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DIRECTOR'S REPORT JULY 2017

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2018 Budget:

We are working with Sean Kurbanov, the city's budget analyst, on the budget package for the mayor.

Efficiency Committee:

We have been asked to supply the committee with more information. They have asked for the information by July 13.

1. How often do Libraries within the State communicate with each other?
2. How do libraries in our County communicate with each other?
3. Can County residents utilize Library services?
4. What federal regulations or SD Codified Laws do we have that regulate the City to provide Library services?
5. What is your marketing plan?
 - How are millennials targeted?
 - What advertising methods are employed?
 - Advertising Budget?
6. Breakdown of Library funding sources.
7. Who is using existing programming, and is there a breakdown of attendance by program, marketing efforts employed, or other measurements employed?
8. Breakdown of patronage, or usage of services, over the past 5 years (I.e. books, audio, dvds, etc). Essentially, a breakdown of services and programming and how many people utilized each service offered.
9. How has programming changed and evolved over the past 5 years?
10. Increase/decrease in staffing levels over the last 5 years, detailing any reorganization or restructuring of staff.
11. What are your short and long term plans to keep the library integrated into the community?

County Commission:

The presentation to the County Commission on June 20 went well. No issues to report.

New Website:

This is still a work in progress.



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Strategic Plan:

The Board and the new director will have to decide what direction they will wish to take in formulating the strategic plan.

Ellsworth Air Force Base:

Dennis Hale of Ellsworth AFB, contacted the library about the feasibility of all residents of Ellsworth AFB being served by the Rapid City Public Library. The issue here is that part of the base is in Pennington County and a portion of the base is in Meade County.

Maurice Sendak exhibit:

The Rapid City Library Foundation and the Rapid City Library will be hosting a traveling exhibition of Maurice Sendak's works with an opening reception on July 21. The exhibit will be in the library for one month.

Chaos (Stephen Tafoya):

For June, CHAOS implemented a new program called CAMP CHAOS. These programs are ½ day or full day camps for kids and teens that get them engaged in project-based learning. Camps for CAMP CHAOS include: Robotics camp, Circuits camp, 3D Modeling camp, Movie Making camp, Coding camp, and Master Builder's camp. All camp sign-ups (15 campers/camp) and wait lists filled up within the first 2 weeks of opening, and overall the participants have loved the program! The goal of CAMP CHAOS is to take students deeper in hands-on making projects while they learn new skills and decide if it is something they would want to continue learning. It also shows us which programs and tools we should continue to offer in the future. For two of the camps, we invited two local professionals to share what they do in their line of work. Ed Mandy, owner of the company 7400 Circuits, stopped by during Circuits camp to talk circuits and do a soldering demo. And Sarah Hanzel from the City stopped by at the "3D Modeling Camp: Build Rapid City" to discuss long-range city planning and gave the students insight on how a person in her position must consider both the past and present to make the future. CAMP CHAOS continues through July and into August.

The CHAOS Makerspace continues to host people who drop in to hang out and mess around with the tools we offer in the space. The 3D printer continues to be used non-stop. We acquired a fourth 3D printer that we will be using for outreach purposes. We took the 3D printer to the Sodak Con event to show attendees the possibilities of what they could make for costumes and props for their fandom. It was a hit! We will continue to bring the new printer into the community and show people that they have access to this technology anytime they might need it.

Finally, I spent two days in Brookings, SD at the Library Institute. I was invited by the State library to present a half-day workshop on makerspaces for 20 librarians all throughout the state in South Dakota. We covered everything from Makerspace 101 to hands-on projects to get them started with making right away, and on any budget. Everyone had a great time, learned a lot about makerspaces and maker culture, and overall were excited to try some makerspace activities in their libraries when they got home.

Media coverage:**KEVN:**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=5350&DateTime=6%2F12%2F2017+9%3A15%3A50+PM&Term=Rapid+City+Public+Library&PlayClip=TRUE>



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