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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT MAY 2018**

### **COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:**

The library is collaborating with the school district to host kindergarten screening sessions. Morgan Von Haden, the district's Title I Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, is coordinating the sessions with two kindergarten teachers. Library staff will provide storytimes, makerspace activities, and other library information to the participants.

I attended the Starting Strong breakfast on April 27. Starting Strong supports early childhood education, and the morning's speaker from the Federal Reserve Bank demonstrated the correlation between early education, personal success, and community economic benefit. The Mayor also read a [proclamation](#) in support of early childhood education, which directly relates to our reading readiness initiatives and our strategic plan.

Amanda Jones, Education and Technology Coordinator, met with the Workforce Assistance Programs Roundtable. This group includes members from various community workforce development organizations, who are collaborating to develop consistency in the job training we provide throughout the community. Amanda's work with this group and her development of a job skills training initiative is in support of the strategic plan.

I have been invited to present a workshop for the Montana State Library (MSL) in September. The 2-day workshop is part of MSL's annual training for public library staff, and my workshop will be a one of a number of sessions focusing on relevant and timely library issues.

The library's publications team, Deb Holz and Brent Schultz, is collaborating with the Community Development department to create a logo or graphic for the downtown parking plan. This collaboration came about through the acknowledgement and recognition of the professionalism and design qualities from our publications team.

I met with Charity Doyle of Collective Impact and discussed ways in which the library can contribute to their efforts through training initiatives. I also met with Linda Shroll of WAVI, and we discussed ways to encourage family literacy with their clients as well as the clients' participation in our job skill enhancement events.

The State Library Board held a quarterly meeting at RCPL on May 11. After their business meeting they were given a tour of the main floor reconfiguration, the local history room, and the makerspace.

AARP used the library's meeting rooms to provide tax preparation assistance; they were able to help over 1,000 individuals this year at our location.



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### **NEW SERVICES:**



The makerspace has expanded into its new downstairs location, which was formerly the Friends' book shop. Library visitors will be able to see the makerspace activities, and perhaps be inspired to become involved in them. A number of makerspace activities, including robots and circuitry, will continue to be offered upstairs in the children's area.

### **STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

We hired three new Library Associates who started work May 7 and May 14. Abby Crittenden, Dan Thomas, and Kristyn Ward bring diverse skills to the library, and all have customer service experience and focus. Krista Licht has been hired as a Customer Services Specialist, and will also start May 14; Krista brings library experience from working at the Bison library.

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The library's request for a 2023 roof replacement using \$160,500 in CIP funds was removed from the CIP list. This is because of an existing roof replacement schedule for city-owned buildings. According to Rod Johnson, Operations Management Engineer, a 25-year replacement is used as a basis for scheduling roof projects. I confirmed the library's roof is on the replacement schedule, and requested an assessment in 2022 upon the warranty expiration.

*"I got accepted to the college! Thank you for helping proofread my essay." – Anonymous patron comment, April 24, 2018*

### **MEDIA COVERAGE:**

[Libraries Rock](#) (summer reading promotion), YouTube

[Chamber Music storytime](#), KOTA, April 25

[Library operating without security](#), Rapid City Journal, April 28

[Promoting reading to prevent the summer slide](#), KOTA, May 3



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