeah, that was all sorts of wrong. So, for now, I'm happy waxing poetic about the beauty of the snow. I will NOT feel the same way in February. But, I won't get ahead of myself...how about we talk about November highlights?

- Online Storytime filming continued, with the amazing Grandma Pat (Fideldy) volunteering her time. Probably not surprisingly, "Bedtime" was the hit of the month, with 629 views as of this writing.
- Both page Turners and Teen Book Club met in November. When I suggested to my Teens that we skip December, due to the busy-ness of the holidays and their school schedules, and meet next in January, my suggestion was met with dead silence. They all looked at me a little shocked. After a few seconds one young man said, "Well, I'm free mid-December..." and they all agreed. So, yeah, we'll be meeting in December. And I'll get that book read, well, maybe next week... 😊
- We had Book Time all four weeks in November. Attendance is still high, and I appreciate the collaboration we do with ECFE to offer this quality program.
- We hosted a special Storytime done by costumed Reif Center dancers on a Thursday morning of a no-school day. Lily Stark, Reif Center dancer and Library Kid, read two books about The Nutcracker, while I led the group in some fabulous scarf songs. Then everybody retired to the Program Room to create their own dancers using popsicle sticks, and to get photos with the dancers, if desired. I counted right around 73 people in attendance.
- Lego Club was again populated with a bunch of happy engineers.
- We spent many hours in planning for the Winter Reading Program, which kicks off mid-December.
- Grandma Nancy Mike-Johnson also filmed a fabulous Artastic program about color blending. We had an extra donation to our Artastic program this month that allowed us to purchase 5 colors of Color Magic air dry clay for each Artastic kit. Nancy did a great lesson about color mixing, and how adding black or white will change the tone of the colors. There was even a color wheel! People were very excited about the Model Magic this month.

Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Nov 2024

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	8647	10172	-15	10040	-14	111349	109620	1
Phone Renewal	251	292	-15	315	-21	3176	3207	-1
Renewal	126	218	-43	143	-12	2055	1694	21
Opac Renewal	518	641	-20	668	-23	7060	7366	-5
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	9542	11323	-16	11166	-15	123640	121887	1

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 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	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	7907	9183	-14	9737	-19	100596	99131	1
Late	1918	2262	-16	2036	-6	22865	21762	5
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9825	11445	-15	11773	-17	123461	120893	2

Requests Placed

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Total	73	77	-6	95	-24	1064	1151	-8

Bib Delta

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	209	208	0	221	-6	1857	1985	-7
Deleted (Manual)	1247	596	109	186	570	4284	3142	36
New (Batch)	84	132	-37	60	40	1118	755	48
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	1540	936	64	467	229	7259	5882	23

Auth Delta

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	0	2	-100	0	0	21	9	133
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	0	2	-100	0	0	21	9	133

Item Delta

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	515	537	-5	571	-10	5679	5570	1
Deleted (Manual)	1847	580	218	198	832	6501	4405	47
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	2362	1117	111	769	207	12180	9975	22

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	%chg	Nov 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	358	395	-10	321	11	3107	3284	-6
Items Rcvd by Ven	368	406	-10	343	7	3174	3386	-7
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	726	801	-10	664	9	6281	6670	-6

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

November 2024

	November	YTD 2024
Door Count	5573	59,654
Reference Questions	138	1,976
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	8	179
Tests Proctored	0	13
Public Computer Use: Sessions	156	2,415
Public Computer Use: Hours	146	1,942
Special Computer Sessions	94	1,367
Passports Accepted	95	972

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4 NP/11 C	2 Pre ²
3	4 no school 11 NP/11 C 	5 8 NP/11 C 	6 7 NP/11 C 	7 10 NP/11 C 	8 10 NP/11 C 	9
10	11 closed	12 17 NP/11 C 	13 5 NP/11 C 	14 6 NP/11 C 	15 14 NP/11 C 	16
17	18 10 NP/11 C 	19 NP/11 C 	20 4 NP/11 C 	21 9 NP/11 C 	22 2 NP/11 C 	23
24	25 12 NP/11 C 	26 7 NP/11 C 	27 2 NP/11 C 	28 closed	29 closed	30

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					¹ 144,214 5	² (5)
³	⁴ 144,751 8	⁵ *Voting* 145,849 4	⁶ 146133 5	⁷ 146377 4	⁸ 146538 5	⁹ (26)
¹⁰	¹¹ CLOSED	¹² 146,893 8	¹³ 147199 5	¹⁴ 147,539 (8)	¹⁵ 147,748 6	¹⁶ (27)
¹⁷	¹⁸ ↘ 148013	¹⁹ 148,297 6	²⁰ 148581 2	²¹ 148795 5	²² 148928 4	²³ (22)
²⁴	²⁵ 7 149274	²⁶ 4 149540	²⁷ 4 149787	²⁸ CLOSED	²⁹ CLOSED	³⁰ (15)

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

November 2024

Online Storytime

Programs: 4
 Facebook plays: 811*
 YouTube views: 1079
 Total views: 1090

Artastic

Programs: 1
 Facebook plays: 227
 YouTube views: 381
 Total views: 608
 Kits handed out: 150

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	11/05	Book Time	19
	11/07	Reif Nutcracker Storytime	73
	11/12	Book Time	39
	11/18	Lego Club	26
	11/19	Book Time	37
	11/20	Teen Book Club	5
	11/25	Page Turners	6
	11/26	Book Time	33

Book Times : 4 People: 128
 Library Programs: 4 People: 110
Total Programs: 8 People: 238

Class Visit: 3 groups People: 37

- Northern Lights: 25
- RJEMS SPED: 6
- Ball Club Head Start: 6

Reference Questions 2024: 269

Reference Questions 2023: 477

*The Meta platform has changed how they calculate Facebook viewer metric. They have changed views to plays.

November 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5	2 5
3	4 41	5 22	6 7	7 12	8 4	9 86
10	11 CLOSED	12 14	13 16	14 16	15 8	16 48
17	18 21	19 16	20 14	21 13	22 9	23 73
24	25 24	26 15	27 18	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 57

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	28	177.50	7	108.50	7	26.00	8	95.50	2	6.00	35	286.00
June	29	157.00	6	101.50	6	26.00	10	84.25	1	6.00	35	258.50
July	36	206.25	8	111.00	7	17.00	18	137.25	1	9.00	44	317.25
August	44	244.00	5	104.25	7	43.00	7	74.00	1	5.00	49	348.25
September	33	146.75	4	81.00	7	27.00	10	64.50	10	19.00	37	227.75
October	29	176.00	4	79.25	6	26.00	9	71.00	1	4.00	33	255.25
November	41	171.00	4	94.50	8	28.00	10	96.00	7	7.00	45	265.50
December												
Total		1914.00		1035.25		303.00		858.75		112.00	*	2,949.25