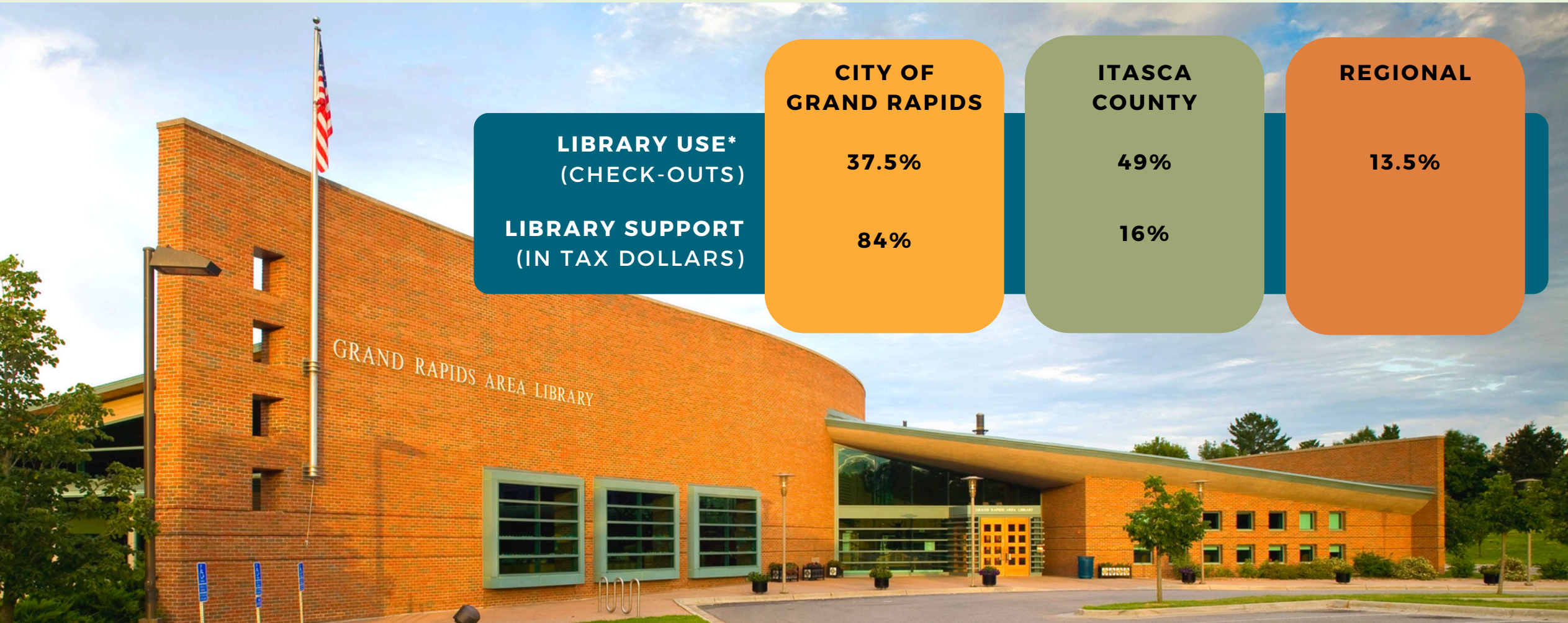




CITY/COUNTY COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

A COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ASSET

Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) needs a cooperative solution to funding.



We are seeking a joint powers agreement that builds off existing county support and establishes an active partnership.

