

Director's Report for Board Meeting May 15, 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.
 - Applying for a 25K Grant through Library of Michigan to improve our Library of Things collection
- ★ 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 : CreativeBug Art Club, RCL Book Club, Team Trivia, Film Club, Non-Traditional Long Term Care, Hometown to Hollywood
 - Teens: Teen Advisory Board, D&D, Weekly Gaming, Monthly Book Club
 - Children's: STEAM take-home kits, Art Club, Lego Club, Family Movie Club, Youth Book Club, STEAM Thursdays, Monthly crafts, Three weekly Family Storytimes



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - Gull Arbor Senior Living contacted Library for Outreach delivery services
 - 1st and 2nd grade GLCS field trip to our library on May 21
 - \$400 donation received from Gull Lake Lions Club
 - Successful Friends of Library Annual Book Sale (approximately \$1,500 donated)
 - 25 attendees at Art Hop 2024 on May 3rd
 - Library will be present at Farmers Market 8 times this Summer



- Strong Operations
- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - Children and Teen Dept has received many donations for Summer Reading Prizes
 - \$500 Grant Received for Professional Development Education
 - Anna Merritt, Assistant Director, attended professional development Readers' Advisory Workshop
 - Anne Richards, Collection Development Librarian, attended a professional development book repair workshop
 - Director Attends Michigan Library Law, SMLC, and UofM Cohort monthly meetings

- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
 - Library team is putting together a survey of services to be sent out to patrons 1st week of June
 - [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
- 27 attendees at 5/15/24 Wednesday Wigglers Story Time
- 86 in-person & 118 virtual participants of April's Craft of the Month
- Late Bloomers Garden Club volunteered at our library for spring clean-up
- Tutors continue to use our library space for study sessions
- Weekly ASL class reserves our community room
- Weekly Gull Lake ESL tutoring group
- Berkshire Hathaway Homebuyer 101 Seminar no cost reserved community room
- 6,522 physical items and 1,275 digital items circulated for April 2024