

Director's Report for Board Meeting November 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.
 - Kid Librarian Picks, Kids Collection Display, Patron Picks, Positive feedback of recent large order of Board Books, continued increase in borrowed digital ebooks and audiobooks



Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
 - [Adults](#) : Holiday Craft & Cookie Exchange, Bingo Beyond Barriers, Cookbook Club, Wrapped up MMA Fall Series
 - [Teens](#): LEGO Christmas Ornaments program, D&D, Weekly Gaming
 - [Children's](#): Family Santa Bingo, Winter Picture Book Mini Putt Putt Golf Course, three storytimes and preschool workshop offered every week.



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - Library Director attended Veterans Lunch Celebration with Gull Lake Rotary
 - Director attended Kalamazoo Community Foundation luncheon at the RACC
 - GLCS Kellogg Elementary's Art Instructor is interested in showcasing more of her students' artwork at our library.
 - Tea Tasting Tea Talk program with owner of The Village Tea in Richland



Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - RCL Award Celebration. Since our community was a large part of why RCL

received this honor, we want to say thank you. Patrons are encouraged to stop in anytime on December 3rd for a treat.

- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
 - Richland Community Wassailing December 5th, 5-8pm. We will have treats, crafts, RCL ornaments, live music.
 - Artist Reception of Elizabeth Jenkins was held on November 6th at the library. Elizabeth has offered three drop-in art classes for kids on Thursday nights during the month of November.



Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- Monthly RCL Book Club led and facilitated by a different staff member each month.
- Bridge Club, Genealogy Group, Writers Group, and tutors are consistently reserving using our free Community Room for meetups.
- End of Year Staff Celebration will be held December 13, 2024. Library will be closing early to accommodate the staff meeting and dinner.
- Director was asked by Co-Op to be Board President of SMLC