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DIRECTOR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2018

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

I participated in a tour of the County's Care Campus facility. The new facility centralizes services for detox, crisis care, and Health and Human Services in one facility. In addition, they now have facilities available for women, which is a defined need in the community.

The After School Adventures STEAM activities have started again at General Beadle. During last year's pilot project, the program was open to only General Beadle students, and we had over 3,100 participants. This year it is open to the general public, and we anticipate ongoing and active participation.

Sean Minkel is participating in the Steam² workgroup with members of the community and Rapid City Area Schools. Over the course of the next several months, the workgroup will make recommendations to improve students' preparedness for continuing education and employment.

We received a thank-you letter from WAVI acknowledging recent donations. The 'Free Dobby Sock Drive' in August provided 32 packages of socks and undergarments for WAVI clients. In addition, we donated the leftover ice cream from the Harry Potter event to the WAVI residents.

NEW SERVICES:

Because of limitations with the state library's courier system to transport materials between libraries, RCPL will now pick up collections of books for Hill City, Custer, and Edgemont. This will allow staff from those librarians to pick up their resources 7 days a week at their convenience.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Becky Hall has been promoted to LA2 in charge of collection services. The vacancy left by her promotion is being advertised for currently.

An all staff meeting on October 5 was held to discuss the 2019 budget and follow up on a staff survey.

Sam Slocum and I attended the SDLA conference in Sioux Falls. Sam presented as part of two panel discussions, on preserving local collections and opportunities and challenges of non-traditional collections. I attended a pre-conference workshop on intelligent failure, which supported the ideas of moving creatively forward and assessing and tweaking when something doesn't work. Sam and I also attended sessions on digital collections rights, risks and rewards of innovation, school and public library partnerships, cataloging updates, and infographics. During the conference I also had opportunities to have informative and useful conversations with members of the Black Hills Library Consortium.



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My presentation at the Montana State Library Workshops in Billings went well. I presented about community collaborations to about 12 engaged librarians, who left with action plans to enhance or create collaborations in their communities. I was also able to attend other conference sessions on leadership and a mindful and heartfelt library workshop.

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The goal for September's Library Card Sign Up event was to increase registrations from the Rapid Valley and rural Pennington County area. Marketing was targeted to 57703 zip codes, which resulted in a 51% increase in signups for that zip code, as compared to last September. For the month overall, there were 356 new registrations and 444 card renewals.

Painting in the Conference Room was completed; this was a long-deferred item on the building maintenance schedule. Replacement of carpet in the upstairs meeting room will begin October 11.

A coffee vending machine should arrive in mid-October. The former genealogy alcove will become a vending area for coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. This will consolidate the vending spaces in the library and free up space in the staff room.

Audio visual upgrades in the Hoyt and upstairs meeting rooms will take place in October. In addition, enhancements have been made to some of the security cameras.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

9/26/18 Live KOTA noon show interview – Library Card Sign Up Month, Makerspace, Halloween Event Preview

9/26/18 [Newscenter1 Voter Registration Event Coverage](#)

9/25/18 [KEVN Voter Registration Event Coverage](#)

9/25/18 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)

9/24/18 [Rapid City Journal Book Tasting Promotion](#)

9/20/18 [KOTA After School Adventures Event Coverage](#)

9/19/18 KNBN TV After School Adventures at RCPL North

9/18/18: [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Resources Article](#)

9/12/18 Live KOTA morning show interview – Summer Reading Success & Library Card Sign Up Month

9/5/18: [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)

9/4/18: [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Events Article](#)



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