

GRAL Director's Report

SEPTEMBER 2022

ADVOCACY

-Arrowhead Library System Request to Itasca County

At the direction of the ALS Board, Executive Director Jim Weikum is submitting a funding request to Itasca County seeking a 2.5% increase over the FY 2022 support amount to \$402,526.

-Local Elections (especially County Board of Commissioners)

The Library is locally funded by City and County property tax levies. Three County Board seats are open – with no incumbents running. The outcome of these races could influence our goal of an equitable funding scenario.

-State Legislature (Regional Library Basic System Support et al.)

Hopes for a Special Session did not pan out. Lawmakers left St. Paul without passing major bills or making plans for a special session. This means no action on Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) or other Minnesota Library Association (MLA) legislative initiatives until next session.

I am monitoring Minnesota Library Association meetings and will have an update when 2023 Legislative priorities come out.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Summer Celebration

531 participants – our largest program (ever)! Thank you to the volunteers who help make this day possible!!!

-Music Park Collaboration with KAXE

McCarty Park is ready for play. A big thank you to KAXE and the Library Foundation for funding this project! Kathy McCarty is very excited to visit and dedicate the park along with KAXE staff and Foundation representatives.

-RIVERFEST summary

I have an RIVERFEST update on the Agenda.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-Drive-thru Paving

The island near the drive-thru was removed and paved. This will help patrons approach the book drop and make snow removal easier.

-Book drop

AI's Restoration installed the new book drop 8/30. The drop was closed for a few days for the masonry to set up, but is now operational. Thank you to the Catholic Community Foundation for funding this project.

FIRE RESPONSE

I responded to 8 fire calls from the Library in August.

END OF REPORT

August in Children's

Wow! What a day! Our Second Annual Summer Celebration seemed a great success. We had over 500 people for activities, prize books, popcorn, and Kona Ice. One Mama told me, "You know the difference between this event and others like it? Here, the kids actually DO all the projects. It's great!" And, it's true, out of the 800+ activities planned, we had only about 12 left. (Enough supplies were ordered/gathered ((Amy picked 200 pinecones!)) for 100 activities per table X eight tables. But, due to quantities per package of supplies, some tables had more than 100 projects to offer. Balance sticks, for example had 150 sticks...and used them all!) Just this week we had another Mom come in with her toddler daughter. "I just wanted to tell you how much fun we had at the library party, I took the day off work, and it was totally worth it!" Thank you to the Library Board members who showed up, your help was invaluable! Also, thanks to Cyndy Martin for rounding up a slew of volunteers, many hands truly made light work. The Cyndy/Sheena greeting committee, as always, was highly entertaining, and Deb Kee was magnificent with the most complex project, Oiled Paper Suncatchers. Thank you! (Plans are already in the works for Summer Celebration 2023. August 16, 2023. Clear your calendars!) Oh! In addition to all the other fun of our Second Annual Summer Celebration, we had more than 125 people turn in their reading logs and collect their free book!

August also brought a milestone event for me: we actually had a face-to-face gathering for Children's Librarians at ALS Headquarters in Mountain Iron for the first time since the pandemic. I need face-to-face gatherings like this. Other, like-minded, people energize me, and it was a good idea-generating event for me.

August also brought another installment on KAXE's What We're Reading program, and an episode of Michael Goldberg's Stay Human, where I shared the roots of my librarianship. (There's a falling-apart book involved.) Filming, and prepping for, many Online Storytime episodes, and planning for the return of in-person programming rounded out one heck of a great month.

