

Director's Report for Board Meeting June 19, 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.
 - Purchase Requests from Patrons when we don't have an item they want.
 - Planning a road trip? Download Libby and/or Hoopla for audiobook listening. If you're unsure how to get started on either app, stop by the library for our staff's assistance.
- ★ 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.
 - [Adults](#) : Nature Photography Challenge, Green Burial, Mending Class, Murder Mystery at the Library, CookBook Club, Geocaching 101 (25 attendees)
 - [Teens](#) :, Summer Kick-Off Party (150 attendees), Taskmaster, Make Your Own Dice, D&D (always on a waitlist), Rainbow Tie-Dye, Super Smash Bros Competiton, Mario Kart Tournament
 - [Children's](#) : Alligator Sanctuary, Magic Show, Interactive STEM show, Family Movie Matinee, Picnic in the Park, Explore the Meteorites (25 attendees), Lego Masters Club, Watercolor in the Garden, Medieval Skills Test



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - [Sustainable Kitchen Series at RACC](#) (On a waitlist)
 - [Food Waste Collection with Over the Moon Farm](#)
 - [Forage Walk at Kellogg Forest Park](#) (On a waitlist)
 - Director visits Beacon Pointe monthly for library outreach
 - Mary Robertson, a member of the Patron Services staff, drops off and picks up RCL books from Gull Arbor Senior Living once a month.



• Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - RCL Survey sent out 1st week of June. Survey is open until July 8th
 - Received \$4,000 grant from RCL's Endowment Fund by way of Kalamazoo Foundation to replace the upstairs main printer

- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
 - Hosted Community Conversation at our library to hear input and ideas from patrons about the best use of the \$10,000 ALA Grant we were rewarded. RCL Director will apply for a Round 2 grant opportunity in Fall of 2024.
 - Overheard at the Library: "This is a truly unique place. The staff members are ALWAYS very helpful as well as friendly. Each new Director has made improvements. This Library provides a multitude of programs and services for all ages. And it keeps its small-town ambiance. Quite an accomplishment!" - Library Patron, Brenda G



Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- 6,087 physical items and 1,359 digital items circulated for May 2024
- 150 patron attendees at RCL Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on June 18th
- Last week a regular teen patron stopped by to ask if the library could be one of his references for a job application. Today he came in and told me he got the job.
- RCL Director is in contact with the First Presbyterian's facility and maintenance, Steve Sutherland, to determine the best course of action to remove the dead tree in between the library and the church.
- RCL is a US retired flag drop-off location for the Daughters of the American Revolution Kalamazoo, Michigan Chapter
- Adult volunteer, Raenell Kent, will be volunteering once per week in the Children's Library to help shelve books
- Maple Hill Sprinkling tested and turned on sprinklers
- Dave's Security tested security access points, needed to replace one sensor
- Wireless door transmitter was replaced on door. The exterior automatic door button wasn't working, found bad transmitter. Replaced and tested by Automatic Equipment Sales & Services.