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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **JANUARY 2024**

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

The Journey Museum's new director asked to meet with me about some of the library's programs and initiatives, with an interest in collaborating on future projects.

The Sheriff's Ignite program is purchasing tablet devices for inmates to use; the program coordinator reached out to me about what library resources to include on the tablets. This collaboration is the result of a meeting Sam Slocum and I had with the coordinator, my participation in the Care Campus meetings, and many follow-up emails.

I was contacted by the director of the Arts Council about a partnership for the National Endowment for the Arts' [Big Read](#) program. The Arts Council will complete the proposal for the project, and any events and activities would be held between September 1 2024 and June 2025. We provided advice to the Arts Council about possible books that would be relevant to the community.

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Repair of the damaged garage ceiling was started; finish work such as taping, texturing, and painting will have to wait for warmer weather. Per the Finance Office, we need to pay for the repair, and will be reimbursed when the driver's insurance payment comes through.

The bookmobile delivery has been delayed. I recently asked for an update given the anticipated delivery in February, and was told delivery is being planned for June. I requested an explanation, identifying that we had neither been informed nor consulted about any delay to that extent. The explanation was really not satisfactory, but the company's representative said they would jump our vehicle up in the queue, and we can now anticipate an early to mid-April delivery.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE:**

- December 30, Rapid City Journal Mention: [Rapid City offices adjust schedule for New Year's holiday](#)
- December 27, Newscenter1 Mention: [Rapid City schedules for the New Year's holiday](#)
- December 27, KOTA Radio Mention: [Rapid City New Year's Day scheduled closings](#)
- December 25, KOTA News Mention: [Rapid City offices adjusting schedules for upcoming holidays](#)
- December 23, Newscenter1 Mention: [Rapid City Christmas Schedule: Landfill, Transit, & Library Adjustments](#)
- December 21, KOTA Coverage: [Gen Z and millennials are leading the charge toward a library revival](#)

- December 20, Rapid City Journal Mention: [Where to take Christmas trees, cardboard and lights after the holidays](#)
- December 20, KEVN Coverage: [Library Revival](#)
- December 19, KOTA Coverage: [Explore your creativity through makerspace at the Rapid City Public Library](#)
- December 19, KEVN Coverage: [Explore your creativity through makerspace at the Rapid City Public Library](#)
- December 19, Rapid City Journal Mention: [City offices adjusting schedules for upcoming holidays](#)
- December 18, KEVN Mention: [Rapid City offices adjusting schedules for upcoming holidays](#)
- December 12, Keloland Coverage: [Rapid City Library holds winter reading challenge](#)
- December 12, Newscenter1 Coverage: [Beyond Books: The modern library experience at the Rapid City Public Library](#)
- December 11, Newscenter1 Coverage: [Three things to know about the Rapid City Public Library's winter reading challenge](#)
- December 8, Rapid City Journal Coverage: [Rapid City Library to hold winter reading challenge](#)

**ONLINE REVIEWS:**

- December 12 Google 5-Star Review – Julie Thunder Hawk
- December 11 Google 5-Star Review: The kids loved playing there so much for them to do... So many books for all ages and DVDs I found a DVD I absolutely love. My only wish is that they had the book Rose Red The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer – Davina Wilkins
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**VACANCY REPORT:**

Vacancy Status as of 1/2/24					
DEPARTMENT	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	TOTAL POSITIONS	CURRENT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	STATUS
Management	Master's in Library Science	2	2	0	
Senior Librarians	Master's in Library Science	2	2	0	
Coordinators	Bachelor's Degree	3	3	0	
Business Office	Associate's Degree	1	1	0	
Facilities	Custodial experience	2.75	2.75	0	
Library Associate I	Bachelor's Degree	15.75	15.75	0	
Library Associate II	Bachelor's Degree	8	5	3	<i>Applications are being received for the Early Education LA2.</i>
Library Technicians	Associate Degree	2	2	0	
Outreach	Bachelor's Degree	2.75	2.75	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>39.25</b>	<b>36.25</b>	<b>3</b>	