



**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**  
610 QUINCY ST. | RAPID CITY, SD 57701 | 605.394.4171

**NORTH PARTNER LIBRARY**  
10 VAN BUREN ST. | RAPID CITY, SD 57701 | 605.716.4098

[RAPIDCITYLIBRARY.ORG](http://RAPIDCITYLIBRARY.ORG)



## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2019**

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

The Mayor, school Superintendent, and I attended the United Way's Race to Read event at Memorial Park. We had an opportunity to congratulate the children on the over 8,000 books they'd read so far this summer.

Black Hills Energy hosted the city's department directors for a working lunch. We learned about BHE's large-scale projects and safety initiatives, and shared projects from our various departments.

Janet Parr and I were featured readers for Rural America Initiatives' (RAI) weekly reading series. We were among several community leaders participating in this series, and read several picture books to an eager young audience.

### **NEW SERVICES:**

New shelving was installed upstairs to provide more space for graphic novels, children's movies and books on CD. Besides allowing the library to spread out these popular collections, the new shelves are mobile which will improve the library's ability to transition spaces for large events. Shelving was also moved out of the non-fiction nooks downstairs to shift more shelving space to the fiction collection. This also allowed for more seating in the shelving alcoves.

Due to a positive public response to series labeling in the DVD collection, we began adding series labels to the adult fiction collections. This project should make it easier to find the next book in a series when browsing the collections.

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

Congratulations to Sean for being accepted into the next Leadership Rapid City (LRC) cadre! LRC educates participants about various community challenges and opportunities, builds leadership skills, and provides networking opportunities throughout the community.

All library staff have completed online homelessness training, provided by Ryan Dowd, director of the largest homeless shelter in Chicago and author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness*. The focus of the training has been to create a better understanding of and empathy with members of the community.

Several staff members will present at the South Dakota Library Association conference in Spearfish. Scott Hall will present on development of board game collections, and Sean Collins will present on video game collections. Lucy O'Grady will present on starting an oral history project at a poster session, and Laurinda Tapper will participate in a panel discussion on using social media in the library. We're pleased that our staff are recognized as authorities in these areas and can share their insights and expertise with colleagues throughout the state.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The columns in front of the library were repainted, per the replacement schedule; the repainting had been much delayed due to waiting for appropriate weather conditions. Additional sprucing up was done to the landscaping, which had been severely overgrown; volunteer shrubs were removed, suckers taken off of trees, and general cleanup and trimming of the landscaping was done.

Since implementing collection services last October, 515 accounts have been submitted, at a direct cost of \$4,600; some of these are the accounts reaching back to January 2018, which were submitted earlier this spring. The total cost of outstanding materials for these accounts is \$90,000; \$7,200 of that amount has been received in replacement costs so far. A number of the materials have been returned, mostly under the 30-day grace period; however, we do not have a means of tracking how many items have been returned, as they are generally slipped into the book returns. Per the policy change made in April, an administrative fee is added to all collection accounts to cover the filing cost.

The library hosted a one-day conference for support staff throughout western South Dakota. Branch Out is an annual conference sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. This is the first year it was held in multiple locations around the state, with Rapid City being the only west river location. Just over 30 participants attended, from libraries in the Black Hills and from communities such as Faith and Chadron.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE:**

July 2 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)

July 2 – [KOTA News Event Coverage – Rapid City Public Library Celebrates World UFO Day](#)

July 2 – [KEVN News Event Coverage – UFO Day Event](#)

July 9 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS July Events Article](#)

July 16 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)

July 16 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Six Picks Event Promotion](#)

July 17 – [KOTA News Event Coverage – Kids Move and Groove to Classical Music in Rapid City](#)

July 17 – [KEVN News Event Coverage – Chamber Music Festival of the Black Hills Story Time](#)

July 21 – [Newscenter1 Event Coverage – Library Party Celebrates Moon Landing Anniversary](#)

July 23 – [Rapid City Journal Mention – Race to Read Event](#)

July 23 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Teen Reader's Advisory and Summer Reading Article](#)

July 23 – [KOTA News Event Coverage – STEAM Programs Help Kids Learn Over the Summer at the Library](#)

July 23 – [KEVN News Event Coverage – STEAM Programs Keeping Kids Busy at the Library](#)

July 30 – [Rapid City Journal COMPASS Reader's Advisory](#)

July 31 – Live KOTA Noon Show – Glowforge Demonstration



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER