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DIRECTOR'S REPORT JULY 2020

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

The Mayor's office is seeking applications for the Library Board seat recently vacated by Pat Jones. Confirmation of an appointment by City Council is projected for the second Council meeting in August, with the new appointee on board for the September meeting.

Library management assisted the Library Foundation in drafting a proposal to seek funding for a bookmobile. We are gearing up to pilot mobile library services to several areas in the community, using our delivery van; this is anticipated to begin within the next two weeks.

The site visit from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that was scheduled for July has been cancelled; the State Library is hoping to reschedule this visit sometime in 2021.

NEW SERVICES:

20 virtual storytimes, STEM crafts, trivia, and crafts in June promoted and taught early literacy, STEM exploration, teen crafting, and adult interaction. These events also required the distribution of 650 make-and-take kits, to allow participation in the activities. The online events had 200 views on YouTube and 750 on Facebook.

2,000 children's Summer Reading Logs were distributed; the school district distributed these electronically to their students, and we also provided them to local daycares. In addition, 300 teen and 400 adult reading logs were distributed. So far, 97 adults and 51 teens have turned in over 600 weekly reading bookmarks.



Little Arli's mother posted on Facebook: 'Arli was counting down the days until she could turn this in! She LOVES to be read to and this made it even more exciting for her. Thank you so much for doing this for our kiddos!'

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We had a retirement celebration for Nancy Lloyd on June 30. Nancy had worked at the library for 27 years, and was a familiar face at the checkout desk. We wish Nancy and her family well for all her retirement ventures.

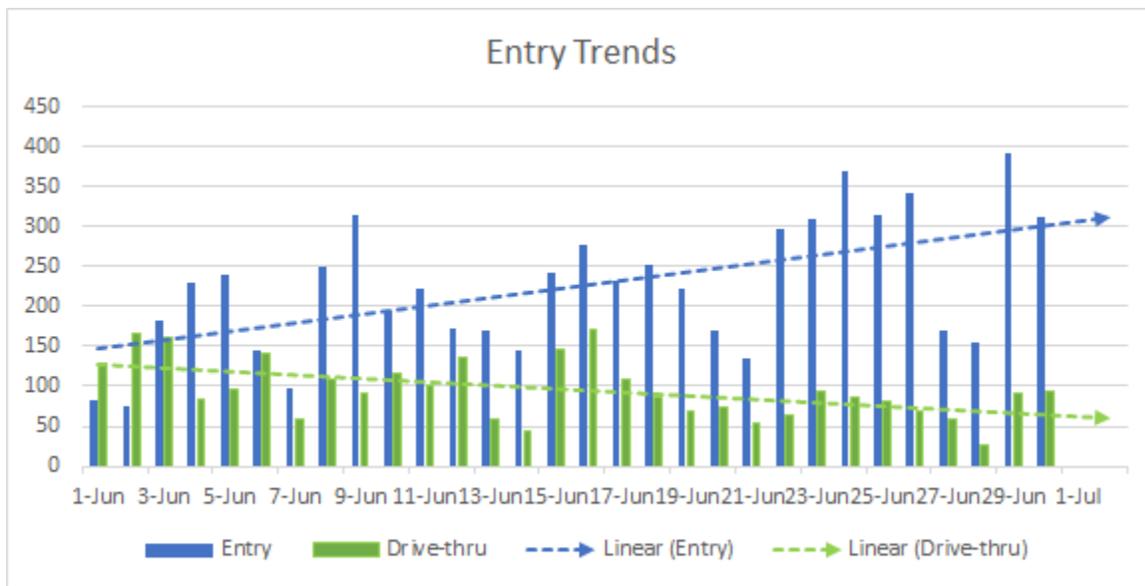
Sara Kampii was promoted from a Library Associate I to a Library Associate II. Her area of focus is Early Education. We appreciate Sara's patience, as her trial period for this position was delayed because of the pandemic.