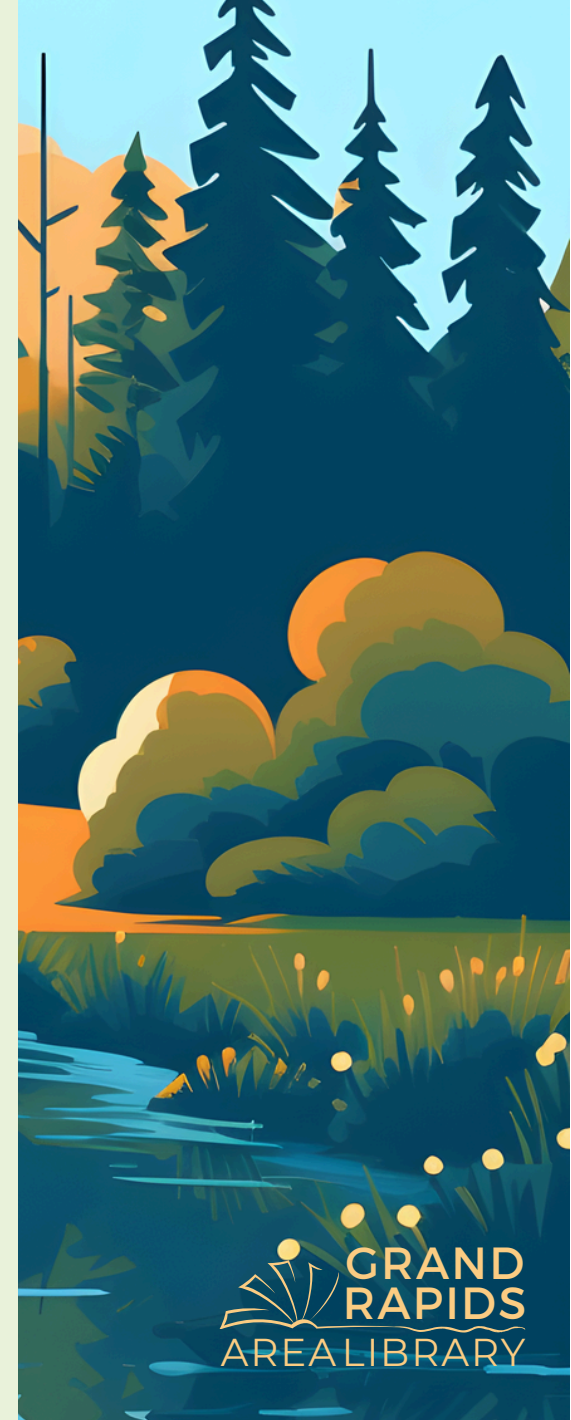


GRAL AT A GLANCE

- Grand Rapids Area Library is a free community resource supported by property taxes since 1895.
- GRAL is the busiest library in NE Minnesota outside of Duluth.
- There are six libraries in Itasca County, but 75% of library transactions in Itasca County occur at GRAL.
- GRAL is used by all of Itasca County; 49% of checkouts are from cardholders who live outside the City of Grand Rapids. This is a long-term pattern going back decades.
- Currently, Library funding is 84% City and 16% County

CIRCULATION (2023)

	TOTAL ANNUAL CIRCULATION	CIRCULATION FROM OTHER CITY CARDHOLDERS AT GRAL
BOVEY	3,003	3,232
CALUMET	8,192	1,461
COLERAINE	37,891	4,722
GRAND RAPIDS	168,165	
KEEWATIN	3,782	1,790
MARBLE	4,871	1,045



SERVICES: VALUE TO ITASCA COUNTY

- Average cost of a new book = \$26
- 131,948 books checked out in 2024 x \$26 = **\$3,430,648**
- Over half is circulation of children's materials

SERVICES: VALUE TO ITASCA COUNTY

- 52 programs with 2,141 attendees
 - Book Time with ECCE
 - Book clubs
 - STEAM programs
 - School visits
 - public school
 - private school
 - home school
- Summer Reading: 1,207 participants
- Winter Reading: 471 participants

SERVICES: GRAL BEYOND BOOKS

Unique in-person and online programming, to meet community needs



LEGO CLUB

ARTASTIC AT HOME!
WITH GRANDMA NANCY

GRAND RAPIDS AREALIBRARY & Mearly PRESENT
BookTime



TEEN TUESDAY

GRAND RAPIDS AREALIBRARY
YA NEED TO READ THESE

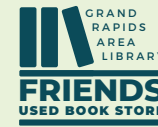
ANNUAL PUZZLE PALOOZA
GRAND RAPIDS AREALIBRARY



SUMMER READING Scavenger Hunts!



2023 SUMMER READING
SUMMER CELEBRATION!



bell museum
After School STEAM

GRAND RAPIDS AREALIBRARY
PageTurners
A BOOK CLUB FOR CHAPTER-BOOK-READING KIDS

Teen Book Club

MYSTERY MONDAY
POP-UP BOOK SALE

ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA

#gralbeyondbooks



GRAND RAPIDS AREALIBRARY

SERVICES: VALUE TO ITASCA COUNTY

Grand Rapids Area Library is a regional destination.

