

GRAL Director's Report

FEBRUARY 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

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

2/1/23, 4/5/23, 5/3/23, 6/7/23, 7/5/23, 8/2/23, 9/6/23, 11/8/23, 12/6/23

Please note: no update in March due to MLA Legislative Day at the Capitol and no update in October due to MLA Annual Conference.

MLA Library Legislative Day Briefing via Zoom: TBD!

MLA Library Legislative Day at the Capitol: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (I plan to attend with ALS staff.)

MLA Library Legislative Day Debrief via Zoom: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 10-11 a.m.

-Legislative Forecast

MLA Lobbyist Sam Walseth shared the broad scope of library related legislative activities during the 2/1 update:

1. Funding; increase to Regional Library Basic System Support (included in Walz budget); increase to multicounty / multitype support; monies set aside to promote school library media specialists
2. Legacy monies; set aside Legacy monies for library related programming (\$3 million?)
3. Library construction grants

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Annual Report

I am in the process of completing the (required) annual library report to the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Department of Education). Arrowhead Library System staff have been very helpful with providing library directors with automated statistical reports. I anticipate presenting the completed annual report for library board approval at the March board meeting.

-Book Recycling

Beginning 1/1/23, Itasca Life Options will no longer take discard books for in-house shredding. However, paperback books may be recycled at the Waste Management Bass Lake Road transfer station. ILO has agreed to haul books for recycling in exchange for a consideration from the Friends. We will continue to look for a solution for recycling hardcover books. Update: ILO taking discards for recycling is working well.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-Bid Specs

Encompass Inc. is working on a drafting set of bid specs and repair details. The Facilities Maintenance Manager and I met with Encompass staff on 1/31 to see the latest draft before bid specs are finalized and sent out for bid. The bid specs will include the following work items:

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 Tracy's 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.

-Snow Removal

The weather has been especially seasonable this winter season. I have been in touch with the public works department regarding library needs. Update: parking lot is 100% clear as of 1/31.

END OF REPORT

January in Children's

Wow! Wasn't Newbery Monday fun? Of all the ALA Youth Media awards announced on Monday, January 30, we already owned 27 of them, and I ordered 11 more that I think would add to our collection. I'm not kidding when I say that Newbery Monday is my favorite day of the year. But, now I have to wait an entire year. Thankfully, there should be some great, new books to read to fill the time. (Filed under "Another Good Thing from Covid": there were a LOT of really great books published in 2022. These were books written, primarily, in 2020, when the world was shut down and everybody was home. That quiet time produced a great batch of books!)

The biggest change in January was the return of classrooms to the library. All of the 1st graders from Cohasset joined us, and will continue to do so every three weeks until the end of the school year. I have a pretty solid single visit curriculum for 1st graders, but I'm now scrambling to write a good curriculum for several visits. I'm thinking about doing author introductions, but that's still tentative. Stay tuned. 😊

Mr. Patrick Hannah's third graders from West will also visit us five more times between now and the end of the year. Their first visit was wonderful! We talked about the history of libraries in the United States, and, in particular, Grand Rapids. Next month is the history of stories! Christa, our extraordinary Circulation clerk, came down after their visit to tell me that every single student either replied to her "thank you" with "you're welcome," or said "thank you" to her. I so wish we could have more third graders come to the library for a series of visits, they are the perfect age.

Lego Club was great! Our students from Minnesota College-North are a good addition to this program. It's pretty cool when college men build Lego with you! Afternoon with Ms. Amy is not seeing the success I would like, but I think we'll restructure the program for next year. We managed to film 5 disparate Online Storytimes: Dance, Winter Play, Blankies, Airplanes, and Baking. Winter Play has leapt to the forefront in popularity with 475 You Tube views and another 45 on Facebook. We haven't had such popularity since Squirrels topped 47,000 views. 😊

I'm heading to Mountain Iron this Friday, February 3, for our very first face-to-face CLAS (Children's Librarians of the Arrowhead System) meeting since 2019! I am beyond excited to have great conversations with my colleagues from around our area. Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Jan 2023

