

2016 Library Board

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Left the Board in 2015

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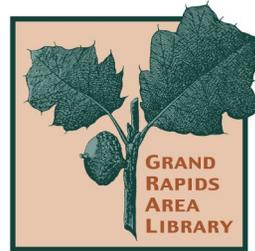
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Mission:

*The Grand Rapids Area Library
fosters a welcoming
environment that builds a
connected, informed and
engaged community.*

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Library Hours:

Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 am—7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Sundays and Holidays

2015 Annual Report to our Community



**Grand
Rapids
Area
Library**

**Providing
Value
@ your
library**

**140 NE 2nd Street
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744
218-326-7640**

www.cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/library

Major Accomplishments in 2015

“Mid Kid” Space Upgrade in Children’s Library relocated 90% of collection into age appropriate format and provides dedicated space for elementary ages

New AV system installed in the Community Room courtesy of the Friends of the Grand Rapids Area Library and Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation

Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation engaged local artists for Mosaic Art Project fundraiser

Re-usable bag campaign implemented with support by Friends of the Library

Annual used book sale – run by volunteers during Tall Timber Days -- was a huge success

The Library webpage was the most visited on the City of Grand Rapids website

Partnered with Maven Perspectives to provide library tours and support for GRAND Teen Works students

Saturday Story Times are offered year-round and remained popular (Funding provided by the Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation)

Began accepting U.S. Passport applications on 12/1/15

Rapids Reads Community Read project was headlined by Linda LeGarde Grover, author of *The Road Back to Sweetgrass*

Children’s Summer and Winter Reading Programs, supported by the Friends of the Library, set new participation and completion records

Summer Film Series *Indies on Tuesdays* was held outdoors on the Mississippi riverbank in collaboration with the Reif Center and Showboat

Winter documentary film series began in February

The MN Legacy Fund provided funding for arts and cultural programming

Riverfront Energy Center utilized wastewater heat from UPM-Blandin to heat the library

Value of Library Services Provided in 2015

127,792	Books Borrowed	\$2,172,460
3,478	Magazines Borrowed	\$17,390
32,519	Videos/DVDs Borrowed	\$130,076
6,710	Books on Tape/CDs Borrowed	\$62,150
19,087	eBooks/Audiobooks Downloaded	\$286,305
1,198	People Attended Adult Programs	\$17,970
7,761	People Attended Children’s Programs	\$54,327
10,672	Hours of Public Network Computer Use	\$128,064
17,279	ILL Received from other Libraries	\$431,975
9,297	Reference Questions Answered	\$65,079
Total Value		\$3,307,196

Total operating expenditure for the library was \$777,020

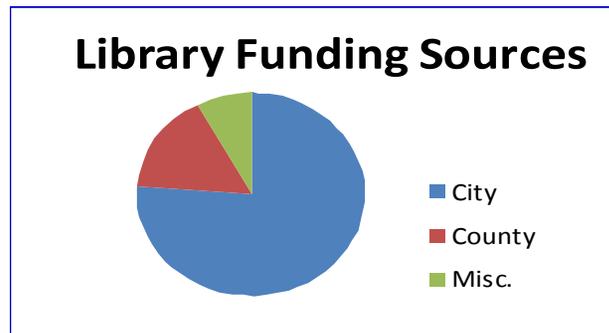
How the Library is Funded:

City of Grand Rapids ≈76% = \$607,679

Itasca County: Surrounding cities and townships
≈16% = \$128,117

Grants, donations, fines, fees ≈6% = \$62,704

Library Funding Sources



2015 by the numbers

130,364 people visited the Grand Rapids Area Library during 2,598 open hours (an average of 50 people each hour, 2,507/week)

9,416 children, teens and adults attended **344** library programs

487 community meetings or programs were held in our meeting rooms

10,129 residents of our service area held library cards

15,659 sessions on the public internet computers as well as significant use of the free Wi-Fi service

173,916 items were checked out of the library

19,067 eBooks and audiobooks were downloaded

7,169 items were added to the collection

1,150 children participated in the summer and winter reading programs

561 Baby Steps coupons were given away

3,763 hours were contributed by volunteers

The library collection consists of:

67,266 books and magazines

2,793 audio materials

3,583 videocassettes and DVDs

178 print magazine and newspaper subscriptions

Available through the Library’s Web Site:

9,851 downloadable eBooks (Overdrive)

9,216 downloadable audio books (Overdrive)

50+ databases

Online picture books (Tumblebooks)