DIRECTOR'S REPORT
APRIL 2017

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Security Update: At the direction of the board, we went out for another round of proposals.

Update of the Public Area: Work is essentially completed ahead of schedule on the update to the public areas. We will be fine-tuning things as time goes on (e.g. more shelving for DVDs and Books on CD, use of the solarium, etc.).

Foundation Center Database:
We acquired the database on March 7. Carrie Bond was made the contact person for outside parties wishing to use it. She is currently in training for use of the database, along with some of the supervisors. We received some very good coverage from the media on the database that should help with its use.

Rushmore Mall branch:
Sean Minkel and I met with Brandon Boyster of the Rushmore Mall about the feasibility of having a library branch located in the mall. They let us view a space on the east side of the mall near Sears that is 4,500 sq. ft. Plenty of room for the purpose. It also had access from outside the mall. They were going to send us a proposal and we are waiting to see that.

Strategic Planning:
The Chapman Group is still working on the draft document. They will be doing a presentation to the board in April.

Friends Bookstore:
We are considering moving the Friends' Bookstore into the solarium and putting our maker space in where the store currently is. This is to lessen the noise factor of the maker space, as well as to put them in closer proximity to a sink, which is essential for what they do.

Director transition: I plan to leave my position as director of the Rapid City Public Library towards the end of summer, 2017. I should have a better idea of what date precisely as my wife's visa is processed.

Chaos (Stephen Tafoya): In March, we continued our Scratch Coding Club and worked with students to show them how to craft a simple video game. Our drop in and design program continued as well, though we saw less people participate this month than the previous months. We also hosted an event for Teen Tech Week. Teen Tech Week is a national themed celebration of teens and their interactions with technology. This year, the theme was 'Be the Source of Change'. For this event, we hosted podcast interviews and asked teens questions on their ideas on bettering our world. Then on the last day, some teens came to learn how to do basic podcast editing and spent some time editing some of the clips. The final clips will be released on April 12.

For staff, we had Cory Mohill-Smith come from the School of Mines and provide two days of training for staff on the 3d modeling software Sketch Up. Cory provided an excellent training for staff and offered further help if we even need it. We are looking to add additional design software options to our space, and getting staff trained is our first step as we evaluate how we want to use it.

Overall, CHAOS program participation was lower in March than usual. However, we have had more adults come out to prototype and 3d print solutions for things they need in their lives. We had a pilot who designed a clip for his iPad (which he uses for navigation) in the cockpit. Another patron designed a clip for a lapel mic for a flute, and we have had an increase in teens using the 3d printer for 'fidget toys', specifically, the fidget spinner, which is a trending toy right now.

Finally, we have been planning on the relocation of the CHAOS space back downstairs now that the remodel is finished. We hope to be back down in April.

Media coverage:

RCJournal: http://rapidcityjournal.com/lifestyles/connecting-through-food-at-cook-the-book/article_95066c23-b143-5b83-b3cc-9393e5afb619.html

KOTA: http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Teens--415926773.html

KEVN: http://www.blackhillsfox.com/content/news/Rapid-City-Public-Library-hosts-soft-open-after-remodel--415991983.html

RCJournal: http://rapidcityjournal.com/compass/celebrate-arrival-of-spring-at-kite-making-event/article_6ffc0270-7e28-54a6-89a2-8da9cbf3d68a.html

KOTA: http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Computer-coding-Olympics-looking-for-volunteers-416268803.html

RCJournal: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/vucurevich-foundation-grant-database-available-at-library/article_73ff0e37-57bd-5a53-ad88-63e59385384d.html

KOTA: http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=5365&DateTime=3%2F20%2F2017+5%3A56%3A45+PM&Term=Rapid+City+Library&PlayClip=TRUE

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RCJournal: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/rapid-city-public-library-seeks-bids-for-security-operations/article_e80b9087-e802-5aa6-b09c-38db17d7cc20.html

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Director's Resignation:

I will be resigning my position as Director of the Rapid City Public Library at the end of the summer, 2017 (date TBD). My wife and I will be relocating to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where she will be taking up a position as school librarian at the American International School in Jeddah and I will be serving as consultant in a building project for a new school and library complex for the institution. It has been a pleasure working with each of you and the City over the past three and a half years. I wish you all the best of luck going forward.