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DIRECTOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2024

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

The Ellsworth Family Readiness Center was unable to help with the promotion of the Ellsworth library cards, due to federal governmental regulations. However, military personnel are hearing about the opportunity through library social media and word of mouth promotion. To date, there are 13 Ellsworth library accounts.

The bookmobile made its Festival of Lights Parade debut. Vinyl clings, made in the library's



makerspace, transformed the bookmobile's characters into a snowman, toy soldier, gingerbread man, and others. The bookmobile was also festooned with about 1600 lights. Bob Cratchit (Bookmobile Lead Brady Jones) drove the vehicle, and Tiny Tim (Senior Librarian Sam Slocum) rode along in the cab.

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Due to decreased demand and availability in digital formats, audiobooks on CD will no longer be purchased beginning in 2025. The current collection of CD audiobooks will be retained, but the expansion of audiobooks will be through other formats. This same type of collection transition was previously used for

VHS cassettes and music CDs.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

- November 1, Newscenter1 Mention: [Rapid City looking to untangle issue with discarded strings of lights](#)
- November 4, KOTA News Mention: [Food drive makes upcoming holiday season brighter for families in need](#)
- November 15, KOTA News Mention: [Rapid City Solid Waste Division urges residents to recycle Christmas lights properly](#)
- November 18, KOTA News Mention: [Rapid City Thanksgiving holiday closures](#)
- November 19, Rapid City Journal Mention: [Rapid City offices, services adjust schedule for holiday week](#)
- November 23, CAP City News Photo / Mention: [‘Find America’s Spark!’ traveling exhibition from Smithsonian coming to Laramie County Library](#)
- November 26, ICT News Mention: Reporter's Notebook: [Telling the tale of one boarding school](#)
- November 26, Live KOTA Noon Show: Makerspace promotion

VACANCY REPORT:

Vacancy Status as of 12/1/24					
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	17.75	14.75	3	<i>Positions are advertised, applications are being reviewed, and interviews and shadowing being held.</i>
Library Associate II	Bachelor’s Degree	5	5	0	
Library Associate Lead	Bachelor’s degree	2	2	0	
Library Technicians	Associate Degree	2	2	0	
Outreach	Bachelor’s Degree	2.75	2.75	0	
TOTALS		40.25	37.25	3	