

Director's Report for Board Meeting September 20, 2023

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.
 - Libby available audiobook collection has increased from 1,000 to approximately 5,000 titles over past year
 - VOX Books - "Happy to see the library get more VOX books. My daughter loves them."
 - Digitization of [Richland Prairie Book](#)
 - Fulfilling multiple copies of high-demand titles to decrease wait time for patrons

- ★ Strive to encourage a lifelong love of reading by connecting community members to library collections and resources.
 - Staff webinar training on how to use Libby to better assist patrons
 - 7076 items circulated in August



Enriching Programs

- ★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
 - [Adults](#) : Art Club, Film Club, Retirement 101, Fall Floral Wreaths
 - [Teens](#): Teen Book Club, T.A.B., Teen Afterhours Movie and Game Night, Dungeons & Dragons, Pumpkin Painting, Halloween Make-up Class
 - [Children's](#): New STEAM Saturday take-home kits , Art Club on GLCS ½ days, New monthly Lego Club, Family Movie matinee, New Youth Book Club
 - RCL Staff taking over responsibility of monthly book club from FoL



Broad Outreach

- ★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
 - Farmers' Market 2023 with RACC
 - Director Attends Rotary Meetings

- RCL Fall 2023 print Newsletter distributed to GLCS
- Girl Scouts Troop to volunteer at library
- RCL partnering with neighboring libraries to help run [Geek Fest 2023](#)



Strong Operations

- ★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
 - RCL policy updates reviewed and implemented with staff
 - Monthly Patron Services meeting
 - Created Incident Report Procedures
 - “Farmers Market was a noticeable improvement from last year.”
 - End of September annual performance reviews

- ★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
 - Visibly sharing our library story. Celebratory posts with patron comments from program surveys.



Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

- 25 community room reservations
- Staff to take neighboring library visits
- LIC staff to attend Michigan Library Association Conference
- Celebrated with staff appreciation dinner in early September