

Director's Report for Board Meeting March 20, 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.
 - Adding video games to library's media collection
 - Acquiring more STEAM kits for borrowing and in-house use
 - Binge Boxes (to help with consistent demand for dvd borrowing)
- ★ Strive to encourage a lifelong love of reading by connecting community members to library collections and resources.
 - Added magazine subscription of BookPage (Readers Advisory Resource)



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.
 - Director participated in GLCS One Community, One Book Spelling Bee Fundraiser
 - Children's Librarian, Carrie Dunn, provided information booth at March Elementary Literacy Night at Richland Elementary
 - Library represented at Kellogg Bird Sanctuary's scavenger hunt program
 - Library scheduled 8 events for presence at RACC Farmers Market Summer 2024



Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - Carpet Cleaning 3/18 & 3/25 serviced by Newhouse Clean
 - Will receive window washing and power wash quote for April
 - Renewal of mowing contract with BC Lawn Maintenance
 - Kalamazoo Foundation spendable grant covered cost for backup server cost
 - Director attends monthly Library of Michigan's Library Law Meetings
 - \$10,000 grant awarded to RCL through ALA (LTC Grant)
 - Continued emphasis of Professional Development opportunities offered to staff
 - Director attended meeting with OverDrive/Libby Collection Development librarian for SMLC

- ★ 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.

- Celebrating Library Week first week of April
- Next Friends of Library meeting on April 23, 5:45 - 6:45
- Summer Reading Program planning is underway. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library
- Carrie Dunn attended Library of Michigan's Spring Institute seminar.
- Feedback forms at programs used to improve services and future planning
- ESL tutor group meets weekly at library with GLCS teacher