

GRAL Director's Report

JULY 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

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

8/2/23, 9/6/23, 11/8/23, 12/6/23

-MLA Legislative Update

- Legacy Funding for Regional Public Library Systems
\$2.75M/Year
- Regional Public Library System Funding (RLBSS)
\$4M increase in funding, future increases tied to the Basic Education Allowance, a formula adjustment, and the use of current state demographer numbers for calculations.
- MultiCounty MultiType (MCMT) Regional Library Systems
\$700K for operating and \$1M one-time grants for media specialists.
- Minitex
Funding for online nursing and health databases.
- School Library Media Centers and Specialists
A definition of a school library or school library media center, \$23M/Y for school libraries, and School Library Aid.
- Bonding
\$4M for construction and renovation grants.

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

I will have an update at the 7/12 meeting.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Library Façade Repair Project

Work begins late July.

-RiverFest Electrical Upgrades

Contractors have been onsite making electrical upgrades to outlets near the parking lot and along the north wall for stage / sound power. The stage / sound update will prevent the downtime we experienced last year when PUC installed a temporary power pole for the concert. Public works will plant grass after work is completed.

A small lighting project inside the library was also completed.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-RiverFest Prep

Public Works has been removing dead trees and invasive plants along the river walk. The view from the east side of the library has been improved!

-New Chairs

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for the new chairs on the south side of the library!

-Façade Repair Project

Work is scheduled to begin late July. Crews will work an 8 days on, 6 days off schedule.

-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

Children's in June

Boy howdy! What a month! The highlights:

1. Scavenger hunts have been crazy! We need to reorder our brag tag #1 (the prize for completing scavenger hunt 1), which means that we have had nearly 100 participants in scavenger hunt 1! We are on scavenger hunt 5 this week, halfway to the finish line!
2. Online Storytime: After a lengthy illness, Teacher Missy is back in her chair. We continue to film, as we reach an audience that we don't see in the library. This outreach, although time-consuming, has become a valued part of our library mission.
3. Weekly Lego club is going gangbusters! We're seeing around 30 participants every week, and their builds decorate the Children's Library all week long!
4. Tracy's Summer Booktime has also been well-attended. Anywhere from 30-69 folks have shown up weekly to hear some stories, wave a scarf, and do a craft. I get nervous prepping these storytimes, as I need to find a craft that will work for 2-year-olds as well as 10-year-olds. But the morning of, as families are gathering, I am so excited to share a wonderful time with some fun people.
5. Mid-Day Movies have been lightly attended, but that doesn't surprise me. Our movie license doesn't include new movies, so, many people have already seen the movies we are showing. But, other than the cost of the DVDs, which we then put in the collection, this is a pretty cheap program to host. I'm on the fence about repeating the program next year, but I like that we get use out of our license.
6. We had two special Legacy programs this month, Story Time with Chione, and the Climb Theater. Both were well done and appreciated by the audience.
7. Book clubs: both Page Turners and our Teen Book Club saw a good turnout. They will both meet again in July.
8. And, finally, Artastic this month saw lots of kids drawing frogs!

One more month of complete craziness, and then we'll slow down for August...just in time to get ready for Summer Celebration on August 16!

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	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Normal	8972	8958	0	8760	2	51785	50198	3
Late	1872	2240	-17	1963	-5	11410	10972	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	10844	11198	-4	10723	1	63195	61170	3

Requests Placed

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Placed	1946	1857	4	1730	12	11910	11177	6
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Total	1946	1857	4	1730	12	11910	11177	6

Requests Resolved

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Cancelled	121	126	-4	69	75	663	501	32
Filled	2893	2898	-1	2744	5	17693	16808	5
Expired	0	2	-100	2	-100	12	21	-43
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Total	3014	3026	-1	2815	7	18368	17330	5

Hold Resolved

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1795	1699	5	1600	12	10718	9999	7
Cancelled	5	2	150	6	-17	38	22	72
Expired	134	96	39	149	-11	677	804	-16
Total	1934	1797	7	1755	10	11433	10825	5

