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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2022**

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

In order to offer seamless services to Sturgis patrons using our reciprocal borrowing, RCPL staff began registering Meade County patrons for temporary Sturgis library accounts. Patrons are limited to two checkouts per Sturgis' policy. Since starting this service at the end of June, eighteen Meade County residents have been registered and updated to Sturgis accounts.

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The summer reading program has had over 800 participants, over 600 of whom are children. All the participants have tracked their summertime reading for chances to win prizes provided by the Friends of the Library; the kids who participate have each received at least one free book. In addition to reading, educational craft sessions are being provided to kids each Monday, along with Thursday entertainment shows; the shows have had audiences in excess of 100. We are also pleased that teen participation at events has grown; we anticipate introducing new teen events in the coming months to meet this demand.

An engineer from TechOps is planning a trip to the library in early September, to confirm that the bookmobile will fit into the garage. This trip is early enough in the process so that the vehicle box can be designed to fit.

We received a number of compliments from library visitors this month. A librarian from Shreveport Louisiana stopped by my office to tell me how outstanding our library is. She stated that the service from all the librarians is outstanding, and she feels it's the best she's seen. Another woman said she really appreciated the changes made to the library over the past few years, including the bookstore model and the new front doors. And a man from Minnesota said our library was much larger and nicer than his at home. I shared those kudos with all the staff members.

We recently worked with a local physical therapist to conduct an ergonomic study of the drive-thru area shared workspace. Many staff members rotate through that area, necessitating more than a one-size-fits-all approach. We are in the process of reviewing adjustable worktables and monitor stands, and will look at task chair options for both tall and short individuals. Once purchased and installed, staff will be able to adjust the workstations during their assigned shifts. The next step will be to investigate more ergonomically-designed book carts.

In an effort to 'go green' and to save costs, we will no longer provide the branded plastic give-away bags once the current supply runs out. We will continue to sell the reusable nylon bags, and will also encourage patrons to bring their own reusable bags to carry their library materials.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

- July 11, 2022 - KOTA News Coverage: [Rapid City Library hosts pop-up library](#)
- July 11, 2022 - KEVN News Coverage: [Rapid City Library hosts pop-up library](#)
- July 14, 2022 Newscenter1 Coverage: [Summer activities at the Rapid City Public Library can help beat the heat](#)
- July 27, 2022 Live KOTA Noon Show: JobNow Promotion

**ONLINE REVIEWS:**

- July 10, 2022: Google 5-Star Review, Nicholas Berg
- July 10, 2022: Google 5-Star Review, Br3337y
- July 16, 2022: Google 2-Star Review. 'should have a guest pass to check things out on the computer and', Ronni Williams
- July 17, 2022: Google 5-Star Review. 'We love the library', Ashlie Patnode
- July 19, 2022: Google 5-Star Review, Sei Foster
- July 21, 2022: Google 5-Star Review. 'Nice and quiet', Stephen Klimek

**VACANCY REPORT:**

Vacancy Status as of 8/1/22				
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. Two individuals have been interviewed for the Early Education position, and a contingent offer has been made to one individual.</i>
Library Technicians	2	2	0	
Outreach	2.5	2.5	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34.25</b>	<b>3.75</b>	