February in Children's

Whew! Another February is, well, nearly, in the books! I know it's the shortest month of the year, but, to me, it's very much the longest. I can almost feel the spring breezes blow! (Don't hold that against me, please, when a March blizzard buries us all...) Some highlights of our month:

- We filmed a Helper, Gold, and Lost and Found Online Storytime.
- Diana Magner filled in for Nancy Mike-Johnson for Artastic this month. She will also cover March. It's fun to have a new art perspective! As of this writing Diana has garnered over 700 Facebook views.
- The Bell Museum, with instructor Jennifer Behm, provided another stellar STEAM program.
- Page Turners Books Club as well as Teen Book Club met this month. We had a new member join us for Teen Book Club! It was a great meeting.
- I (Tracy) gave a presentation alongside Stephanie Wichlacz, ALS Youth Services Librarian, at Minnesota North College's Early Childhood Conference. We spoke about what our libraries and library system had for Early Childhood professionals. Other than an hour-long, campus-wide power outage just before I was to speak (with PowerPoint slides,) it was a very successful day!
- I attended "Family Literacy Night" at West Elementary school, to learn about ISD318's new literacy program, Wit and Wisdom. I am not generally a fan of any systematic way of teaching literacy, but from what I saw, I am quite favorable towards this program.
- We hosted the St. Joseph's preschoolers and their special guests for their Preschool at the Library Day. The students come to the library rather than the school, bring a special adult, and learn what their library has for them. They do lunch and lessons in the Programming Room, and then join me for lessons on how to take care of books, and a storytime. This year we read about, sang about, and did a flannel board about bees. It is a tiring, but a really good day! Kudos to Cindy Eckert, St. Joseph's Preschool Teacher, for her organization and her incredible ability to keep the four-year-old Trains on their tracks when they are away from everything familiar.
- Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Feb 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Time	8240	9886	-17	9247	-11	18126	19708	-9
Phone Renewal	172	149	15	296	-42	321	529	-40
Renewal	112	206	-46	189	-41	318	414	-24
Opac Renewal	498	506	-2	548	-10	1004	1050	-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	9022	10747	-17	10280	-13	19769	21701	-9

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 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	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Normal	8140	7903	2	8436	-4	16043	16525	-3
Late	1396	1902	-27	1792	-23	3298	3923	-16
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9536	9805	-3	10228	-7	19341	20448	-6

Requests Placed

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Placed	1950	2201	-12	2289	-15	4151	4652	-11
Total	1950	2201	-12	2289	-15	4151	4652	-11

Requests Resolved

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	97	154	-38	75	29	251	176	42
Filled	2705	3172	-15	3113	-14	5877	6671	-12
Expired	6	6	0	1	500	12	3	300
Total	2808	3332	-16	3189	-12	6140	6850	-11

Holds Resolved

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1612	2176	-26	1883	-15	3788	4138	-9
Cancelled	2	3	-34	0	100	5	0	100
Expired	125	123	1	153	-19	248	273	-10
Total	1739	2302	-25	2036	-15	4041	4411	-9

Overdues

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	408	568	-29	556	-27	976	987	-2
2nd Notice	3	9	-67	1	200	12	4	200
3rd Notice	0	4	-100	0	0	4	1	300
4th Notice	3	1	200	0	100	4	0	100
5th Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	1	1	0
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	228	237	-4	165	38	465	376	23
Total	642	820	-22	722	-12	1462	1369	6

Borrower Delta

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	66	87	-25	78	-16	153	158	-4
Deleted (Manual)	3	10	-70	11	-73	13	14	-8
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total	69	97	-29	89	-23	166	172	-4

Bib Delta

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	101	168	-40	122	-18	269	312	-14
Deleted (Manual)	716	859	-17	309	131	1575	568	177
New (Batch)	13	33	-61	202	-94	46	254	-82
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	830	1060	-22	633	31	1890	1134	66

Auth Delta

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	2	0	100	1	100	2	2	0
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	100	1	100	2	2	0

Item Delta

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	346	482	-29	608	-44	828	1041	-21
Deleted (Manual)	1452	1380	5	460	215	2832	1506	88
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1798	1862	-4	1068	68	3660	2547	43

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	%chg	Feb 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	131	196	-34	183	-29	327	368	-12
Items Rcvd by Ven	132	199	-34	185	-29	331	373	-12
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	263	395	-34	368	-29	658	741	-12

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Reference Statistics

February 2025

	February	YTD 2025
Door Count	4,495	9,506
Reference Questions	135	281
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	13	28
Tests Proctored	0	0
Public Computer Use: Sessions	226	432
Public Computer Use: Hours	203	423
Special Computer Sessions	62	154
Passports Accepted	105	243

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 159794 5	4 160049 8	5 160329 10	6 160555 8	7 160,728 3	8 (34)
9	10 161004 9	11 161,294 7	12 161534 AD FTO 9	13 161831 AD FTO 5	14 161940 3	15 (32)
16	17 CLOSED	18 162240 7	19 162514 2	20 162767 3	21 162902 5	22 (17)
23	24 163209 3	25 163498 0	26 163847 (1)	27 164104 13	28 164,289 5	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 16 NPI CI II I	4 NPI CI III	5 10 NPI CI ~~HHT~~ I I	6 6 NPI CI II	7 10 NPI CI IIII II	8
9	10 5 NPI CI II	11 5 NPI CI III I	12 3 NPI CI II	13 5 NPI CI ~~HHT~~	14 3 NPI CI I	15
16	17 Closed	18 16 NPI CI II	19 12 NPI CI ~~HHT~~ I	20 5 NPI CI I I	21 8 NPI CI III	22
23	24 5 NPI CI ~~HHT~~ I III	25 11 NPI CI III	26 6 NPI CI ~~HHT~~ I	27 5 NPI CI III I	28 4 NPI CI IIII I	

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics
February 2025

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook plays: 704*

YouTube views: 1355

Total views: 2059

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 839

YouTube views: 50

Total views: 889

Kits handed out: 150

02/04	Book Time	48
02/11	Book Time	49
02/12	Afterschool STEAM	8
02/18	Book Time	38
02/19	Teen Book Club	6
02/24	Lego Club	16
02/24	Page Turners	7
02/25	Book Time	31

Total Programs: 8 **People: 203**

Book Times : 4 People: 166

Library Programs: 4 People: 37

Class Visit: 2 groups **People: 69**

- RJEMS SPED: 13
- St Joseph's Preschool: 56

Reference Questions 2025: 401

Reference Questions 2024: 429

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

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401

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 18	4 16	5 29	6 22	7 18	8 103
9	10 44	11 27 No Cindy	12 24	13 13	14 6	15 114
16	17 CLOSED	18 17	19 23	20 10	21 6	22 56
23	24 35	25 28	26 51	27 12	28 5	 128

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	36	157.50	4	57.25	8	28.00	8	56.25	10	14.00	40	214.75
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		**318.25**		**147.75**		**55.00**		**142.00**		**19.00**	*	**466.00**