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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT JULY 2018

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

Throughout June, the main floor of library featured the exhibit *Remembering the 1972 Flood: The Robb DeWall Collection*. DeWall, a long-time Rapid city resident, broadcast journalist and historian, was the Emergency Broadcasting System broadcaster during the first 13 hours of the flood. He worked at KOTA for over 20 years, and his estate donated his papers to the library upon his death in 2006.



The library was invited to oversee the children's activity at Movies Under the Stars at Main Street Square on June 11. Staff were given the opportunity to address the crowd before the movie started and the library's summer literacy initiative was promoted to a large and engaged crowd.

The summer reading literacy initiative for children has participation from all elementary schools including Douglas, private schools, home schools and daycares. In 2017, there were 657 total reading logs turned in; this year, 442 logs have been turned so far, with nearly two months still remaining.

A new Adult Summer Reading program was introduced and is showing record participation.



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**NEW SERVICES:**

The job skills initiative began on June 17 with instruction by Amanda Jones on Job Searches and Tech Skills. The training events will occur every 2 weeks with a variety of community partners providing the training.

**STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Sean Minkel will participate in a modified library exchange with the Siouxland libraries. He will spend August 27-31 at the main Sioux Falls library as well as some of the branches, observing administrative and operational practices as well as training and events. We look forward to this collaboration with the state's largest public library, and to the insights Sean will bring back to RCPL.

City Attorney Jess Rogers provided training to all staff on the city's social media policy.

As a reminder, I will be in Atlanta from July 29-August 1 to facilitate at the [Research Institute for Public Libraries](#).

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Amanda Jones, the Education and Technology Coordinator, resigned her position effective June 22. We will review the position description to ensure it meets current and future needs, and advertise for that position in the near future.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

- June 5 [Rapid City Journal Book Review](#)
- June 5 [KEVN Flood Anniversary Library Exhibit](#)
- June 6 [KOTA Library Teaches Engineering](#)
- June 7 [KOTA Intro to Music Lab – Camp Chaos](#)
- June 12 [Rapid City Journal Compass Library Events Article](#)
- June 12 [Rapid City Journal Security Article](#)
- June 13 [KOTA Can Summer Reading Be Fun?](#)
- June 19 [Rapid City Journal Book Review](#)
- June 19 [KEVN Classical Music and Stories Inspire Kids at Rapid City Public Library](#)
- June 26 [Rapid City Journal Compass Article – Yoga Resources at the Library](#)



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