

Director's Report for Board Meeting October 16, 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.
 - MeL Interlibrary Loan borrowing: 2023-2024 = 3,956 items borrowed by RCL patrons, 22-23 = 3,909, 20-21 = 2,336, 19-20 = 1,846
 - Digital Audio & Ebooks borrowed by RCL patrons: 2023-2024 = 16,014, 22-23 = 13,881, 21-22 = 12,016, 20-21 = 10,207



Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
 - Adults : Staff member, Desiree Mills, has helped Anna for larger adult programs that require two staff members. Ex. Team Trivia, Escape Rooms Events
 - Teens: Spoke with patron services staff about helping with outreach events at Farmers Market for next summer
 - Children's: For continuity of library services and expected library program routine , staff member, Mary Robertson, will be backup help for children's programs when Carrie is out of office.



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - Library Director volunteered with cleanup at GL Rotary Italian Dinner Night at Gull Lake HS on 10/15/24
 - GLCS Kellogg Elementary's 2nd grade Art class is displaying artwork at the library for the month of October.



Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services,

programs and staff.

- Completed 23-24 staff evaluations last week of September and first week of October.

★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.

- New displays put together every month to highlight our library's collection of items to check out.



Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- Friends of Library approved \$1,500 in staff request grants at recent Fall FoL Meeting
- FoL submitted a grant for \$1,000 to Gull Lake Rotary for a new replacement computer for children's services area. Current computer is approximately 20 years old.
- Gull Lake Living Magazine wrote a feature article on our library in latest October issue highlighting a kids run (3-5th grade) book club that meets every other month on Saturdays.
- Maple Hill Sprinkling winterized (shut of sprinkler system) on 10/2/24