

## October in Children's

October is one of my favorite months...and then we get to the end and are left with bracing for winter. Inevitable, sure, but not always welcomed with open arms. Thankfully, the walls are fixed, and the heat is on, so the wintery views from inside the library are quite pleasant. Perhaps, though, I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's focus on what has been, and not what might be. Some October highlights:

1. Storytime filming with volunteer Grandma Pat (Fideldy) continues weekly. We tackled fall, too many pets, parties, and were absolutely floored when the Storytime about canning garnered over 700 views in a week. Who knew?
2. Lego Club was, as always, an anticipated hour of planning and building.
3. With the help of volunteers Pam and James, we put out a new Storywalk, featuring the book "Good Night, Baby Bear" by Frank Asch. Depending on when the snow flies, this may be the last book until we have snow melt in the spring. (Not only is it hard to get through the snow in the winter, but the frozen hardware doesn't always cooperate.)
4. Both Teen Book Club and Page Turners met this month.
5. I did another book review segment for KAXE. In addition, Tammy Bobrowsky, KAXE librarian, read one of the books I was reviewing, and we discussed our reaction to the book. She chose to run that as a separate piece, and a new segment, the Tiny Book Club, was born.
6. Grandma Nancy (Mike-Johnson) lead an Artastic program creating a moonscape using aluminum foil, black cardstock, and oil pastel crayons. That, too, had a remarkably high view rate for its first week. As of this moment, that video has been viewed 275 times. Pretty solid for handing out 150 kits.
7. I attended the fall CLAS (Children's Librarians of the Arrowhead System) meeting, where we wrapped up Summer Reading and looked ahead to Winter Reading. While ALS does a region-wide winter reading theme, here at GRAL we develop our own. And, just this morning, we settled on the theme "Brrring on the Books!" Our Winter Program will look a little different from years past, so, look forward as details are hammered out. Our approximate dates for Winter Reading are December 16-February 14.

Happy Reading!

Monthly Report - Overview for Oct 2024

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
1st Time	10172	8968	13	10521	-4	102702	99580	3
Phone Renewal	292	251	16	269	8	2925	2892	1
Renewal	218	128	70	127	71	1929	1551	24
Opac Renewal	641	625	2	566	13	6542	6698	-3
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	11323	9972	13	11483	-2	114098	110721	3

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 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	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
Normal	9183	8257	11	8923	2	92689	89394	3
Late	2262	2208	2	2039	10	20947	19726	6
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11445	10465	9	10962	4	113636	109120	4

Requests Placed



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Total	77	90	-15	78	-2	991	1056	-7

Bib Delta

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	208	181	14	157	32	1648	1764	-7
Deleted (Manual)	596	390	52	187	218	3037	2956	2
New (Batch)	132	124	6	51	158	1034	695	48
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	936	695	34	395	136	5719	5415	5

Auth Delta

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	2	1	100	2	0	21	9	133
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	2	1	100	2	0	21	9	133

Item Delta

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 2023	%chg	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	537	716	-25	455	18	5164	4999	3
Deleted (Manual)	580	1015	-43	313	85	4654	4207	10
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	1117	1731	-36	768	45	9818	9206	6

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	%chg	Oct 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	395	263	50	324	21	2749	2963	-8
Items Rcvd by Ven	406	278	46	339	19	2806	3043	-8
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	801	541	48	663	20	5555	6006	-8

# **Grand Rapids Area Library**

## **Reference Statistics**

**October 2024**

	<b>October</b>	<b>YTD 2024</b>
<b>Door Count</b>	<b>5401</b>	<b>54,081</b>
<b>Reference Questions</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,838</b>
<b>Computer Help Over 5 Minutes</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Tests Proctored</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Public Computer Use: Sessions</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>2,259</b>
<b>Public Computer Use: Hours</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1,796</b>
<b>Special Computer Sessions</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,273</b>
<b>Passports Accepted</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>877</b>

# October 2024

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

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<sup>1</sup> 138629 3	<sup>2</sup> 138859 7	<sup>3</sup> 139103 3	<sup>4</sup> 139.262 4	<sup>5</sup> (17)
<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup> 139559 5	<sup>8</sup> 139.853 1	<sup>9</sup> 140128 5	<sup>10</sup> 140319 3	<sup>11</sup> 140,539 2	<sup>12</sup> (16)
<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup> 140761 2	<sup>15</sup> 141,069 4	<sup>16</sup> 141309 5	<sup>17</sup> 141,568 11	<sup>18</sup> 141.777 6	<sup>19</sup> (28)
<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup> 142043 5	<sup>22</sup> 142289 0	<sup>23</sup> 142607 9	<sup>24</sup> 142864 4	<sup>25</sup> 143041 2	<sup>26</sup> (scribble) (20)
<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup> 143312 11	<sup>29</sup> 143565 4	<sup>30</sup> 143827 3	<sup>31</sup> 144030 1		21

# GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

## October 2024

### Online Storytime

Programs: 5

Facebook plays: 882\*

YouTube views: 2248

**Total views: 3130**

### Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 291

YouTube views: 281

**Total views: 572**

Kits handed out: 150

<b>Programs:</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Program</u></b>	<b><u>Number of people</u></b>
	10/01	Book Time	35
	10/03	Bird Watching	02
	10/08	Book Time	35
	10/15	Book Time	25
	10/21	Lego Club	09
	10/22	Book Time	21
	10/23	Book Club	06
	10/28	Page Turners	06
	10/29	Book Time	31

Book Times : 5

Library Programs: 4

People: 145

People: 23

**Total Programs: 9    People: 168**

**Reference Questions 2024: 416**

**Reference Questions 2023: 407**

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12	2 20	3 27	4 6	5 71
6	7 27	8 19	9 14	10 19	11 8	12 89
13	14 11	15 28	16 23	17 17	18 12	19 91
20	21 20	22 17	23 30	24 18	25 13	26 110
27	28 14	29 15	30 18	31 6		55

**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	29	176.00	4	79.25	6	26.00	9	71.00	1	4.00	33	255.25
November												
December												
<b>Total</b>		<b>1743.00</b>		<b>940.75</b>		<b>275.00</b>		<b>762.75</b>		<b>105.00</b>	*	<b>2,683.75</b>