Overdues

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	545	643	-16	489	11	3095	2690	15
2nd Notice	2	3	-34	0	100	15	15	0
3rd Notice	0	3	-100	1	-100	6	2	200
4th Notice	2	0	100	0	100	5	1	400
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	179	200	-11	200	-11	948	742	27
Total	728	849	-15	690	5	4072	3450	18

Borrower Delta

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	118	66	78	167	-30	603	515	17

New (Manual)	492	652	-25	519	-6	3313	3141	5
Deleted (Manual)	580	1412	-59	545	6	3299	4739	-31
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	1072	2064	-49	1064	0	6612	7880	-17

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Jun 2023	May 2023	%chg	Jun 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	350	248	41	354	-2	1811	1808	0
Items Rcvd by Ven	352	253	39	357	-2	1851	1831	1
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	702	501	40	711	-2	3662	3639	0

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

June 2023

	June 2023	YTD 2023
Door Count	2940	14911
Reference Questions	201	1374
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	24	177
Tests Proctored	0	6
Public Computer Use: Sessions	267	1308
Public Computer Use: Hours Used	191	1060
Special Computer Sessions	115	775
Passports Accepted	54	596

2023

June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 NP C	2 1+7 NP C	3
4	5 1+10 NP C	6 3+12 NP C	7 3+7 NP C	8 15 NP C	9 8 NP C	10
11	11 10 NP C	11 11 NP C	11 11 NP C	11 11 NP C	16 7 NP C	17
18	18 19 NP C	20 3+13 NP C	21 4+11 NP C	22 1+14 NP C	23 6 NP C	24
25	26 9 NP C	27 7 NP C	28 8 NP C	29 5 NP C	30 4 NP C	
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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 47155 MJ FTO 2	2 47,360 MJ FTO 3	3 (5)
4	5 47733 1	6 48,011 1	7 48281 1	8 48,578 5	9 48,765 2	10 (10)
11	12 49085 3	13 49356 1	14 49691* 3	15 49945 5	16 50172 3	17 (15)
18	19 CLOSED	20 50,550 (6)	21 50877 (5)	22 51176 (4)	23 51,439 3	24 (18)
25	26 51835 (6)	27 52,222 0	28 52506 5	29 52821 2	30 53,035 1	(20)

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

June 2023

Online Storytime

Programs: 1

Facebook views: 799

YouTube views: 416

Total views: 1215

Artastic

Programs: 5

Facebook views: 87

YouTube views: 23

Total views: 110

Kits handed out: 150

YouTube Shorts

Shorts/Views: 2/20

Facebook Reels

Reels/Views: 1/583

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	6/7	Storytime with Chione	27
	6/9	Lego Club	32
	6/14	Mid-Day Movie	13
	6/16	Lego Club	27
	6/20	Page Turners	11
	6/21	Mid-Day Movie	7
	6/23	Lego Club	37
	6/26	Teen Book Club	7
	6/26	Climb Theater	33
	6/28	Mid-Day Movie	3
	6/30	Lego Club	34

Book Time with Tracy Programs: 4

People: 214

Total Programs: 15 People: 445

Reference Questions 2023: 678

Reference Questions 2022: 219

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				10 ¹	23 ²	33 ³
4	49 ⁵ No MARRY	41 ⁶	30 ⁷	47 ⁸	27 ⁹	194 ¹⁰
11	26 ¹²	30 ¹³	41 ¹⁴	33 ¹⁵	28 ¹⁶	164 ¹⁷
18	19 ¹⁹ Juneteenth	37 ²⁰	27 ²¹	23 ²²	32 ²³	119 ²⁴
25	41 ²⁶	29 ²⁷	33 ²⁸	43 ²⁹	22 ³⁰	1128

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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2023 Volunteer Report

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Friends of the Library		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	146.00	8	115.00	6	6.00	11	86.00	1	2.00	33	261.00
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
Total		809.00		628.50		44.00		361.75		44.50	*	1,437.50