Monthly Report - Overview for Aug 2022

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1st Time | 11276 | 10791 | 4 | 9777 | 15 | 78278 | 52436 | 49 |
| Phone Renewal | 291 | 413 | -30 | 159 | 83 | 2415 | 1280 | 88 |
| Renewal | 155 | 105 | 47 | 320 | -52 | 1414 | 1179 | 19 |
| Opac Renewal | 707 | 713 | -1 | 712 | -1 | 5239 | 4373 | 19 |
| 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 | 12429 | 12022 | 3 | 10968 | 13 | 87346 | 59268 | 47 |

Checkout Stock Rotation

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 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 |

Checkin

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Normal | 11131 | 9710 | 14 | 9695 | 14 | 71039 | 48515 | 46 |
| Late | 2064 | 1919 | 7 | 2009 | 2 | 14955 | 8404 | 77 |
| Offline Normal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Offline Late | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 13195 | 11629 | 13 | 11704 | 12 | 85994 | 56919 | 51 |

Requests Placed

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|-------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| Placed | 1815 | 1774 | 2 | 1614 | 12 | 14766 | 19449 | -25 |
| Total | 1815 | 1774 | 2 | 1614 | 12 | 14766 | 19449 | -25 |

Requests Resolved

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Cancelled | 85 | 79 | 7 | 96 | -12 | 665 | 1024 | -36 |
| Filled | 2797 | 2604 | 7 | 2634 | 6 | 22209 | 28411 | -22 |
| Expired | 1 | 0 | 100 | 10 | -90 | 22 | 24 | -9 |
| Total | 2883 | 2683 | 7 | 2740 | 5 | 22896 | 29459 | -23 |

Holds Resolved

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|-------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| Picked Up | 1712 | 1659 | 3 | 1563 | 9 | 13370 | 19424 | -32 |
| Cancelled | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Expired | 133 | 103 | 29 | 144 | -8 | 1040 | 1134 | -9 |
| Total | 1848 | 1765 | 4 | 1710 | 8 | 14438 | 20586 | -30 |

Overdues

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|--------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| 1st Notice | 536 | 550 | -3 | 483 | 10 | 3776 | 1752 | 115 |
| 2nd Notice | 0 | 1 | -100 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 100 |
| 3rd Notice | 1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 3 | 6 | -50 |
| 4th Notice | 0 | 1 | -100 | 1 | -100 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 5th Notice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 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 | 193 | 154 | 25 | 106 | 82 | 1089 | 423 | 157 |
| Total | 730 | 706 | 3 | 590 | 23 | 4886 | 2191 | 123 |

Borrower Delta

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 114 | 114 | 0 | 77 | 48 | 798 | 383 | 108 |
|-------|-----|-----|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|

Bib Delta

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| New (Manual) | 127 | 153 | -17 | 135 | -6 | 1377 | 1001 | 37 |
| Deleted (Manual) | 561 | 336 | 66 | 72 | 679 | 3056 | 1095 | 179 |
| New (Batch) | 61 | 41 | 48 | 47 | 29 | 510 | 331 | 54 |
| Deleted (Batch) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 749 | 530 | 41 | 254 | 194 | 4943 | 2427 | 103 |

Auth Delta

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| New (Manual) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deleted (Manual) | 1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 6 | 2 | 200 |
| New (Batch) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deleted (Batch) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 6 | 2 | 200 |

Item Delta

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| New (Manual) | 346 | 377 | -9 | 364 | -5 | 3864 | 3105 | 24 |
| Deleted (Manual) | 906 | 600 | 51 | 90 | 906 | 6245 | 3510 | 77 |
| New (Batch) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deleted (Batch) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1252 | 977 | 28 | 454 | 175 | 10109 | 6615 | 52 |

Acquisitions Activities

| Description | Aug 2022 | Jul 2022 | %chg | Aug 2021 | %chg | 2022 YTD | 2021 YTD | %chg |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|------|
| Lines Ordered | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Items Ordered | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lines Received | 197 | 244 | -20 | 216 | -9 | 2249 | 1836 | 22 |
| Items Rcvd by Ven | 199 | 248 | -20 | 219 | -10 | 2278 | 1870 | 21 |
| Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 396 | 492 | -20 | 435 | -9 | 4527 | 3706 | 22 |

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

August 2022

| | August 2022 | YTD 2022 |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| Door Count | 3984 | 35934 |
| Reference Questions | 294 | 2246 |
| Computer Help Over 5 Minutes | 22 | 251 |
| Tests Proctored | 1 | 10 |
| Public Computer Use: Sessions | 326 | 2503 |
| Public Computer Use: Hours Used | 205 | 1716 |
| Special Computer Sessions | 121 | 888 |
| Passports Accepted | 96 | 494 |

