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DIRECTOR'S REPORT **JULY 2022**

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

The library hosted drop-in oral history interviews with survivors of the 1972 Flood on June 8 and 9. More than 25 people shared their memories; their stories will help preserve the history of the event for future generations.

Youth and Family Services invited the pop-up library to participate at their weekly free summer lunch distributions. This is an addition to our regular [pop-up schedule](#), but has been popular enough that we have added it to the schedule for Fridays throughout the summer.

The library again participated in Community Connect, a local collaboration of resource sharing serving those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Library staff signed individuals up for library accounts, replaced lost library cards and provided onsite renewals. Many attendees and resource providers expressed gratitude for the services the library provides and for participating in the event.



NEW SERVICES

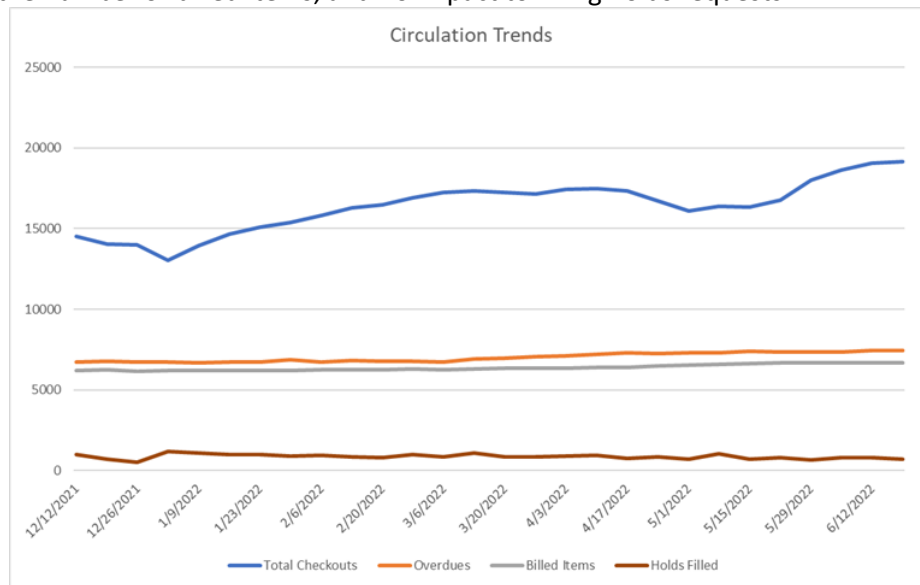
We are beginning to reconfigure bookshelves so that the lower two shelves tilt up slightly, making the book spines, titles, and labels easier to view. The new configuration will also allow the other shelves to be re-spaced, lowering the top shelf and making those items easier to reach. This is a noisy and time-consuming process, so will be done gradually before opening hours, starting with the Large Print sections before moving on to the Fiction shelves. When complete, patrons' use of those areas will be assessed, to determine if this project can be continued into the non-fiction shelves.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Welcome to Doss Ramsey, the new Library Associate II for Training. Doss is a Wyoming native with previous public and academic library experience, and has worked as far afield as Australia. We welcome Doss to our team!

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The fines-free initiative is beginning to demonstrate increased checkouts, with no correlating increase in overdues or the number of billed items, and no impact to filling holds requests:



There are over 400 children, teens, and adults participating in the Summer Reading programs so far. Weekly kids' crafting events are themed with the reading program, and have taught kids about ocean animals, recycling, and ocean mythology, in addition to providing them with a craft take-away. Around 100 people on average have attended the program's weekly featured entertainment.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

- May 31, 2022 Newscenter1 Coverage: [Rapid City Library to host 1972 flood discussion with local author](#)
- June 8 Newscenter1 Coverage: [Rapid City Public Library hosts 1972 flood oral histories](#)
- June 18 Rapid City Journal Mention: [Violinist and dinosaur highlight Chamber Music Festival](#)
- June 22 KOTA Live Noon Show: Reader's Advisory
- June 27, 2022 Rapid City Journal Mention: [City offices closed Monday for Independence Day](#)
- June 27, 2022 Newscenter1 Mention: [City releases holiday schedule for city offices and operations](#)
- June 30, 2022 Newscenter1 Mention: [Rapid City offices, services unavailable July 4](#)

ONLINE REVIEWS:

- June 3, 2022, Google 5-Star Review. Craig Riggle
- June 3, 2022, Google 5-Star Review. Doja Mack
- June 10, 2022, Google 4-Star Review. Lovie Buckman

- June 18, 2022, Google 5-Star Review: “I love this library! The employees are very helpful, there are fun free community events (I especially LOVED the Summer Kick Off Party), and a wide selection of books and materials. A great community resource!!” K Matt
- June 28, 2022, Google-5 Star Review: “The library is an amazing place for all ages!” L

VACANCY REPORT:

Vacancy Status as of 7/1/22				
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT	FULL AND PART-TIME POSITIONS	FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	STATUS
Management	2	2	0	
Senior Librarians	2	2	0	
Coordinators	3	3	0	
Business Office	1	1	0	
Facilities	2.75	2	.75	<i>The custodial position has been re-advertised; interviews have been held, but no one selected as yet.</i>
Library Associate I and II	22.75	19.75	3	<i>The Library Associate II positions for Makerspace/Tech and Early Education remain unfilled, as does one LAI position.</i>
Library Technicians	2	2	0	
Outreach	2.5	2.5	0	
TOTALS	38	34.25	3.75	