

GRAL Director's Report

OCTOBER 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

MLA Legislative Updates: 10-10:30 a.m.

11/8/23, 12/6/23

-Minitex Policy Advisory Council

Strategic planning session scheduled for 12/01 in Minneapolis

-2024 Budget Process for City of Grand Rapids and Itasca County

The City Council approved a Preliminary 2024 Tax Levy Resolution at the 9/25 meeting.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Library Façade Repair Project

I will have an update on the Façade Repair Project at the 10/11 Library Board meeting.

-I attended the 9/21 Library Foundation meeting at CPC with Library Board Chair Cyndy Martin and Jennifer Barr.

-ISD 318 has designated the library as a polling place for the 11/7 referendum. Library is providing space the same as past elections. Staff are not involved in operating the polling place.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-New Large Print Display

A big 'thank you' to the Library Foundation for supporting a major collection enhancement for the Large Print collection. Please stop by and check out the new titles on display.

-Summary for Library Façade Repair Project

The Library Façade Repair Project is best described as:

1. Replace exterior sealant, joints are in poor condition and the material is past its useful age.
2. Repair/replace flashing at front bay windows with a weatherproof membrane and protective cladding.
3. Remove and reset capstones, replace flashing with new material featuring a drip edge.
4. Fix (reinstall) the window in the east office, bringing it up to as new condition.
5. Perform sealant maintenance / repair around skylights. Sealant is in poor to fair condition.
6. Clean brick to remove stains and moss, add water repellent product to extend useful life.
7. Spot masonry repairs on estimated total surface area of 1,400 square feet.
8. Repaint exposed steel on building exterior.

END OF REPORT

September in Children's

Yahoo! It's almost the end of September! The leaves are gorgeous, we're finally getting rain, and they are predicting an El Nino winter. This is cause for celebration. Probably.

I have no idea how the YouTube algorithm works, but every once in a while they'll recommend one of our videos. We put up "Grumpy" on September 7. Within 2 hours we had over 600 views! It has topped out at over 1.3 thousand views.

"Raccoons" which was posted 24 hours ago has a respectable 51 YouTube views. While the big numbers are fun, I appreciate viewers that return, week after week.

Other highlights of our month:

- We had a CLAS (Childrens Librarians of the Arrowhead System) meeting in Mountain Iron. After not meeting face to face for almost three years, I don't take for granted the chance to see my colleagues face-to-face. I am always energized by these get-togethers, and appreciate attending.
- After taking the summer off, I am back on the air on KAXE with monthly book reviews.
- Booktime, in collaboration with ECFE and Invest Early, has returned at 1:00 on Tuesdays. We already have almost 20 regulars!
- We have contracts signed for
 - Page Turners Book Club with Emily Lindner
 - Lego Club with Isabella and Madelyn Pratto
- My next Teen Book Club is scheduled for October
- Artastic will resume in October
- I love walking into this library
- Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Sep 2023

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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1st Time	8987	11113	-20	8681	3	89059	86959	2
Phone Renewal	250	248	0	239	4	2623	2654	-2
Renewal	136	200	-32	169	-20	1424	1583	-11
Opac Renewal	714	737	-4	640	11	6132	5879	4
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	10087	12298	-18	9729	3	99238	97075	2

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 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	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Normal	8746	9919	-12	8331	4	80471	79370	1
Late	2100	2240	-7	2115	-1	17687	17070	3
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	10846	12159	-11	10446	3	98158	96440	1

Requests Placed

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Placed	2139	1950	9	1696	26	17633	16463	7
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Total	2139	1950	9	1696	26	17633	16463	7

Requests Resolved

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Cancelled	104	109	-5	102	1	972	767	26
Filled	2893	2681	7	2687	7	25843	24896	3
Expired	5	1	400	2	150	18	24	-25
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Total	3002	2791	7	2791	7	26833	25687	4

Holdes Resolved

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1857	1547	20	1574	17	15731	14944	5
Cancelled	4	9	-56	1	300	56	29	93
Expired	114	165	-31	109	4	1088	1149	-6
Total	1975	1721	14	1684	17	16875	16122	4

