**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](https://www.richlandlibrary.org/our-story/richland-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](https://www.facebook.com/events/818632769731111/?post_id=818669593060762&view=permalink&notif_id=1694802562149582&notif_t=feedback_reaction_generic&ref=notif)

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