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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

140 NE 2nd Street
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744
218-326-7640
www.cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/library
Major Accomplishments in 2016

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

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

New Reader’s Advisory tool, SelectReads, added to website with support from the Friends of the Library

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

Summer Film Series Indies on Tuesdays returned to the Reif Center after a hiatus for construction

Friends ‘Author Signature Quilt’ Fundraiser was successful. Finished quilt donated by winner to the Library

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

The Year the Roses Died, a mural by Anishinaabe artist Leah Yellowbird, installed in the Library lobby with support from the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission

Re-usable bag campaign continues with support from the Friends of the Library

Rapids Reads Community Read project was headlined by Margi Preus, author of West of the Moon

The MN Legacy Fund provided funding for arts and cultural programming

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

Solar installation to provide electricity was completed, thanks to support from the City of Cohasset

Over 1,000 passport applications executed; GRAL recertified as a Passport Acceptance Facility—eight staff are authorized Passport Acceptance Agents

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Value of Library Services Provided in 2016

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>Books Borrowed</td>
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Total operating expenditure for the library was $824,446

How the Library is Funded:

City of Grand Rapids ≈75% = $631,906
Itasca County: Surrounding cities and townships ≈15% = $129,117
Grants, donations, fines, fees ≈10% = $79,369

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2016 by the numbers

134,357 people visited the Grand Rapids Area Library during 2,596 open hours (an average of 50 people each hour, 2,584/week)

10,839 children, teens and adults attended 349 library programs

491 community meetings or programs were held in our meeting rooms

11,100 residents of our service area held library cards

15,501 sessions on the public internet computers as well as significant use of the free Wi-Fi service

163,483 items were checked out of the library

20,267 eBooks and audiobooks were downloaded

1,309 children participated in the summer and winter reading programs

576 Baby Steps coupons were given away

3,374 hours were contributed by volunteers

The library collection consists of:

67,749 books and magazines
3,629 DVDs
2,975 audio materials
185 print magazine and newspaper subscriptions

Available through the Library’s Web Site:

12,159 downloadable eBooks (Overdrive)
9,746 downloadable audio books (Overdrive)
119 downloadable magazines (Overdrive)
50+ databases
Online picture books (Tumblebooks)