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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018

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

As of September 6, 41 of the 111 possible Ellsworth vouchers have been turned in for library cards. We have offered to assist Ellsworth with publicity and distribution of the vouchers, and look forward to working with them on those efforts.

The job skills series continues to draw small but engaged audiences. Because of a scheduling conflict with the planned presenter for the August 26 session, Laurinda Tapper discussed interview strategies and I conducted the practice interviews.

Readers actively participated in the Summer Reading Program, in record numbers that surpassed last year's previous records:

<b>Summer Reading</b>	<b>2018</b>	2017	<b>%</b>
Children's 25-day logs	835	657	↑ 27%
Children's 50-day logs	560	427	↑ 31%
Teen participation	75	67	↑ 12%
Adult Reading Logs	40	14	↑ 186%

Homeschoolers were the largest group participating, with readers from Corral Drive, Meadowbrook, and Pinedale schools also highly represented.

### **NEW SERVICES:**

Between July 1, when the Computer Access Accounts were initiated, and September 6, 1,277 accounts have been created.

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

Officer Ralph Dupres of the Rapid City Police Department provided staff training on mental health and substance abuse issues. The information was provided as part of the annual safety refresher training.



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The back to school Harry Potter event was a popular activity for the afternoon, with about 1,150 attendees. Wizards and muggles of all ages played quidditch, made magic wands and house ties, searched the library for a scavenger hunt, and enjoyed butter beer floats and Bertie Bott's magical popcorn.

Staff member Ryan Carrig resigned effective the end of August; he and his wife decided to move to be closer to family in Ohio.

Quotes are being obtained for re-carpeting of the upstairs meeting room, re-painting of the conference room, security cameras upgrades, and audio-visual equipment upgrades in the meeting rooms to better serve our patrons. Due to the heavy use of the meeting room, that carpet is on a more frequent replacement cycle than other locations.

As a reminder, I will be in Montana from September 16-19 to present at a conference on behalf of the Montana State Library. Sam Slocum and I will also attend the South Dakota Library Association conference in Sioux Falls from September 26-28; Sam will be part of two panel discussions at that conference.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

8/5/18 [KOTA News Story – 3D Printing at the Library](#)

8/7/18 [COMPASS Rapid City Journal Article – August Library Events](#)

8/14/18 [COMPASS Rapid City Journal Reader's Advisory](#)

8/21/18 [COMPASS Rapid City Journal Article – Harry Potter Happenings at the Library](#)

8/24/18 [KEVN News Story – Harry Potter Trivia Night](#)

8/25/18 [Newscenter1 News Story – Harry Potter Event](#)



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