

September in Children's

Is it Fall yet? It's my second favorite season, and I am gleeful anticipatory. That has nothing to do with the children's library, but it's been on my mind. As September moves to October, here are some highlights from the Children's Library:

- Still filming Online Storytime, weekly. This month we tackled the topics of: Hippos, Owls, Rain, Circles, Sanitation Workers, and Apples. Teacher Missy Gray is still out, and Grandma Pat Fidely continues to volunteer her time as my sidekick.
- Lego Club resumed its normal monthly school year schedule. Thankfully, Bella and Maddie Pratto are still on board. We really rely on their Lego...and kid...expertise.
- Both Page Turners and Teen Book clubs met in September. We have a new member of Teen Book Club! That makes 5 dedicated readers. Well, plus me, so, 6 dedicated readers! Page Turners continues to hover around 8 or 9 participants. We cap that at ten, so, I think their numbers are great as well.
- We had a great program from 4 Shillings Short. They were originally scheduled to perform just before we shut down for Covid, so I was happy to welcome them back. (They spend half their year performing in the US and half in Europe, so their schedule is quickly filled.) This program came to us compliments of the Library Foundation.
- Speaking of the Foundation, I was invited to attend one of their meetings and let them know what was going on around these parts. It was a delightful visit, and I managed to stop talking after a short 30 minutes.
- We held our first "Star Party" sponsored by the Bell Museum. They sent a box of goodies and experiments, and we had around 24 participants learn about the moon. That evening, the City of Cohasset continued the fun by having telescopes available for participants to view the moon.
- I was able to talk to Cody Geisler's Early Education class from Minnesota College, North, about ages and stages of reading development.
- I returned to my monthly radio reviews with KAXE, which I put on hiatus during my very busy summer months.

Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Sep 2024

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	8968	11347	-21	8987	-1	92530	89059	3
Phone Renewal	251	311	-20	250	0	2633	2623	0
Renewal	128	188	-32	136	-6	1711	1424	20
Opac Renewal	623	698	-11	714	-13	5899	6132	-4
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	9970	12544	-21	10087	-2	102773	99238	3

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 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	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	8255	10887	-25	8746	-6	83504	80471	3
Late	2208	2352	-7	2100	5	18685	17687	5
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10463	13239	-21	10846	-4	102189	98158	4

Requests Placed

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Total	90	111	-19	94	-5	914	978	-7

Bib Delta

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	181	130	39	104	74	1440	1607	-11
Deleted (Manual)	390	267	46	131	197	2441	2769	-12
New (Batch)	124	93	33	53	133	902	644	40
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	695	490	41	288	141	4783	5020	-5

Auth Delta

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	1	2	-50	2	-50	19	7	171
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	1	2	-50	2	-50	19	7	171

Item Delta

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	716	523	36	379	88	4627	4544	1
Deleted (Manual)	1015	298	240	105	866	4074	3894	4
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	1731	821	110	484	257	8701	8438	3

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	%chg	Sep 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	263	231	13	259	1	2354	2639	-11
Items Rcvd by Ven	278	238	16	266	4	2400	2704	-12
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	541	469	15	525	3	4754	5343	-12

Grand Rapids Area Library

Reference Statistics

September 2024

	September	YTD 2024
Door Count	4969	48,680
Reference Questions	158	1,663
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	11	157
Tests Proctored	0	13
Public Computer Use: Sessions	203	2,001
Public Computer Use: Hours	164	1,588
Special Computer Sessions	109	1,156
Passports Accepted	75	775

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Closed	3 10 np/ c/	4 12 np/ c/ 	5 8 np/ c/ 	6 Closed	7
8	9 6 np/ c/ 1	10 7 np/ c/ 	11 15 np/ c/ 	12 5 np/ c/ 	13 9 np/ c/ 1	14
15	16 6 np/ c/ 1	17 12 np/ c/ 4	18 9 np/ c/ 1	19 11 np/ c/ 	20 4 np/ c/ 1	21
22	23 12 np/ c/ 	24 5 np/ c/ 1	25 10 np/ c/ 	26 3 np/ c/ 	27 10 np/ c/ 	28
29	30 4 np/ c/ 					

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 133,399 2	4 133700 1	5 133976 4	6 RIVERFEST Ø	7 <u> </u> ⑦
8	9 134623 5	10 134,880 2	11 135138 5	12 135,355 4	13 135625 2	14 ①⑧
15	16 135983 6	17 136,158 7	18 136484 4	19 136695 1	20 136,873 1	21 ①⑨
22	23 137157 8	24 137,416 4	25 137704 6	26 137,922 3	27 138074 6	28 ②⑦
29	30 138368 4					④

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics September 2024

Online Storytime

Programs: 4

Facebook plays: 771*

YouTube views: 1157

Total views: 1928

Artastic

Programs: 0

*We do not have Artastic in
September.

Programs:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Number of people</u>
	09/10	Book Time	25
	09/12	4 Shillings Short	37
	09/12	Bell Museum Star Party	24
	09/16	Lego Club	28
	09/17	Book Time	25
	09/18	Teen Book Club	6
	09/24	Book Time	26
	09/30	Page Turners	8

Book Times : 3

People: 76

Library Programs: 5

People: 103

Total Programs: 8 People: 179

Reference Questions 2024: 378

Reference Questions 2023: 265

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

September 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 12	4 29	5 15	6 CLOSED	7 56
8	9 17	10 10	11 14	12 26	13 NO VAC 10	14 79
15	16 31	17 37	18 41	19 8	20 5	21 122
22	23 32	24 13 NO CRUISE	25 36	26 8	27 9	28 106
29	30 21					24

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2024 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	22	141.75	8	101.75	7	27.00	8	43.25	1	8.00	30	243.50
February	31	159.75	7	101.25	7	27.00	11	77.50	9	20.00	38	261.00
March	24	146.25	7	65.00	7	27.00	8	50.25	2	11.00	31	211.25
April	35	187.75	8	87.25	9	29.00	11	65.25	8	17.00	43	275.00
May	28	177.50	7	108.50	7	26.00	8	95.50	2	6.00	35	286.00
June	29	157.00	6	101.50	6	26.00	10	84.25	1	6.00	35	258.50
July	36	206.25	8	111.00	7	17.00	18	137.25	1	9.00	44	317.25
August	44	244.00	5	104.25	7	43.00	7	74.00	1	5.00	49	348.25
September	33	146.75	4	81.00	7	27.00	10	64.50	10	19.00	37	227.75
October												
November												
December												
Total		1567.00		861.50		249.00		691.75		101.00	*	2,428.50