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DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2019

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

Laurinda and I attended Ellsworth's Discover the Hills vendor fair on May 17. We shared booth space with the Sturgis library to promote the reciprocal borrowing trial, and issued library cards to our respective residents.

Our Summer Reading program kicked off May 18 with a three-hour celebration of the space and exploration theme, 'A Universe of Stories'. The kickoff was our highest attended event to date (between 1,600 and 1,800 attendees) and introduced patron reading programs to children, teens and adults. Thirty new library cardholders signed up for cards during the kickoff celebration.

NEW SERVICES

Automatic renewals were implemented on June 1. If library users do not return materials on or before the due date, they will be automatically renewed up to three times, unless another person has placed a hold on that item. Due date reminders and notices informing people of the renewal are sent via SMS or email.

The reciprocal borrowing pilot project with Sturgis has completed its second month. To date, thirteen unique Sturgis borrowers have checked out 154 Rapid City items. On a related topic, the Mountain Plains Library Association newsletter referenced a similar ['one card' concept](#) in one Arizona county.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Sara Kamppi was hired for the fulltime Library Associate I position. Interviews are currently underway for the remaining part-time Library Associate I position.

RCPL will host the State Library's Branch Out training for support staff on August 7. This will be an opportunity for Board members to participate in training, as we require a few more hours before re-submitting for accreditation. An outline of the day's sessions will be provided nearer the date, but please consider participating if your schedule allows.



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We have experienced a couple of instances of the building being hit. A vehicle hit and run accident caused only superficial damage to the building, but a truck parked on the street was damaged and a parking meter was flattened. Police investigated the incident and made an arrest. A few days later, an over-height vehicle damaged the ceiling edge in the parking garage; we are investigating to see if the driver's insurance company will cover the cost of repairs.

With the heavy rains, we have experienced a number of roof leaks. Fortunately, although the leaks were inconvenient and unsightly, they were located in areas that caused minimal damage. We are working with the city Operations Management Engineer to determine if the leaks resulted from last year's hail or an aging roof.

A transformer located on the east side of the library required replacement. Black Hills Energy completed that work in the early morning before the library opened, and patrons were not impacted by loss of power. Several years ago the original transformer failed and a temporary unit was installed. A transformer with improved supports (concrete versus wood) was reinstalled. This was completed at no cost to the City.

I have been summoned for jury duty in July. If I need to report and/or am selected for a jury, Sean will be in charge during that time.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

5/7/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Reader's Advisory](#)

5/9/19 [Rapid City Journal – No Late Fees on Children's Materials](#)

5/13/19 [KEVN Pre-Event Coverage – Rapid City Library kicks off Summer Reading](#)

5/13/19 [KOTA Pre-Event Coverage – Rapid City Library kicks off Summer Reading](#)

5/14/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Article – Summer Reading Initiative](#)

5/16/19 KOTA FOCUS Radio Interview – Summer Reading

5/18/19 [KOTA News Story – Why reading is important during the summer](#)

5/18/19 [KEVN News Story – Why reading is important during the summer](#)

5/21/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Reader's Advisory](#)

5/25/19 [Rapid City Journal Article \(Mention\) – Library source for McGillicuddy Preservation Project](#)

5/28/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Article – June Events](#)

5/28/19 [Newscenter1 News Story – Man hits library building – leads police on chase](#)

5/29/19 KOTA Noon Show - Live Interview – Reader's Advisory



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