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DIRECTOR'S REPORT JULY 2019

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

The library participated in WAVI's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event by providing an activity for attendees. It was the first time we had taken this opportunity to support our neighbor and interact with area businesses and families, talking about the library.

I attended an informational meeting at the hospital, presented by their President and CEO Paulette Davidson and her leadership team. Administration of Regional Health have revised their mission, vision, values, and priorities, part of which includes community engagement. They have staff who are interested in serving on boards of community organizations, which may be of use for future Library Board vacancies.

Casey, Stacy Wierenga, Krista Licht, and I made a library road trip to visit some area libraries. We stopped at Keystone, Hill City, and Hermosa to 'check out' their facilities, collections, and activities. The Keystone and Hermosa libraries are members of the Black Hills Library Consortium, and we hope to encourage Hill City to join as well.

The City's department directors shared information about their departments with the new City Council members. I shared information about the library's educational roles within the community, ranging from early childhood literacy to assisting seniors with new technologies, and everything in between. I concluded by inviting the Council members for a personalized library tour.

I attended the second quarterly stakeholder's meeting for the Mayor's early childhood education task force. This meeting consisted of reports from the various workgroups for the first building block, and outlined a plan of action for future work. Janet Parr and I both serve on workgroups for this initiative.

Cathy Bock of the Police Department and Sarah Hanzel of the Community Development Department met with staff to share comprehensive information about the city's downtown parking plan.



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NEW SERVICES:

Automatic renewals went live June 1, and the public response has been largely favorable. People seem to appreciate the convenience of not having to remember to renew their items. Notices are still being sent regarding renewals, and if something cannot be renewed due to a hold on an item.

The reciprocal borrowing project with Sturgis has benefitted 21 unique users at the end of the 3rd month. 363 items have been checked out, primarily to patrons with Ellsworth and Box Elder zip codes, indicating the goal of reaching Ellsworth personnel is being achieved. Two Rapid City patrons have checked out from the Sturgis library.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Administrative Secretary Courtney Ludwig has accepted the half-time Library Associate position, and will begin in that role on July 21. Jen Michaelson, the other Administrative Secretary, will manage the Business Office tasks and responsibilities as we assess the needs; if necessary, we may bring on a temporary clerk to assist until a final determination is made.

Samuel Bockover was hired as a library page, effective July 9. The page position had been vacated when Allison Prater was promoted. Samuel had worked here as a page before, from early 2015 to mid-2016, and we're happy to welcome him back.

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Because the parking meters have now been removed from around the library, we plan to change the volunteer parking spaces in the garage to staff spaces. This will allow even more efficient use of the garage space as volunteers will be able to utilize on street parking around the library. For those volunteers who work longer than a 2-hour shift, we are making arrangements for them to park on the pad by the east garage door.

Sam and Lisa have worked to re-define the definitions of how we record use statistics; this is primarily to align with national reporting tools and their definitions. The revised definitions were implemented as of July 1; this may mean that some future statistics may not provide effective comparisons until such time as those definitions catch up.

An enhanced ventilation system was installed in the Makerspace, to help remove dust and fumes from the laser and vinyl cutters.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

6/4/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Reader's Advisory](#)
6/10/19 [SDPB Event Coverage – Kent Nerburn Author Talk](#)
6/10/19 [KOTA News Event Coverage – Kid's Yoga & Story Time](#)
6/11/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Resources for Change Article](#)
6/13/19 [Rapid City Journal – Make Music Event Promotion](#)
6/17/19 [Rapid City Journal – RCPL resources mention](#)
6/18/19 [Jamestown Sun – RCPL resources mention](#)
6/19/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Events Article](#)
6/21/19 [KEVN News Event Coverage – Make Music](#)
6/21/19 [KOTA News Event Coverage – Make Music](#)
6/25/19 [Rapid City Journal COMPASS – Events Article](#)
6/28/19 Live KOTA noon show interview



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