Director’s Report for Board Meeting March 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.
- Adding video games to library’s media collection
- Aquiring more STEAM kits for borrowing and in-house use
- Binge Boxes (to help with consistent demand for dvd borrowing)
★ Strive to encourage a lifelong love of reading by connecting community members to library collections and resources.
- Added magazine subscription of BookPage (Readers Advisory Resource)

Enriching Programs
★ Provide opportunities to create, learn, be entertained and come together.
- **Adults**: CreativeBug Art Club, Cookbook Club, RCL Book Club, Team Trivia, Film Club, MMA Spring Series
- **Teens**: Teen Advisory Board (TAB), D&D Weekly Gaming, Board Game Night, Monthly Book Club
- **Children's**: STEAM take-home kits, Art Club, Lego Club, Family Movie Club, Youth Book Club, Pokemon Club, STEAM Thursdays, Monthly crafts

Broad Outreach
★ Expand meaningful partnerships with local organizations to strengthen community inclusion.
- Director participated in GLCS One Community, One Book Spelling Bee Fundraiser
- Children's Librarian, Carrie Dunn, provided information booth at March Elementary Literacy Night at Richland Elementary
- Library represented at Kellogg Bird Sanctuary’s scavenger hunt program
- Library scheduled 8 events for presence at RACC Farmers Market Summer 2024
Strong Operations

★ Ensure sustainable funding sources for operating hours, collections, services, programs and staff.
  ● Carpet Cleaning 3/18 & 3/25 serviced by Newhouse Clean
  ● Will receive window washing and power wash quote for April
  ● Renewal of mowing contract with BC Lawn Maintenance
  ● Kalamazoo Foundation spendable grant covered cost for backup server cost
  ● Director attends monthly Library of Michigan’s Library Law Meetings
  ● $10,000 grant awarded to RCL through ALA (LTC Grant)
  ● Continued emphasis of Professional Development opportunities offered to staff
  ● Director attended meeting with OverDrive/Libby Collection Development librarian for SMLC

★ Create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere with ample space for collections, programs, and community engagement.
  ● Sharing our library story
  ● Art at the Library

☑ Additional Information outside the scope of the RCL Strategic Plan.

  ● Celebrating Library Week first week of April
  ● Next Friends of Library meeting on April 23, 5:45 - 6:45
  ● Summer Reading Program planning is underway. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library
  ● Carrie Dunn attended Library of Michigan's Spring Institute seminar.
  ● Feedback forms at programs used to improve services and future planning
  ● ESL tutor group meets weekly at library with GLCS teacher