## 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
- ★ Strive to encourage a lifelong love of reading by connecting community members to library collections and resources.



## **Enriching Programs**

★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.

- <u>Adults</u> : CreativeBug Art Club, Cookbook Club, RCL Book Club, Team Trivia, Film Club, MMA Spring Series
- <u>Teens</u>: Teen Advisory Board (TAB), D&D,Weekly Gaming, Board Game Night, Monthly Book Club,
- <u>Children's:</u> STEAM take-home kits , Art Club, Lego Club, Family Movie Club, Youth Book Club, Pokemon Club, STEAM Thursdays, Monthly crafts



## **Broad Outreach**

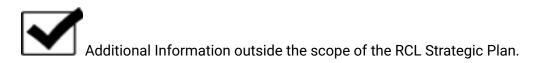
- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
  - RCL participating in Library Hop for month of April
  - Director to attend Gull Lake Rotary Community Assessment meeting on April 23
  - Director to attend Friends of Library meeting on April 23
  - Positive 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
- \$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 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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
  - <u>Art at the Library</u>



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