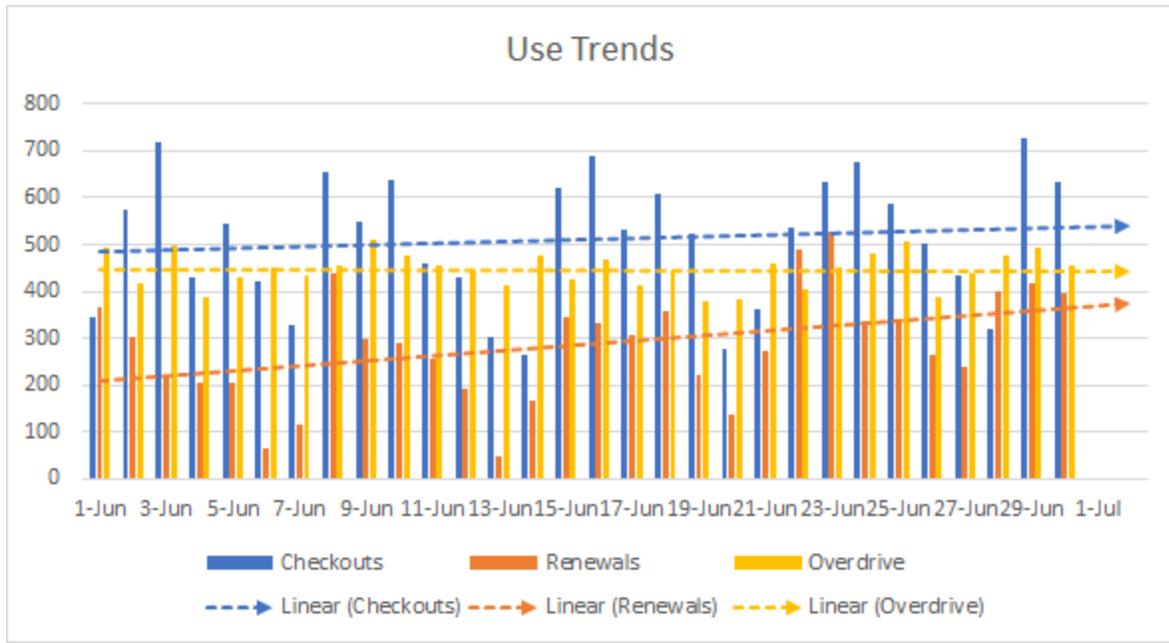
Due to the closing of the library facility and the Covid-19 pandemic, we have lost a number of volunteers, dropping from 35 to 15. Some of those volunteers may come back when the pandemic has eased, and new volunteers have been applying.

Most people have been very compliant with the face covering requirement, and several have expressed appreciation of our safety measures. We have had some donations of face masks, so have been able to provide masks to individuals who don't have one. Unfortunately, we have also experienced a few instances of individuals removing their masks and purposely coughing on library staff members. Given the current pandemic, we consider this to be a form of assault, and have suspended those individuals for longer periods of time. The police department, city attorney's office, and Mayor's office have been made aware of these incidents.

The library's collections, equipment, and supplies have been cleared from the General Beadle library. Those materials that are in usable condition will either be integrated into the downtown library collection, or reserved for the bookmobile pilot project. We also updated the letterhead and website, and are updating brochures and publications as needed.

The air handler replacement is now complete. The project was delayed about 3 weeks from the original completion date, due to Covid-related delays and equipment being delivered with damage. The project was slightly under budget due to a credit for a roof drain that was not needed.





MEDIA COVERAGE:

June 3, 2020 KOTA News Coverage: [The doors are open at the Rapid City Public Library](#)

June 3, 2020 KEVN New Coverage: [The doors are open at the Rapid City Public Library](#)

June 11, 2020 Rapid City Journal Mention: [New app shares images of devastation from 1972 flood in Rapid City](#)

June 16, 2020 Rapid City Journal Article: [Checking out: No library at General Beadle](#)

June 16, 2020 Newscenter1 Coverage: [Rapid City Public Library Closing North Branch](#)

June 18, 2020 Rapid City Journal [Two Cents](#)

June 19, 2020 Rapid City Journal [Two Cents](#)

June 24, 2020 Live KOTA Noon Show: Biography Reader’s Advisory / One Book South Dakota Event