

GRAL Director's Report

JUNE 2023

ADVOCACY

-Minnesota Library Association Legislative Activities Calendar

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

7/5/23, 8/2/23, 9/6/23, 11/8/23, 12/6/23

-MLA Legislative Update

Report from Sam Walseth CHA, 5.23.23

In recent years we have become accustomed to a massive flurry of last-minute legislative activity on the final weekend of a session, including a scramble on the last day to get budget work done. In most years we've seen the legislature stumble into June special sessions to finish budget bills ahead of the June 30 fiscal year deadline.

This year was different and a 'global agreement' on budget targets on March 21st certainly helped bring the budget debate to a close. About two weeks ago we saw the first slate of budget bills start to wrap up. Just over a week ago, the Education deal was announced. Last week the remaining budget bills made their way to closure.

On the last day of session, the Health & Human Services bill was the last major budget bill to pass. However, the last day also featured another bill that would pump \$300 million into nursing homes as part of a deal with the GOP to secure the votes to pass two infrastructure bills.

The first infrastructure bill (HF 669) appropriated \$1.5 billion in general obligation bonds, including \$4 million for library construction and renovation grants. The second infrastructure bill includes \$1 billion in cash for many other projects. And with that, your legislature has adjourned until they reconvene on February 12, 2024.

-The Legislature passed the following library requests:

Legacy Funding for Regional Public Library Systems (\$2.75 M/year)

Regional Public Library Systems Funding (RLBSS - \$4 M increase in funding with future increases tied to the Basic Education Allowance)

MultCounty Multitype (MCMT) \$700K for operating and \$1M one-time grant for media specialists.

Minitex – funding for online nursing and health databases

School Library Media Centers and Specialists – a definition of a school library or school library media center, \$23 M/year for school libraries

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

-Library Façade Repair Project

The City Council approved a contract with the Building Restoration Corporation for the Library Façade Repair Project.

-City Budget Process

The first budget meeting of the year is 6/12.

-Juneteenth Holiday

A reminder the Library is closed 6/19 in observance of Juneteenth.

FACILITIES MAINTAINANCE / SPACE

-RiverFest Prep

Crews are upgrading the outside electrical outlets near the parking lot. They should be ready for Summer Celebration and RiverFest.

-ADA Picnic Table

Public Works will be installing an ADA accessible picnic table near McCarty Park. This project is supported by the Library Foundation.

-Summary for Library Façade Repair Project

The Library Façade Repair Project is best described as:

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 the east 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.

Construction is anticipated to begin in July.

END OF REPORT

May in Children's

It was the best of times; it was the best of times. No worst for May! 😊 May was a whirlwind of planning, getting an idea about what Summer Reading will look like. And here's the answer, so far:

- We will have several "big" programs, including Storytime with Chione (a story with a musical quintet!) Climb Theater, Bubble Wonders, Traveling Lantern Theater, and, of course, Summer Celebration!
- Starting June 14, we will host "Midday Movies" on Wednesdays through July. Features include The Bad Guys and Minions!
- Book Time will move to Thursday mornings at 10:30, hosted by yours truly. (Tracy)
- Each Friday beginning June 9 and going through July, we will have Lego Club.
- Page Turners Kids Book Club will meet three times during the summer. As for every book club hosted by Children's, the books are supplied to readers, and they get to keep them and add them to their library. (No barriers here!)
- Tracy will also host three meetings of the Teen Book Club.
- Our online presence will continue with Online Storytime and Artastic at Home
- Each week patrons are invited to pick up a scavenger hunt sheet, complete the hunt, and return their sheet to earn a brag tag! (Similar to a plastic dog tag, but personalized by shape and message for our scavenger hunts.) We will have ten of these during the summer.
- And, of course, Summer Reading cards are available to pick up and complete. (For readers of all ages...got yours yet?) Completed cards can be turned in for a free book of the Reader's choice beginning August 16.
- Whew.

In addition, May was a whirlwind of final class visits to the library, one great preschool visit, and Tracy was honored to be invited to spend time with ALL four Kindergarten classes at West Elementary. She lived to tell the tale.

I also recorded my last radio gig with KAXE for the summer, hopefully, we will return to that in the fall. Online Storytime filming was suspended mid-May while Teacher Missy heals from surgery, but we are still providing new content each week, as we always keep several Storytimes "in the vault." We hope to return to filming in the next week or so, either with Teacher Missy, or a substitute.

Happy Reading!

