

Director's Report for Board Meeting September 18, 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.
 - To help process increased MeL Interlibrary Loan borrowing, library staff members, Ann and Monica, were trained in MeL processing.
 - With ALA grant, library has started a Large Print (Accessible Reads) book collection for Teens.
 - \$1,000 of donations from Joan Split fund has been used to refresh our library's Children's Board Book collection



Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
 - [Adults](#) : From feedback on program surveys, library purchased new wireless mic and headset mic to improve sound quality at programming (funded through ALA grant)
 - [Teens](#): With patron survey comments in mind of noise complaints, library has adjusted teen hangout area zones within the library.
 - [Children's: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) display added to children's playroom



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - Children's Librarian, Carrie Dunn, has invited Home Again to visit Library on monthly basis.
 - Quarterly RCL newsletter



Strong Operations

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

programs and staff.

- Library awarded Citation of Excellence by Library of Michigan for [State Excellence Award](#). RCL will be honored at MLA 2024 Conference with \$1,000 and trophy.
 - A volunteer group, led by Board Trustee, Dane Richards, helped with Fall Cleanup.
- ★ 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 Fall Meeting scheduled for September 24 from 5:30-7pm - providing flower arrangement program for meeting attendees.
- EMC Insurance renewal meeting Oct 10, 2024.