

## Director's Report for Board Meeting August 21, 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.
  - Library Circulation Stats: Congratulations to the library for breaking our all-time record with 8,385 items checked out in July.
  - Started "[Library of Things](#)" collection in response to community survey feedback.



#### Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
  - [Adults](#) : Nature Photography Challenge (34 submissions), Green Burial (22 attendees), Mending Class, Murder Mystery at the Library, CookBook Club, Geocaching 101 (25 attendees)
  - [Teens](#): Taskmaster (40 attendees), Make Your Own Dice, D&D (consistently on a waitlist), Rainbow Tie-Dye, Super Smash Bros Competition (met reservation limit), Mario Kart Tournament (met reservation limit)
  - [Children's](#): Alligator Sanctuary (80 attendees), Magic Show (105 attendees), Interactive STEM show (60), Family Movie Matinee, Picnic in the Park (125 attendees), Explore the Meteorites (25 attendees), Lego Masters Club, Watercolor in the Garden (20 attendees), Medieval Skills Test



#### Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
  - [Food Waste Collection with Over the Moon Farm](#)
  - Beacon Point library outreach
  - Mary Robertson, a member of the Patron Services staff, visits Gull Arbor Senior Living monthly for library outreach
  - Director participated in July 4th Independence Day Parade with Friends of Library
  - Home Again visited Library on August 15th (22 attendees)
  - Monthly Bingo program with [AACORN](#)



#### ● Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
  - Some survey comments from patrons included: A refresh and update of the building, a Library of Things, dedicated Teen Room, Study/Meeting Rooms, more accessible Dropbox, more programs offered, increase open hours, larger movie collection, increased digital offerings of audio & ebooks, self-check out, separate quieter area between public computers and front circulation desk.
  
- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
  - Submitted nomination to Library of Michigan for [State Excellence Award](#)
  - Overheard at the Library: “ Thank you for starting a Library of Things collection. Our library really feels like a community library. I was able to try out this movie projector, now I’m going to buy my own after testing it out from the library.”
  - Put up sound paneling to help reduce noise level in response to RCL survey comments



#### Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- 175 attendees at RCL End of Summer Party “Best one yet. Thank you.” -patron
- RosePest completed annual inspection on 7/9/24 with no concerns from their walkthrough
- Vanguard Fire & Security Systems conducted annual test of fire alarms and fire extinguishers on 7/26/24
- Automated Equipment Sales & Services replaced broken automatic door transmitter due to the exterior door button not working.
- Put up sound panels at main circulation desk and downstairs hallway
- Desiree Mills nominated for Michigan Library Association’s Library Support Staff of the Year Award 2024
- Friends of Library Fall Meeting scheduled for September 24 from 5:30-7pm - providing flower arrangement program for meeting attendees
- Director awarded \$300 grant from Library of Michigan to attend [Director Workshop](#) on Sept 4 &5th in Lansing