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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT: August 8, 2016**

**Maker Festival:** Our second annual Maker Festival was held July 30 in partnership with The Dahl. We had 18 artisans exhibiting and demonstrating their crafts. We had four food vendors and eight staff booths from The Dahl and the library with activities. A big thanks to the Fairgrounds people for lending us a tent and erecting and taking it down. Their help was much appreciated. It was again a pleasure to work with the folks at The Dahl in bringing this unique festival to Rapid City.

**Strategic Planning:** Malcom Chapman's firm began the process of strategic planning with the staff on June 1, 13 and 14. Then he will continue with meetings with the public. He was at the Maker Festival July 30 asking attendees to answer a survey.

**Library Redesign:** We have been working closely with AcV2 Architecture to come up with a plan for implementing a bookstore model in the library, and incorporating some other changes that will be planned for the next few years. We planned to do these preliminary changes in conjunction with getting new carpeting in the library that was in the budget for this year. We would like AcV2 to coordinate the project for us. They have provided a contract and we would like you to approve that.

**Children's Librarian:** We are still searching for the right candidate for this position.

**Overdue Library Book:** On July 27, a patron returned a book to the library that was 40 years overdue. We thanked him and we took a few pictures of the event. He also gave us a \$100 donation. The book was on Lacrosse.

**Ukulele U:** The program continues to be popular. We had 25 ukulele players participate in the program. I was contacted by Sheila Martin from the Black Hills Ukulele Orchestra in Custer. We plan on doing a program in the fall with our two ukulele groups.

**Storytime:** Story times have been extremely popular this summer. We have had the Orlando Chamber Players accompanying Teddy Bear Story Times. Master storyteller Nancy Avalon and 4-H Youth Program Advisor Jane Amiotte have both been here to add to the excitement and enjoyment. We had 139 attendees at the last Story Time program with Nancy Avalon.

**City Staff Appreciation:** I served lunch to city staff on July 13 along with other city department heads and council members. It was a good time.

**Budget:** We have been working with the Mayor to answer any questions he had about the budget. He is currently scheduled to give the budget presentation to the City Council on August 9.

**Vacation:** I will be on vacation from August 2-15.

**Priority-Based Budgeting:** Sean Minkel and Jennifer Read were in Denver August 2-4 for a conference on priority-based budgeting along with the Mayor, city council members and some department heads.