Overdues

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	850	722	17	670	26	5317	4446	19
2nd Notice	7	0	100	4	75	24	20	20
3rd Notice	0	0	0	2	-100	7	5	40
4th Notice	0	0	0	1	-100	5	3	66
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	100
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	300	265	13	241	24	1665	1330	25
Total	1157	987	17	918	26	7021	5804	20

Borrower Delta

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	85	118	-28	79	7	911	807	12

Deleted (Manual)	9	8	12	9	0	67	79	-16
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	94	126	-26	88	6	978	886	10

Bib Delta

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	104	207	-50	157	-34	1607	1534	4
Deleted (Manual)	131	188	-31	88	48	2769	3144	-12
New (Batch)	53	50	6	84	-37	644	594	8
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	288	445	-36	329	-13	5020	5272	-5

Auth Delta

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	2	1	100	0	100	7	6	16
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	100	0	100	7	6	16

Item Delta

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	379	524	-28	446	-16	4544	4310	5
Deleted (Manual)	105	155	-33	123	-15	3894	6368	-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	484	679	-29	569	-15	8438	10678	-21

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	%chg	Sep 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 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	259	350	-26	324	-21	2639	2573	2
Items Rcvd by Ven	266	367	-28	334	-21	2704	2612	3
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	525	717	-27	658	-21	5343	5185	3

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

September 2023

	September	YTD 2023
Door Count	2,588	23,623
Reference Questions	122	1,900
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	20	270
Tests Proctored	2	9
Public Computer Use: Sessions	306	2,182
Public Computer Use: Hours	250	1,791
Special Computer Sessions	96	1,187
Passports Accepted	88	900

5075 398
250 hr

QUESTIONS 122
I 20
NA 26
TA 2
PD 28

September 2023

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

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FP/T

September 2023

5175
2528

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 65986 5	2 5
3	4 CLOSED	5 661315 JN FTO 4	6 66633 JN FTO 4	7 66970 JN FTO 8	8 67416 RIVERFEST JN FTO	9 1516
10	11 67747 JN FTO 5	12 681073 JN FTO 10	13 681310 11	14 68548 5	15 681721 2	16 26
17	18 68997 5	19 69280 4	20 69472 6	21 69702 6	22 69893 Ø	23 21
24	25 70127 10	26 701359 1	27 70697 3	28 70964 6	29 71162 Q	30 20

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

September 2023

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook views: 240

YouTube views: 1552

Total views: 1792

Artastic

Programs: 0

Facebook views: 0

YouTube views: 0

Total views: 0

Kits handed out: 0

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	9/12	Book Time	14
	9/19	Book Time	25
	9/26	Book Time	14

Total Programs: 3 People: 53

Reference Questions 2023: 265

Reference Questions 2022: 256

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					15 ¹	15 ²
3	CLOSED Labor Day	10 ⁵	15 ⁶	26 ⁷	CLOSED ⁸	51 ⁹
10	11 ¹¹	20 ¹² NO CINDY	11 ¹³	19 ¹⁴	9 ¹⁵	76 ¹⁶
17	12 ¹⁸	13 ¹⁹	14 ²⁰	18 ²¹	7 ²²	63 ²³
24	14 ²⁵	12 ²⁶	18 ²⁷	16 ²⁸	4 ²⁹	64 ³⁰

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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2023 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	30	147.50	6	93.50	9	9.00	11	49.50	2	5.50	36	241.00
February	29	115.25	7	80.75	7	7.00	8	39.00	6	14.00	36	196.00
March	28	147.00	7	116.00	9	9.00	11	59.00	1	5.00	35	263.00
April	29	130.00	6	100.00	5	5.00	10	57.25	5	13.00	35	230.00
May	25	123.25	7	123.25	8	8.00	11	71.00	1	5.00	32	246.50
June	25	148.50	9	128.00	6	6.00	12	95.00	1	4.50	34	276.50
July	32	171.00	8	99.00	8	8.00	16	110.50	1	3.50	40	270.00
August	39	258.00	8	132.50	8	29.00	10	110.00	1	2.00	47	390.50
September	32	142.50	8	95.25	8	13.00	10	50.00	8	21.00	40	237.75
October												
November												
December												
Total		1383.00		968.25		94.00		641.25		73.50	*	2,351.25