

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

Al'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	0	0	0	0	0	0	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

Description	Aug 2022	Jul 2022	%chg	Aug 2021	%chg	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	107	106	0	70	52	728	338	115
Deleted (Manual)	7	8	-13	7	0	70	45	55
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	114	114	0	77	48	798	383	108

Bib Delta

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

TRAP 315
DIRTY FOR 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8807/444 4	2 616/308 2	3 COUNT NOT DONE 3	4 336/168 7	5 354/177 2	6 1B
7	8 975/488 975/488 4 * voting poll opened 8:00	9 1644/823 Voting 6	10 639/300 4	11 4	12 5	13 23
14	15 5	16 0 A	17 639/300 1	18 204 5 4	19 364/182 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 1978 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 C	3 2+10 NP C	4 14 NP C	5 15 NP C	6
7		1111 1 8 24 NP C	1111 111 9 12 NP C	10 13 NP C	1111 11 11 14 NP C	12 15 NP C	13
14		111 111 15 15 NP C	1111 11 16 13 NP C	1111 17 12 NP C	1111 18 8 NP C	1111 19 11 NP C	20
21		1111 22 12 NP C	1111 1 23 8 NP C	1111 11 24 9 NP C	1111 25 10 NP C	1111 26 4 NP C	27
28		111 29 10 NP C	111 30 2+12 NP C	111 31 3+14 NP C	111 1 111	111	

Children's Stats

Month August 20 22

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

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Programs: 1

Facebook views: 102

YouTube views: 127

Total views: 229

Kits handed out: 150

Reference Questions: 509

Reference Questions 2021: 312

August 2022

509

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 30 No meeting	2 13	3 18	4 20	5 8	6 06
7	8 20 No meeting	9 31	10 30	11 18	12 19	13 1021
14	15 22	16 19	17 21	18 22	19 31	20 131
21	22 20 No meeting	23 14	24 20	25 19	26 17	27 00
28	29 24	30 10 No church	31 21 NO EVEN			51

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	# 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