

Children's in May

And....we're off and running! Welcome to Summer 2025. Some highlights of the Merry Month of May:

1. First, that was some turnout at the County Board meeting. I'm not good at the waiting game, but I'm ready to set this down for a bit and let our elected officials do their jobs.
2. We have a new book jobber! After months of frustration with Baker and Taylor, we have made the switch to Ingram. Not only does it seem to be less expensive overall, but they have the books I'm looking for! My first order to Ingram was for over 100 books that I couldn't get through Baker & Taylor.
3. Online Storytime filmed the themes of: Flowers, Be Safe, Kindness, Ice Cream, Ocean and Fish. (I'm looking at this list and realizing that I might be looking forward to summer!)
4. Page Turners Book Club met for the last time this school year; they will start their summer session in June.
5. I spent one entire day visiting all 7 Kindergarten classes at West Elementary. I did a 20-minute Storytime for each class, talked about the library, and distributed Summer Reading materials. It was exhilarating. It was exhausting.
6. Our Summer Reading Program officially started May 19. Activity cards are flying out the door.
7. I visited with the Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation at their May meeting. I was able to update them on the status of the Joint Powers agreement, and fill them in on some summer programming.

Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for May 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Time	8227	9780	-16	9850	-17	45822	49765	-8
Phone Renewal	238	221	7	299	-21	1049	1539	-32
Renewal	141	157	-11	142	-1	737	1008	-27
Opac Renewal	624	640	-3	650	-4	2970	3220	-8
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	9230	10798	-15	10941	-16	50578	55532	-9

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 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	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Normal	7736	8829	-13	9340	-18	41634	44835	-8
Late	2113	1950	8	2165	-3	9052	9896	-9
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9849	10779	-9	11505	-15	50686	54731	-8

Requests Placed

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Placed	1389	1806	-24	2288	-40	9286	11452	-19
Total	1389	1806	-24	2288	-40	9286	11452	-19

Requests Resolved

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	73	122	-41	156	-54	572	554	3
Filled	2412	2751	-13	3032	-21	13803	16060	-15
Expired	1	2	-50	4	-75	16	12	33
Total	2486	2875	-14	3192	-23	14391	16626	-14

Holds Resolved

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1363	1723	-21	2058	-34	8623	10310	-17
Cancelled	1	12	-92	4	-75	22	7	214
Expired	117	114	2	133	-13	579	705	-18
Total	1481	1849	-20	2195	-33	9224	11022	-17

Overdues

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	765	598	27	839	-9	3000	3125	-4
2nd Notice	2	6	-67	4	-50	23	17	35
3rd Notice	1	0	100	0	100	6	3	100
4th Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	5	2	150
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	-67
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	214	129	65	255	-17	942	979	-4
Total	982	734	33	1098	-11	3977	4129	-4

Borrower Delta

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	82	96	-15	84	-3	418	402	3
Deleted (Manual)	4	5	-20	8	-50	30	40	-25
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	86	101	-15	92	-7	448	442	1

Bib Delta

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	121	250	-52	130	-7	734	818	-11
Deleted (Manual)	156	217	-29	220	-30	2039	1363	49
New (Batch)	33	42	-22	93	-65	163	556	-71
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	310	509	-40	443	-31	2936	2737	7

Auth Delta

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	3	3	0	3	0	22	6	266
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	3	3	0	3	0	22	6	266

Item Delta

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	442	550	-20	451	-2	2175	2560	-16
Deleted (Manual)	76	78	-3	136	-45	3121	2321	34
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	518	628	-18	587	-12	5296	4881	8

Acquisitions Activities

Description	May 2025	Apr 2025	%chg	May 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 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	306	359	-15	298	2	1169	1332	-13
Items Rcvd by Ven	323	370	-13	302	6	1209	1352	-11
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	629	729	-14	600	4	2378	2684	-12

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

May 2025

	May	YTD 2025
Door Count	4,935	26,009
Reference Questions	131	773
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	20	86
Tests Proctored	1	3
Public Computer Use: Sessions	202	1,093
Public Computer Use: Hours	162	1,000
Special Computer Sessions	107	557
Passports Accepted	112	590



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5 NP/ 4 	2 2 NP/ 4 	3 ref 7 NP 4 C
4	5 10 NP/ 4 	6 7 NP/ 4 	7 5 NP/ 4 	8 6 NP/ 4 	9 NP/ 4	10 ref 28 NP 16 C 4
11	12 7 NP/ 4 	13 6 NP/ 4 	14 5 NP/ 4 	15 6 NP/ 4 	16 3 NP/ 4 	17 ref 27 NP 29 C 4
18	19 14 NP/ 4 	20 10 NP/ 4 	21 8 NP/ 4 	22 5 NP/ 4 	23 2 NP/ 4 	24 ref 39 NP 33 C 6
25	26 closed	27 10 NP/ 4 	28 5 NP/ 4 	29 11 NP/ 4 	30 4 NP/ 4 	31 ref 30 NP 21 C-6

May 2025

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112 total
passports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 176715 MJ FTO 9	2 176879 MJ FTO 2	3 ⑪
4	5 177232 MJ FTO 10	6 177483 MJ FTO 8	7 177724 MJ FTO 5	8 177948 MJ FTO 4	9 178082 MJ FTO 2	10 ②⑨
11	12 178360 4	13 178610 6	14 178853 5	15 179115 1	16 179306 0	17 15
18	19 179596 9	20 179915 5	21 180194 7	22 180421 6	23 180573 5	24 ③②
25	26 CLOSED	27 180910 4	28 181235 8	29 181460 8	30 181650 4	31 ②④

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

May 2025

Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook plays: 1557*

YouTube views: 154

Total views: 1711

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Programs: 0

Facebook plays: 0

YouTube views: 0

Total views: 0

Kits handed out: 0

05/06	Book Time	31
05/12	Page Turners	5
05/13	Book Time	25
05/20	Book Time	38

Total Programs: 4 People: 99

Book Times : 3 People: 94

Library Programs: 1 People: 5

Class Visit: 1 group People: 11

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Reference Questions 2025: 307

Reference Questions 2024: 498

*The Meta platform has changed how they calculate Facebook viewer metric. They have changed views to plays.

May 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 15	2 5	3 20
4	5 8	6 10	7 11	8 6	9 8	10 43
11	12 15	13 21	14 15	15 16	16 7	17 74
18	19 20	20 23	21 17	22 19	23 8	24 95
25	26 CLOSED	27 14	28 27	29 11	30 21	31 75

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2025 Volunteer Report

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												0.00
July												0.00
August												0.00
September												0.00
October												0.00
November												0.00
December												0.00
Total		798.25		377.00		140.00		354.25		37.00	*	1,175.25