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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1st Time	9257	7122	29	7908	17	9257	7908	17
Phone Renewal	256	332	-23	342	-26	256	342	-26
Renewal	132	132	0	231	-43	132	231	-43
Opac Renewal	612	676	-10	674	-10	612	674	-10
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	10257	8262	24	9155	12	10257	9155	12

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 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
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Normal	7352	7265	1	7121	3	7352	7121	3
Late	1847	1881	-2	1821	1	1847	1821	1
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9199	9146	0	8942	2	9199	8942	2

Requests Placed

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Placed	2141	1637	30	1907	12	2141	1907	12
Total	2141	1637	30	1907	12	2141	1907	12

Requests Resolved

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	108	99	9	113	-5	108	113	-5
Filled	3114	2495	24	2826	10	3114	2826	10
Expired	5	5	0	6	-17	5	6	-17
Total	3227	2599	24	2945	9	3227	2945	9

Holds Resolved

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1888	1582	19	1596	18	1888	1596	18
Cancelled	5	2	150	2	150	5	2	150
Expired	105	120	-13	146	-29	105	146	-29
Total	1998	1704	17	1744	14	1998	1744	14

Overdues

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	384	699	-46	390	-2	384	390	-2
2nd Notice	5	7	-29	10	-50	5	10	-50
3rd Notice	2	2	0	1	100	2	1	100
4th Notice	2	1	100	0	100	2	0	100
5th Notice	1	1	0	0	100	1	0	100
Final Notice	2	0	100	0	100	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	185	186	-1	106	74	185	106	74
Total	581	896	-36	507	14	581	507	14

Borrower Delta

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	130	44	195	56	132	130	56	132

New (Manual)	522	248	110	338	54	522	338	54
Deleted (Manual)	718	698	2	1706	-58	718	1706	-58
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	1240	946	31	2044	-40	1240	2044	-40

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	%chg	Jan 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	211	242	-13	231	-9	211	231	-9
Items Rcvd by Ven	222	259	-15	234	-6	222	234	-6
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	433	501	-14	465	-7	433	465	-7

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

January 2023

	January 2023	YTD 2023
Door Count	2185	2185
Reference Questions	244	244
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	17	17
Tests Proctored	1	1
Public Computer Use: Sessions	167	167
Public Computer Use: Hours Used	145	145
Special Computer Sessions	107	107
Passports Accepted	157	157

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 21,910 10	4 22152 11	5 22392 11	6 22522 6	7 (38)
8	9 22813 DC FTO 8	10 23081 11	11 23344 13	12 23547 8	13 23688 JN FTO B	14 (LIZ)
15	16 CLOSED	17 23970 8	18 24229 8	19 24477 11	20 24627 6	21 (32)
22	23 24926 8	24 25186 6	25 25420 B	26 25683 JN 1/2 FTO 7	27 25788 Q	28 (29)
29	30 26038 7	31 26281 9				 (16)

January 2023

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

Children's Stats

Month January
20 23

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook views: 225

YouTube views: 654

Total views: 879

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Programs: 1

Facebook views: 94

YouTube views: 30

Total views: 124

Kits handed out: 150

Book Time

Programs: 5

People: 45 57 57 22

Class visits

Groups/People: 5 / 104

Children's Programs

Programs: 3

People: 22

Name of Program:

Lego Club
Afternoons with Ms Amy

Reference Questions:

403

Reference Questions

2021: 199

403

JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day	2 CLOSED New Year's Day Holiday	3 7	4 17	5 11	6 6	7 21
8	9 26	10 22 NO CINDY	11 23	12 14	13 12	14 27
15	16 CLOSED MLK King Day	17 16	18 19	19 64	20 5	21 104
22	23 46	24 12	25 21	26 43	27 H	28 124
29	30 NO MARCH 22	31 13				35

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2023 Volunteer Report

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	28	142.00	6	93.50	9	9.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	49.50			34	235.50
February																
March																
April																
May																
June																
July																
August																
September																
October																
November																
December																
Total		142.00		93.50		9.00		0.00		0.00		49.50		0.00	*	235.50