

GRAL Director's Report

DECEMBER 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

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

12/6/23

-Minitex Policy Advisory Council

Strategic planning session was 12/01 in Minneapolis

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

I attended the 12/4 City of Grand Rapids Truth in Taxation meeting (public hearing).

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Library Façade Repair Project

The project is complete – the Facilities Maintenance Manager will sign off.

-I attended the 11/16 Library Foundation meeting at CPC with Library Board Chair Cyndy Martin and Jennifer Barr.

-New ALS Executive Director:

The ALS Board ad hoc committee responsible for reaching an employment agreement with the next ALS Executive Director, Matt Rosendahl (UMD Library Director and ALS Search Committee Chair), Pat Melvin (David Drown

Associates) and Myself, ALS Board President, have successfully negotiated a contract for the position of ALS Executive Director with Mollie Stanford! Mollie's start date will be January 29, 2024.

Welcome, Mollie, our next Executive Director!

Lenore Johnson, President

ALS Governing Board

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.

-HVAC PM

Gardner (HVAC contractor) has us up and running for winter.

-EV Charger

The EV charger in the SE corner of the parking lot is scheduled to be operational sometime in December. This opportunity was made possible by support from General Motors and Grand Rapids GM. Local electrical contractors performed the installation.

END OF REPORT

October and November 2023 in Children's

It's been a great fall in the Children's Library! Some highlights:

1. The two 4th grade classes from Cohasset continue to visit once a month. It is a bit of a challenge, as they prefer to come together, (I would prefer to split them into two groups) but they are absolutely fabulous students with great teachers, and I very much enjoy their busy visits!
2. Teen Book club met in both October and November. We've got 4 awesome participants, and their hour with me is a highlight of my month. I'd like to have a couple more teens, but we're growing, albeit slowly.
3. In October we filmed 10 episodes of Online Storytime! Heavens to Betsy, that's a lot of flannel boardin' and scarf wavin'! We added just one more filmed episode in November.
4. Page Turners, our mid-grade book club under the direction of Emily Lindner, met in October, and will again in December.
5. Madelyn and Bella Pratto continue to do an excellent job leading Lego Club! Their interactions with the builders, and their plans from one month to the next are really neat to watch. I count myself very lucky that they share their talents with our patrons.
6. I did a couple of radio review pieces with KAXE. I really enjoy doing these, and I appreciate any avenue to encourage folks to use the library.
7. We met with Jenny Behm this month, to talk about STEM in the library. Jenny used to do STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) programming for us several years ago. This time she is coming to us as an employee of the Bell Museum. We hope to begin a monthly collaboration in January 2024. Stay tuned!

Monthly Report - Overview for Nov 2023

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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1st Time	10040	10521	-5	9235	8	109620	105176	4
Phone Renewal	315	269	17	272	15	3207	3191	0
Renewal	143	127	12	156	-9	1694	1893	-11
Opac Renewal	656	566	15	571	14	7354	7239	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
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Total	11154	11483	-3	10234	8	121875	117499	3

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 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	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Normal	9725	8923	8	8263	17	99119	96264	2
Late	2036	2039	-1	1825	11	21762	20482	6
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	11761	10962	7	10088	16	120881	116746	3

Requests Placed

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Placed	2164	2253	-4	1809	19	22050	20434	7
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Total	2164	2253	-4	1809	19	22050	20434	7

Requests Resolved

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Cancelled	110	115	-5	82	34	1197	968	23
Filled	2948	3262	-10	3087	-5	32053	30693	4
Expired	0	4	-100	1	-100	22	27	-19
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Total	3058	3381	-10	3170	-4	33272	31688	4

Holds Resolved

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1983	2099	-6	1868	6	19813	18466	7
Cancelled	7	1	600	7	0	64	38	68
Expired	129	119	8	105	22	1336	1400	-5
Total	2119	2219	-5	1980	7	21213	19904	6

Overdues

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	658	570	15	423	55	6545	5379	21
2nd Notice	11	3	266	0	100	38	20	90
3rd Notice	2	0	100	0	100	9	6	50
4th Notice	1	0	100	0	100	6	4	50
5th Notice	1	0	100	0	100	2	1	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	183	231	-21	105	74	2079	1691	22
Total	856	804	6	528	62	8681	7101	22

Borrower Delta

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	87	76	14	70	24	1074	975	10

New (Manual)	571	455	25	603	-6	5570	5767	-4
Deleted (Manual)	198	313	-37	171	15	4405	7371	-41
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	769	768	0	774	-1	9975	13138	-25

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	%chg	Nov 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	321	324	-1	253	26	3284	3404	-4
Items Rcvd by Ven	343	339	1	256	33	3386	3466	-3
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	664	663	0	509	30	6670	6870	-3

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

November 2023

	November	YTD 2023
Door Count	7,134	35,929
Reference Questions	115	2,163
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	25	313
Tests Proctored	0	13
Public Computer Use: Sessions	230	2,657
Public Computer Use: Hours	182	2,185
Special Computer Sessions	94	1,422
Passports Accepted	88	1,089

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 75,821 3	2 77,112 3	3 77,275 1	4 7
5	6 77,703* * Voting* 7	7 79,502 * Voting* 54	8 79,714 5	9 79,993 4	10 CLOSED	11 20
12	13 80,270 3	14 80,520 6	15 80,784 3	16 81,057 5	17 81,249 7	18 24
19	20 81,600 4	21 81,895 2	22 82,005 13	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 19
26	27 82,274 TK FTO 3	28 82,518 TK FTO 2	29 82,733 TK FTO 7	30 82,955 TK FTO 6		 18

November 2023

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

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

November 2023

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook views: 238

YouTube views: 483

Total views: 721

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook views: 74

YouTube views: 30

Total views: 104

Kits handed out: 150

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	11/07	Book Time	16
	11/09	Lego Club	38
	11/14	Book Time	12
	11/15	Teen Book Club	5
	11/21	Book Time	5
	11/28	Book Time	19

Total Programs: 6 People: 95

Class Visit: 3 groups People: 66

- Cohasset Fourth graders: 46
- Nashwauk-Keewatin SPED: 11
- ICC Development Class: 9

Reference Questions 2023: 447

Reference Questions 2022: 359

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			17 ¹	57 ²	10 ³	84 ⁴
5	42 ⁶	28 ⁷	18 ⁸	15 ⁹	CLOSED ¹⁰	103 ¹¹ Veterans Day
12	23 ¹³	17 ¹⁴	19 ¹⁵	43 ¹⁶	24 ¹⁷	124 ¹⁸
19	19 ²⁰	30 ²¹	14 ²²	CLOSED ²³ Thanksgiving Day	CLOSED ²⁴	63 ²⁵
26	15 ²⁷	17 ²⁸	18 ²⁹	21 ³⁰		71

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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	23	125.50	7	106.50	8	8.00	6	46.25	1	4.00	30	232.00
November	31	144.00	7	134.00	9	9.00	10	95.25	5	11.00	38	278.00
December												
Total		1652.50		1208.75		111.00		782.75		88.50	*	2,861.25