

January in Children's

This is your official announcement that January is finally over. I wasn't sure we'd make it there for a while. But, here we are!

Some highlights from our month:

- Online Storytime explored books about pizza, rubber duckies, cookies, pockets, numbers, sandwiches, and rocks. Whew! We also received a phone call from a daycare provider in San Diego, CA. She had a lot of great questions about how we did it, particularly how I made the flannel boards. (She was wondering if I had written a book? And where she could buy it? I didn't laugh out loud, because that seemed rude.)
- We had a lovely STEAM program in conjunction with the Bell Museum.
- Page Turners and Teen Book Club met, with wonderful conversations happening surrounding some great books.
- Lego Club had a great beginning to the year, with 30 engineers building around the theme of "animals." Bella Prato has left the area, and her place has been capably taken by Halley Ortenblad. A 16-year-old big sister to four siblings, Halley has been around the Lego table a time or two.
- We handed out Artastic kits so our library kids could join Grandma Nance in crayoning and painting snowflakes and sprinkling salt on them. Delightful!
- IT WAS NEWBERY MONDAY!!!!!!!!!!!! (My favorite day of the year.) The Newbery winner was "The First State of Being" by Erin Entrada Kelly, and the Caldecott went to "Chooch Helped" by Andrea L. Rogers with illustrations by Rebecca Lee Kunz. Bragging moment: We were one of only 5 libraries in the STATE that owned "Chooch Helped" when it was announced, and we already owned all the medal and honor books in both categories. (And several others.) Take that with a grain of salt however, because these books are awarded by a committee of fifteen. Who knows what they'll think worthy? Maybe next year we won't have any...
- Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Jan 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Time	9496	7856	20	10461	-10	9496	10461	-10
Phone Renewal	148	239	-39	233	-37	148	233	-37
Renewal	197	182	8	225	-13	197	225	-13
Opac Renewal	499	681	-27	502	-1	499	502	-1
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	10340	8958	15	11421	-10	10340	11421	-10

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 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	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Normal	7600	8195	-8	8089	-7	7600	8089	-7
Late	1837	1996	-8	2131	-14	1837	2131	-14
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9437	10191	-8	10220	-8	9437	10220	-8

Requests Placed

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Total	92	60	53	83	10	92	83	10

Bib Delta

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	167	115	45	190	-13	167	190	-13
Deleted (Manual)	849	1091	-23	259	227	849	259	227
New (Batch)	33	42	-22	52	-37	33	52	-37
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	1049	1248	-16	501	109	1049	501	109

Auth Delta

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	0	0	0	1	-100	0	1	-100
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	0	0	1	-100	0	1	-100

Item Delta

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	480	322	49	433	10	480	433	10
Deleted (Manual)	1359	4200	-68	1046	29	1359	1046	29
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	1839	4522	-60	1479	24	1839	1479	24

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	%chg	Jan 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	196	215	-9	185	5	196	185	5
Items Rcvd by Ven	199	223	-11	188	5	199	188	5
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	395	438	-10	373	5	395	373	5

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

January 2025

	January	YTD 2025
Door Count	5,011	5,011
Reference Questions	146	146
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	15	15
Tests Proctored	0	0
Public Computer Use: Sessions	206	206
Public Computer Use: Hours	220	220
Special Computer Sessions	92	92
Passports Accepted	138	138

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CLOSED	2 154563 MJ FTO 11	3 154728 DM FTO MJ FTO 1	4 <u>12</u>
5	6 155095 DM FTO 6	7 155361 DM FTO 8	8 155657 DM FTO 11	9 155882 DM FTO 3	10 156032 DM FTO 4	11 <u>32</u>
12	13 156269 DM FTO 7	14 156548 DM FTO 4	15 156838 DM FTO 12	16 157006 DM FTO DC FTO 7	17 157263 DM FTO 4	18 <u>34</u>
19	20 CLOSED	21 157540 9	22 158003 10	23 158095 7	24 158258 6	25 <u>32</u>
26	27 158684 7 AD FTO	28 158865 AD FTO 5	29 159145 AD FTO 5	30 159394 AD FTO 8	31 159574 3 AD FTO 8	<u>28</u> <u>28</u>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>closed</i>	2 11 npl ci 	3 6 npl ci 	4
5	6 8 npl ci 	7 7 npl ci 	8 7 npl ci 	9 12 npl ci 	10 7 npl ci 	11
12 ↓	13 10 npl ci 	14 6 npl ci 	15 4 npl ci 	16 7 npl ci 	17 6 npl ci 	18
19	20 <i>closed</i>	21 8 npl ci 	22 9 npl ci 	23 7 npl ci 	24 5 npl ci 	25
26	27 16 npl ci 	28 npl ci 	29 npl ci	30 npl ci	31 10 npl ci ?	

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GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics January 2025

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook plays: 993*

YouTube views: 1400

Total views: 2393

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 181

YouTube views: 42

Total views: 223

Kits handed out: 150

01/07	Book Time	41
01/08	Afterschool STEAM	26
01/14	Book Time	33
01/21	Book Time	30
01/22	Teen Book Club	6
01/27	Lego Club	30
01/27	Page Turners	6
01/28	Book Time	37

Total Programs: 8 People: 209

Book Times : 4 People: 141

Library Programs: 4 People: 68

Class Visit: 1 groups People: 10

- RJEMS SPED: 10

Reference Questions 2025: 419

Reference Questions 2024: 431

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 closed	2 15	3 11	4 24
5	6 19	7 22	8 19	9 23	10 5	11 86
12	13 no maddy 23	14 no Gaudi 19	15 27	16 16	17 no school 22	18 107
19	20 CLOSED	21 21	22 32	23 20	24 5	25 78
26	27 30	28 31	29 24	30 21	31 8	120

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												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		160.75		90.50		27.00		85.75		5.00	*	251.25