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	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Normal	8955	9236	-4	8390	6	42810	41438	3
Late	2240	1857	20	1992	12	9538	9009	5
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	11195	11093	0	10382	7	52348	50447	3

Requests Placed

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Placed	1850	1931	-5	1661	11	9957	9447	5
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Total	1850	1931	-5	1661	11	9957	9447	5

Requests Resolved

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
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Cancelled	125	84	48	64	95	541	432	25
Filled	2898	2731	6	2353	23	14800	14064	5
Expired	2	1	100	3	-34	12	19	-37
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Total	3025	2816	7	2420	25	15353	14515	5

Holdes Resolved

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1699	1829	-8	1382	22	8923	8399	6
Cancelled	2	7	-72	1	100	33	16	106
Expired	96	99	-4	141	-32	543	655	-18
Total	1797	1935	-8	1524	17	9499	9070	4

Overdues

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	643	616	4	565	13	2550	2201	15
2nd Notice	3	2	50	2	50	13	15	-14
3rd Notice	3	0	100	0	100	6	1	500
4th Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	3	1	200
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	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	200	173	15	133	50	769	542	41
Total	849	792	7	700	21	3344	2760	21

Borrower Delta

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 2022	%chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	66	86	-24	70	-6	485	348	39

New (Manual)	652	657	-1	631	3	2821	2622	7
Deleted (Manual)	1412	130	986	1065	32	2719	4194	-36
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	2064	787	162	1696	21	5540	6816	-19

Acquisitions Activities

Description	May 2023	Apr 2023	%chg	May 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	248	370	-33	236	5	1461	1454	0
Items Rcvd by Ven	253	381	-34	237	6	1499	1474	1
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	501	751	-34	473	5	2960	2928	1

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

May 2023

	May 2023	YTD 2023
Door Count	2435	11971
Reference Questions	232	1173
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	38	153
Tests Proctored	1	6
Public Computer Use: Sessions	223	1041
Public Computer Use: Hours Used	173	869
Special Computer Sessions	161	660
Passports Accepted	66	542

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 42050 6	2 42343 7	3 42559 ⊙	4 42849 42849 4	5 43,002 ⊙	6 ⑭
7	8 43292 ⊙	9 43497 2	10 43763 ⊙	11 43,993 4	12 44,142 ⊙	13 ⑫
14	15 44399 4	16 44,616 4	17 44951 3	18 45,074 2	19 45,234 2	20 ⑮
21	22 45454 3	23 45666 2	24 45934 8	25 46221 5	26 46387 ⊙	27 ⑰
28	29 CLOSED	30 46,711 MJ FTO 6	31 46921 MJ FTO 1			⑦

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 2+10 NP C	2 2+7 NP C	3 3+3 NP C	4 1+7 NP TP C	5 11 NP C	6
7	11 11 11 8 5+7 NP C	11 11 11 9 1+7 NP C	10 2+11 NP C	11 11 11 11 2+8 NP C	11 11 11 12 13 NP C	13
14	11 15 2+12 NP C	11 11 11 16 2+9 NP C	11 11 11 17 3+10 NP C	11 11 11 11 18 9 NP C	11 11 11 19 9 10 NP C	20
21	11 11 11 22 2+11 NP C	11 11 11 23 3+10 NP C	11 11 11 11 24 5+6 NP C	11 11 11 25 1+9 NP C	26 4 NP C	27
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Children's Stats May 2023

Online Storytime

Programs: **4**

Facebook views: **205**

YouTube views: **490**

Total views: **695**

Artastic

Programs: 0

Facebook views: 0

YouTube views: 0

Total views: 0

Kits handed out: 0

Book Time

Programs: **1**

People: **34**

Class visits

Groups/People: **4 /145**

Outreach to West Elementary: **115**

Total: **260**

Children's Programs

Programs: 0

People: 0

Name of Program:

Reference Questions: 444

Reference Questions 2022: **219**

MAY 2023

PHH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 25	2 14	3 12	4 64	5 11 NO VAC	6 124
7	8 20	9 15 No Party	10 13	11 41	12 6	13 45
14	15 15	16 10	17 14	18 13	19 7	20 65
21	22 10	23 12	24 14	25 71	26 13	27 15
28	29 Memorial Day	30 7	31 18			15

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2023 Volunteer Report

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Friends of the Library		Library Foundation		Total	Total
	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours
January	30	147.50	6	93.50	9	9.00	11	49.50	2	5.50	36	241.00
February	29	115.25	7	80.75	7	7.00	8	39.00	6	14.00	36	196.00
March	28	147.00	7	116.00	9	9.00	11	59.00	1	5.00	35	263.00
April	29	130.00	6	100.00	5	5.00	10	57.25	5	13.00	35	230.00
May	25	123.25	6	115.25	8	8.00	11	71.00	1	5.00	31	238.50
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
Total		663.00		505.50		38.00		275.75		42.50	*	1,168.50