

August in Children's

And that's a wrap! Summer 2025 is in the books, and we are tired, but satisfied. Some August highlights:

- Our final tally for Summer Reading 2025 was 1,391 participants of all ages!
- Online Storytime saw us filming Rabbits, and Not-So-Boring Sheep. We had discussed the necessity of putting Online Storytime on hiatus until we had final answers to our funding disaster for 2026, but have decided that we will continue, for the time being. There are many people in this community who count on Storytime, not only day care centers, but senior residences as well. It's a phenomenal outreach began during Covid, that now has an identity of its own.
- Page Turners and Teen Book Club met.
- We had another wonderful concert with Will Sings Songs. He has an astounding way of getting folks on their feet, dancing with joy. I agree wholeheartedly with the patron who said, "This was the best show, ever!"
- I was a guest at the Children's Discovery Museum, and did a fun storytime about books and libraries.
- The numbers are in for Summer Celebration! We always use the number of Kona Ices given away as our official Summer Celebration number. While a few kids might have two, there are many people who don't have any, so it feels like a pretty even balance. This year we had 537 people at Summer Celebration!! It was a glorious day, packed with happy people and beautiful weather. Thank you for all your help...it truly couldn't be done without you.
- Artastic kits are currently being handed out. This will be Grandma Nancy Mike-Johnson's last Artastic program. She has volunteered her time doing 9 projects a year since we were closed for Covid. What we thought would be a program for a handful of months became wildly popular with our patrons. We hand out 150 art kits every month, and invite our patrons to follow along with the tutorial. Thank you to Nancy for developing a program that patrons love, and look forward to. Diana Magner will continue in Nancy's footsteps starting in October.
- And now...a few months of calm. Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Aug 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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1st Time	9585	11402	-16	11347	-16	77848	83562	-7
Phone Renewal	217	198	9	311	-31	1684	2382	-30
Renewal	152	207	-27	188	-20	1226	1583	-23
Opac Renewal	726	649	11	698	4	4931	5276	-7
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	10680	12456	-15	12544	-15	85689	92803	-8

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 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	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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Normal	8963	10354	-14	10887	-18	70189	75249	-7
Late	1967	2299	-15	2352	-17	14878	16477	-10
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	10930	12653	-14	13239	-18	85067	91726	-8

Requests Placed

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Placed	1873	1654	13	1981	-6	14652	17391	-16
Total	1873	1654	13	1981	-6	14652	17391	-16

Requests Resolved

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	85	101	-16	128	-34	853	947	-10
Filled	2742	2644	3	2844	-4	21815	24521	-12
Expired	4	4	0	4	0	27	21	28
Total	2831	2749	2	2976	-5	22695	25489	-11

Holds Resolved

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1701	1652	2	1807	-6	13637	15646	-13
Cancelled	5	9	-45	1	400	42	20	110
Expired	138	118	16	174	-21	946	1245	-25
Total	1844	1779	3	1982	-7	14625	16911	-14

Overdues

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	757	730	3	993	-24	5074	6075	-17
2nd Notice	2	7	-72	4	-50	37	36	2
3rd Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	7	6	16
4th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	25
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	-80
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Notice # 7	0	0	0	1	-100	0	1	-100
Notice # 8	0	0	0	1	-100	0	1	-100
Notice # 0	227	171	32	286	-21	1517	1781	-15
Total	986	909	8	1285	-24	6641	7910	-17

Borrower Delta

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	112	91	23	102	9	728	758	-4
Deleted (Manual)	3	5	-40	9	-67	45	66	-32
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	115	96	19	111	3	773	824	-7

Bib Delta

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	179	219	-19	130	37	1275	1259	1
Deleted (Manual)	158	403	-61	267	-41	2736	2051	33
New (Batch)	34	114	-71	93	-64	343	778	-56
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	371	736	-50	490	-25	4354	4088	6

Auth Delta

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	24	15	60	2	1100	68	18	277
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	15	60	2	1100	68	18	277

Item Delta

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	503	836	-40	523	-4	3991	3911	2
Deleted (Manual)	79	1380	-95	298	-74	4753	3059	55
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	582	2216	-74	821	-30	8744	6970	25

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	%chg	Aug 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	373	242	54	231	61	2124	2091	1
Items Rcvd by Ven	391	261	49	238	64	2205	2122	3
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	764	503	51	469	62	4329	4213	2

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

Aug 2025

	Aug	YTD 2025
Door Count	5,843	37,970
Reference Questions	254	1,193
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	15	117
Tests Proctored	1	4
Public Computer Use: Sessions	271	1,573
Public Computer Use: Hours	194	1,247
Special Computer Sessions	145	802
Passports Accepted	115	810

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 145123	2 3
3 195483	4 2	5 145828 4	6 196148 8	7 196463 5	8 196613 2	9 20
10 196950	11 5	12 197266 ⊕	13 Xsummer celebration 197340 2	14 198107 7	15 198278 3	16 21
17 198631	18 4	19 198931 7	20 199123 7	21 199441 12	22 199627 3	23 35
24 199939	25 12	26 200254 7	27 200540 8	28 200781 6	29 200946 3	30 36
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August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NP 1 1111 C	2
3	4 20 NP 1111 C 1111	5 15 NP C 1111	6 23 NP C 1111	7 10 NP C 1111	8 9 NP C 1111	9
10	11 20 NP C 1111	12 12 NP C 1111	13 8 NP C 1111	14 10 NP C 1111	15 10 NP C 1111	16
17	18 18 NP 11 C 1111	19 9 NP C 1111	20 10 NP C 1111	21 8 NP C 1111	22 14 NP C 1111	23
24	25 18 NP 11 C 1111	26 10 NP C 1111	27 11 NP C 1111	28 8 NP C 1111	29 10 NP C 1111	30
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GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

August 2025

Online Storytime

Programs: 4
Facebook plays: 929
YouTube views: 81*
Total views: 1010

Artastic

Programs: 1
Facebook plays: 280
YouTube views: 15
Kits handed out: 150
Total views: 265

08/1	Lego Club	15
08/5	Will Sings Songs	52
08/6	Book Club	6
08/11	Page Turners	6
07/13	Summer Celebration*	537

Total Programs: 5 People: 616
Book Times :0 People:0
Library Programs:5 People: 616

Tracy was a guest at the Children's Discovery Museum she read to 30 kids.

Reference Questions 2025: 454

Reference Questions 2024: 534

*The YouTube algorithm has changed shifting focus from traditional metrics to personalized user engagement and satisfaction.

*Based on the Kona Ice cups given out.

August 2025

1534

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 17	2 17
3	4	5 no work 31	6 no work 21	7 no work 13	8 no work 28	9 119
10	11 18	12 19	13 no work 30	14 no work 13	15 7	16 7
17	18 29	19 no work 25	20 no work 11	21 26	22 7	23 104
24	25 21	26 38	27 no work 25	28 no work 20	29 23	30 121
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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	30	167.75	4	70.00	8	28.00	9	70.50	1	3.00	34	237.75
April	27	149.00	4	65.25	8	28.00	6	52.00	1	3.00	31	214.25
May	35	163.25	4	94.00	9	29.00	8	89.75	8	12.00	39	257.25
June	32	174.25	5	96.75	8	28.00	8	98.50	1	4.00	37	271.00
July	42	221.50	7	129.25	7	27.00	19	131.50	1	4.00	49	350.75
August	48	232.00	5	59.00	8	46.00	6	58.50	1	4.00	53	291.00
September												0.00
October												0.00
November												0.00
December												0.00
Total		1426.00		662.00		241.00		642.75		49.00	*	2,088.00