Library Use (registered library cards):

- ECRL: 635
- Duluth: 960
- KRL: 197
- MELSA: 1,011

Passport Acceptance: 1,052 (in 2024)

VALUE TO ITASCA COUNTY: RIVERFEST



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



RIVERFEST



MCCARTY PARK



PUBLIC ART

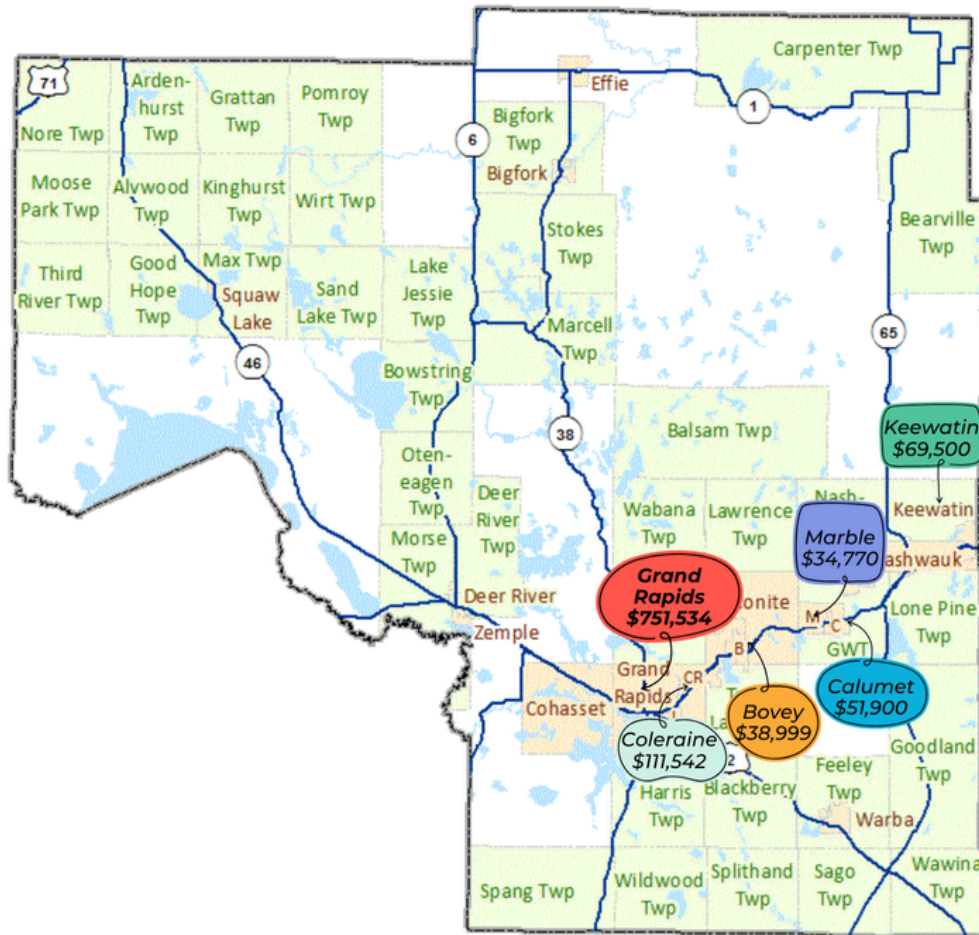


SUMMER CELEBRATION

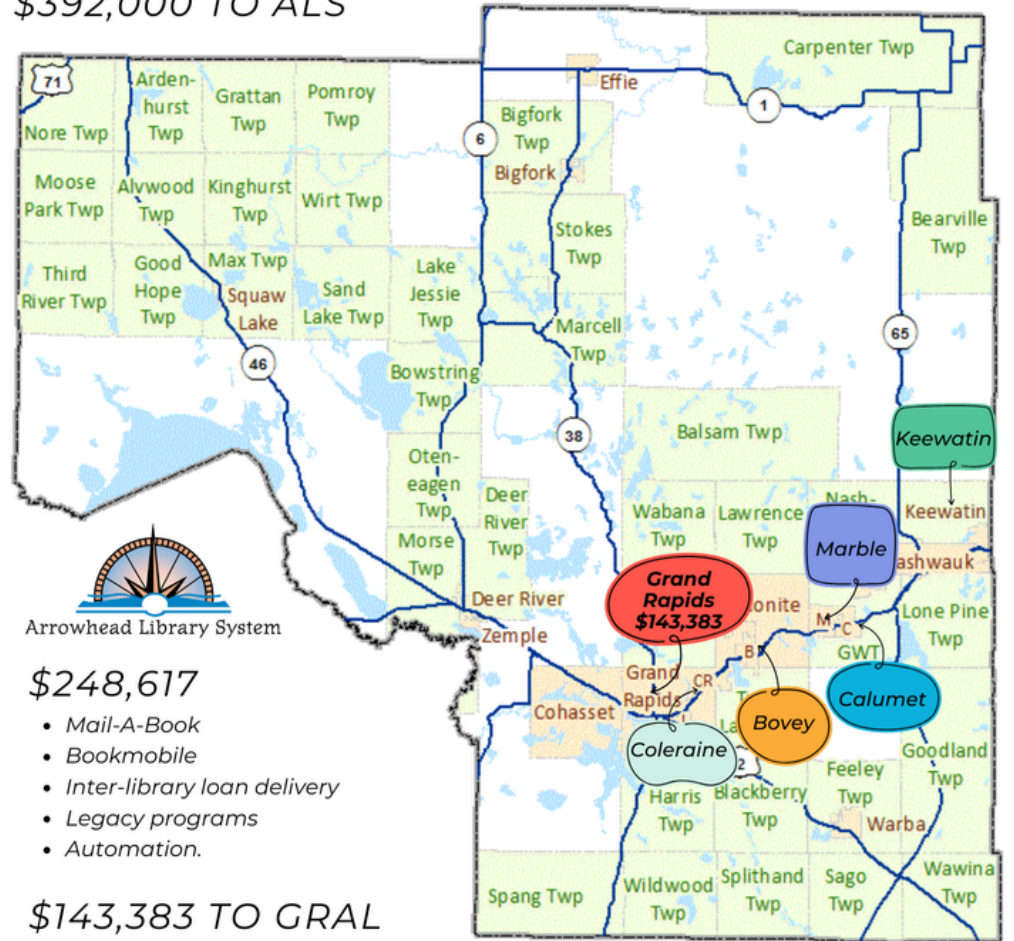


COOPERATING ON LIBRARY SERVICES

LIBRARY FUNDING FROM CITY TAXES



LIBRARY FUNDING FROM ITASCA COUNTY \$392,000 TO ALS



\$248,617

- Mail-A-Book
- Bookmobile
- Inter-library loan delivery
- Legacy programs
- Automation.

\$143,383 TO GRAL

COOPERATING ON LIBRARY SERVICES



Itasca County
Minnesota



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

	Itasca County NTC	\$83,410,411.00		TC rate	0.45%
	Levy	\$376,534.00			
	EMV	TMV	NTC	Proposed tax	
residential homestead	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$180.00	\$0.81	
	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$300.00	\$1.35	
	\$75,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$450.00	\$2.03	
	\$100,000.00	\$71,760.00	\$718.00	\$3.24	
	\$125,000.00	\$99,010.00	\$990.00	\$4.47	
	\$150,000.00	\$126,260.00	\$1,263.00	\$5.70	
	\$200,000.00	\$180,760.00	\$1,808.00	\$8.16	
	\$250,000.00	\$235,260.00	\$2,353.00	\$10.62	
	\$300,000.00	\$289,760.00	\$2,898.00	\$13.08	
	\$400,000.00	\$398,760.00	\$3,988.00	\$18.00	
				\$0.00	
				\$0.00	
seasonal rec	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$500.00	\$2.26	
	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$750.00	\$3.39	
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.51	
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$6.77	
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$9.03	
	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$11.29	
				\$0.00	
				\$0.00	
agricultural homestead	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250.00	\$1.13	
(land Only)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$375.00	\$1.69	
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$500.00	\$2.26	
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$750.00	\$3.39	
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.51	
	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$5.64	
	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$6.77	
	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$9.03	
				\$0.00	
				\$0.00	
Commercial	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$750.00	\$3.39	
	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$5.06	
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$6.75	
	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$1,875.00	\$8.44	
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$10.13	
	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$12.38	
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$14.63	
	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$4,250.00	\$19.13	



QUESTIONS?