

Director's Report for Board Meeting April 17, 2024

Vision: Welcoming, Inspiring and Connecting our Community.

Mission: We serve as a community hub by connecting our patrons to all forms of literacy, lifelong, learning and growth.

[RCL Monthly Calendar](#)



Robust Collections

- ★ Provide barrier free access to resources for the community that are most in demand.
 - High demand and circulation rate of video games (38 of 48 currently checked out on 4/17/24)
- ★ Strive to encourage a lifelong love of reading by connecting community members to library collections and resources. Patrons seek out recommendations for next borrow.



Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
 - [Adults](#) : CreativeBug Art Club, Cookbook Club, RCL Book Club, Team Trivia, Film Club, MMA Spring Series
 - [Teens](#): Teen Advisory Board (TAB), D&D, Weekly Gaming, Board Game Night, Monthly Book Club,
 - [Children's](#): STEAM take-home kits , Art Club, Lego Club, Family Movie Club, Youth Book Club, Pokemon Club, STEAM Thursdays, Monthly crafts



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - RCL participating in Library Hop for month of April
 - Director to attend Gull Lake Rotary Community Assessment meeting on April 23
 - Director to attend Friends of Library meeting on April 23
 - Positive feedback from patrons of our celebration of National Library Week
 - Library will be participating in Art Hop 2024 on May 3rd - featured artist: Doug Jonas



Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - Exterior window cleaning and building power wash scheduled with Reliance Softwash on April 29
 - Kalamazoo Foundation \$1,500 spendable grant received towards media budget to cover cost of video game collection startup
 - \$10,000 grant check from ALA received April 9, 2024
 - \$3,000 grant received by RCL through SMLC to help costs of Hoopla services
 - Erica Schiller, Teen Librarian, attended professional development ½ day workshop with Library of Michigan Law Consultant on topic of library patron behaviors

- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
 - Sharing our library story
 - [Art at the Library](#)



Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- Summer Reading Program planning is underway. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library