August 2022

TRANS
DIRT

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1 887/444 4 | 2 616/308 2 | 3 COUNT NOT DONE 3 | 4 336/168 7 | 5 354/177 2 | 6 18 |
| 7 | 8 164 975/483 4 victim Bent 8 | 9 164/823 6 | 10 439/300 4 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 0 5 | 17 1000 1 | 18 204 5 | 19 364/162 4 | 20 24 |
| 21 | 22 616/308 7 | 23 252/126 2 | 24 1000/500 4 | 25 *1506* 4 | 26 1657 6 | 27 23 |
| 28 | 29 1974 5 | 30 2238 1 | 31 2513 2 | | | 8 |

* NOTATING RUNNING TOTAL# (LARGEST)

August 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| | 1 2+16 NP C | 2 8+10 NP TP C | 3 2+10 NP C | 4 14 NP C | 5 10 NP C | 6 |
| 7 | 8 24 NP C | 9 12 NP C | 10 13 NP C | 11 14 NP C | 12 15 NP C | 13 |
| 14 | 15 15 NP C | 16 13 NP C | 17 12 NP C | 18 8 NP C | 19 11 NP C | 20 |
| 21 | 22 12 NP C | 23 8 NP C | 24 9 NP C | 25 10 NP C | 26 4 NP C | 27 |
| 28 | 29 10 NP C | 30 2+12 NP 1 C | 31 3+14 NP C | | | |

Children's Stats

Month August 2022

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook views: 291

YouTube views: 2087

Total views: 2378

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt

Programs: 2 Brag tags given out: 140

Facebook views: 158

YouTube views: 129

Total views: 287

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook views: 102

YouTube views: 127

Total views: 229

Kits handed out: 150

Reference Questions: 509

Reference Questions 2021: 312

August 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1 30 No wednesday | 2 13 | 3 18 | 4 20 | 5 8 | 6 6 |
| 7 | 8 20 No wednesday | 9 31 | 10 30 | 11 18 | 12 9 | 13 12 |
| 14 | 15 32 | 16 11 | 17 21 | 18 11 | 19 11 | 20 31 |
| 21 | 22 10 No Monday | 23 14 | 24 10 | 25 9 | 26 11 | 27 10 |
| 28 | 29 14 no sun | 30 10 no sun | 31 12 no sun | | | 31 |

509

| Month | Regular Volunteers | | RSVP Volunteers | | Library Board | | Program Committee | | Teen Advisory Board | | Friends of the Library | | Library Foundation | | Total | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | # Vol | Hours | | |
| January | 26 | 124.75 | 5 | 125.25 | 8 | 8.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 39.00 | 9 | 27.00 | 31 | 250.00 |
| February | 23 | 94.00 | 7 | 109.00 | 9 | 9.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 8 | 46.00 | 2 | 10.00 | 30 | 203.00 |
| March | 18 | 112.50 | 9 | 128.00 | 7 | 7.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 8 | 60.50 | 1 | 4.00 | 27 | 240.50 |
| April | 31 | 160.00 | 7 | 85.25 | 6 | 6.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 13 | 72.50 | 9 | 29.00 | 38 | 245.25 |
| May | 25 | 131.25 | 8 | 101.50 | 8 | 8.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 12 | 69.00 | 2 | 6.50 | 33 | 232.75 |
| June | 35 | 224.75 | 10 | 112.25 | 7 | 7.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 25 | 156.50 | 1 | 5.00 | 45 | 337.00 |
| July | 22 | 138.50 | 9 | 91.00 | 6 | 6.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 11 | 73.00 | 1 | 6.00 | 31 | 229.50 |
| August | 33 | 276.50 | 9 | 139.75 | 8 | 8.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 11 | 95.50 | | | 42 | 416.25 |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 1262.25 | | 892.00 | | 59.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 612.00 | | 87.50 | * | 2,154.25 |