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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **JULY 2024**

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

I had a zoom meeting with a member of the consulting team that is gathering data for the city's new comprehensive plan. We discussed the library's educational and informational role in the community and the future growth of the library, possibly through branches or kiosks, in various locations around Rapid City.

### **NEW SERVICES:**

A new bi-weekly bookmobile stop was added at Wellfully, an adolescent crisis care center. Their staff report that the kids are really looking forward to exploring the library's resources while the bookmobile visits their location.

### **STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Library Associate I Elijah Bush accepted a temporary position as the Makerspace Library Associate II. This temporary position will continue no longer than the end of August while we look at filling the Makerspace leadership role permanently. Elijah has already made contributions with efficiencies and service enhancements.

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There was an active start to the annual Summer Reading Challenge with over 730 readers registered. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at your Library; theme-related events held in June include presentations from magician Jeff Quinn, hoop dancer Tara Kingi, and the Black Hills Raptor Center.

In partnership with the South Dakota Humanities Council and the Black Hills Center for Equality, the library hosted a One Book South Dakota discussion. Trent Preszler, author of the memoir Little and Often joined a panel to discuss loss, bereavement, and healing.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

- June 7 Newscenter1 Mention: [Get soaked and have fun at Rapid City's Hydrant Block Parties!](#)
- June 13 KOTA Radio Mention: [City adjusting trash, transit, and library schedules for Juneteenth Freedom Day](#)
- June 13 KOTA Mention: [Literary events to come: Big Read Grant awarded to Rapid City Arts Council](#)
- June 13 Newscenter1 Mention: [RC Parks and Rec hosts first hydrant party of the summer](#)
- June 14 Keloland Coverage: [RC library kids treated to hoop dance performance](#)
- June 15 Newscenter1 Mention: [Juneteenth in Rapid City: Schedule changes and facility closures](#)
- June 17 KOTA Mention: [Rapid City adjusting trash, transit, library schedules for Juneteenth](#)
- June 17 Newscenter1 Coverage: [New, surprising outdoors gear available at the Rapid City Public Library](#)
- June 26 SDPB Radio Mention: [Preszler kicks off One Book Author Tour](#)
- June 26 Live KOTA Noon Show: Summer Adventure at the Library
- June 27 KNBN Coverage: [Discover 'Little and Often' with Trent Preszler at Rapid City Public Library](#)
- June 28 Newscenter1 Mention: [Cool off at Rapid City's FREE Hydrant Block Party on July 10](#)

**ONLINE REVIEWS:**

- June 18 Google 5-Star Review: A great place for public access to information. It also boasts story time for kids on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, not to mention all the teen and adult events put on. – Katheryn Montgomery
- June 19 Google 5-Star Review: Great library. I love how they put activities on for kids and have a kid's play area. – Natalie Walther

**VACANCY REPORT:**

Vacancy Status as of 7/1/24					
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	16.75	15.75	1	<i>Vacancy due to internal promotion to an LA2 position.</i>
Library Associate II	Bachelor's Degree	8	6	2	<i>An internal candidate was hired for the Youth Education LA2 position.</i>
Library Technicians	Associate Degree	2	2	0	
Outreach	Bachelor's Degree	2.75	2.75	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>40.25</b>	<b>37.25</b>	<b>3</b>	