

## 2015 Library Board

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### Left the Board in 2014

John Soll  
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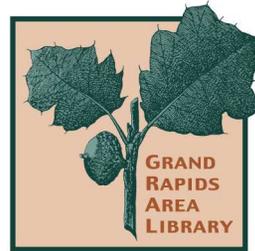
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### *Mission:*

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

**Funded by the City of Grand Rapids:  
Supported in part by the cities and  
townships of:**

Arbo	Blackberry
Cohasset	Feeley
Harris	LaPrairie
Sago	Spang
Wabana	Warba

### 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

## 2014 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](http://www.cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/library)

# Major Accomplishments in 2014

Completed 2014-2017 Strategic Plan for Services

Diverse mix of Library programs for adults, teens, and children served over 10,000

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

Hosted the kickoff for the Northern Minnesota tour of the 'Why Treaties Matter' exhibit

Teen Anime Club established and growing

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

Held an ongoing series of beginner computer classes in conjunction with ISD 318 Community Education

Rapids Reads Community Read was headlined by Atina Diffley, author of *Turn Here Sweet Corn*

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

Participation in National Novel Writing Month encouraged writers to begin or complete a novel

Collaborated with MacRostie Art Center to hold a series of summer art workshops for kids

First annual *Battle of the Bands* for teens (prizes furnished by Friends of the Library.)

Summer Film Series *Indies on Tuesdays* was held in collaboration with the Reif Center. 10 award-winning independent films were shown.

The MN Legacy Fund provided funding for arts and cultural programming including poetry, photography workshops, art workshops for children, and passes to local and regional events and attractions.

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

# Value of Library Services Provided in 2014

126,494	Books Borrowed	\$1,897,410
4,108	Magazines Borrowed	\$18,486
30,644	Videos/DVDs Borrowed	\$122,576
6,215	Books on Tape/CDs Borrowed	\$62,150
16,160	eBooks/Audiobooks Downloaded	\$242,400
2,541	People Attended Adult Programs	\$25,410
8,136	People Attended Children's Programs	\$48,816
10,546	Hours of Computer Use	\$126,552
1,670	Museum/Event passes given out	\$16,700
9,098	Reference Questions Answered	\$63,686
<b>Total Value</b>		<b>\$2,624,186</b>

Total operating expenditure for the library was \$764,023

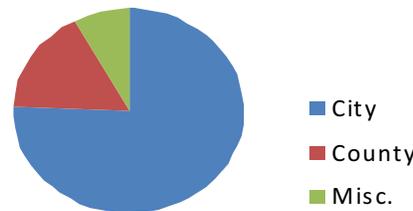
## How the Library is Funded:

City of Grand Rapids ≈77% = \$602,491

Itasca County: Surrounding cities and townships  
≈16.3% = \$127,419

Grants, donations, fines, fees ≈6.7% = \$52,700

## Library Funding Sources



## 2014 by the numbers

**132,300** people visited the Grand Rapids Area Library during 2,598 open hours (an average of 51 people each hour, 2,544/week)

**10,677** children, teens and adults attended **360** library programs

**457** community meetings or programs were held in our meeting rooms

**14,690** residents of our service area held library cards

**15,104** sessions on the public internet computers as well as significant use of the free wi-fi service

**172,438** items were checked out of the library

**16,160** ebooks and audiobooks were downloaded

**6,608** items were added to the collection

**1,143** children participated in the summer and winter reading programs

**635** Baby Steps coupons were given away

**2,996** hours contributed by Volunteers

**The library collection consists of:**

**69,141** books and magazines

**2,851** audio materials

**3,012** videocassettes and DVDs

**169** print magazine and newspaper subscriptions

**Available through the Library's Web Site:**

**9,672** downloadable ebooks (Overdrive)

**8,108** downloadable audio books (Overdrive)

**101** electronic magazines (Zinio)

**53** databases

Online picture books (Tumblebooks)