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DIRECTOR'S REPORT APRIL 2019

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

Janet Parr attended the Mayor's work group for the Early Childhood Initiative. This initiative has a direct link to what public libraries do on a day to day basis, and also correlates with our Strategic Plan.

NEW SERVICES

Digitizing the Rapid City Journal newspapers from 1923-2019 is now complete, thanks a collaborative project with Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com. Because of this collaboration, library users now have free access to these searchable newspaper files online; however, because of the proprietary nature of Ancestry.com, those searches must be conducted from either library location. In addition, we are now able to eliminate the purchase of new microfilm, an anticipated savings of \$400-500 per year.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Library staff completed the second of two sessions on Communication Essentials for the Workplace, facilitated by Leah Braun. The staff worked in groups to identify best practices and personal responsibilities for effective workplace communication.

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Abby Crittenden was promoted from Library Associate I to Library Associate II – Events and Outreach, effective March 31. Krista Licht was promoted from Customer Service Specialist to Library Associate I, effective March 31. Mackenzie Betcher moved from 35 to 40 hours as a Customer Service Specialist, and Nancy Lloyd moved from 40 to 35 hours in the same position.

Both libraries were closed March 13 and 14 for the winter storm. Because of the early closing decision by the city, we were able to provide effective notices to patrons. The North library was also closed March 15, as the school facilities were closed that day. Due to the weather, the State Library community forums scheduled for March 15 and 16 were also postponed, and will likely be rescheduled in the fall.

Sean and Terri met with Mark Lemery of Black Hills Energy about the possibility of using renewable energy to power the library. More information is being sought about this project, and it may be moved forward to the Board in the near future.

Sean, Jenny Read, and Terri held a second meeting with representatives from Skyline Engineering for preliminary design and early cost projections for the 2020 air handler project. Information will be summarized and brought forward to the Board Building Committee in the next few months.



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MEDIA COVERAGE:

- 3/2/19 [Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan: Alpacas Visit South Dakota Library](#)
- 3/4/19 [The Brookings Register: Alpacas Visit South Dakota Library](#)
- 3/5/19 [Rapid City Journal Compass Article: Celebrate Women's History Month in March \(Events\)](#)
- 3/5/19 [KOTA News Coverage: Rapid City Public Library challenges kid's imagination and intellect through STEAM](#)
- 3/5/19 [KOTA News Event Coverage: CHAOS Kids Curiosity Club](#)
- 3/5/19 [KEVN News Coverage: Rapid City Public Library challenges kid's imagination and intellect through STEAM](#)
- 3/10/19 [KOTA News Coverage: Celebrating the achievements of women with "Donuts and Documentaries"](#)
- 3/10/19 [KEVN New Coverage: Celebrating the achievements of women with "Donuts and Documentaries"](#)
- 3/12/19 [Rapid City Journal Compass Review: Reader's Advisory](#)
- 3/15/19 [Newscenter1 Event Coverage: Rapid City Public Library hosting Rhonda Percy, creator of Fork Real Café](#)
- 3/17/19 [Newscenter1 Event Coverage: Traditional music ushers in the St. Patrick's Day spirit](#)
- 3/17/19 [KEVN Event Coverage: Celtic Music Fills the Library](#)
- 3/17/19 [KOTA Event Coverage: Celtic Music Fills the Downtown Library](#)
- 3/18/19 [Rapid City Journal Event Promotion: Learn about the community cafe at the Rapid City Public Library](#)
- 3/19/19 [Rapid City Journal Compass Reader's Advisory Article: Women's History Month](#)
- 3/26/19 [Rapid City Journal Compass Review: Reader's Advisory](#)
- 3/27/19 KOTA Live Noon Show – Reader's Advisory
- 1st Quarter 2019 Black Hills Boomer magazine: CHAOS Creators



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