# GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD Grand Rapids Area Library May 9, 2018 5:00 P.M. DRAFT <br> 5:01 Roll call: absent MacDonnell <br> 5:02 Public Comment (if anyone wishes to address the Board) <br> 5:05 A. Approval of agenda (Packet Item A) <br> 5:10 B. Minutes. (Packet Item B) 

5:00 Call to order

5:12 C. Communications

5:15 D. Financial Report (Packet Items D1-) .) Roll Call Vote Required
Approve Financial reports and payment of bills as listed
5:20 E. Staff Reports (Packet Items E__)
5:25 F. Old Business:
5:30 G. New Business:
Consent Agenda: (Any item on the consent agenda will be pulled from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda on request of any board member or member of the public.) Roll Call Vote Required.

1. Approve payment of late bills (none)
2. Approve Contracts and payment to presenters (none)
3. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations

## Regular agenda

1. Accept proposal from Marco for lease of Konica copier.
2. Appoint budget committee - strategy

6:00 Adjourn

# Grand Rapids Area Library Board Regular Board Meeting 

April 11, 2018 Meeting
Call to Order: The monthly board meeting was called to order at 5:02 by Jean MacDonnell.

## Roll Call:

> Members Present: Sue Zeige, Jean MacDonell, Shannon Benolken, Richard Thouin, Lisa Tabbert, and Deb Kee

Members Absent: Max Peters, Randy McCarty, and Dennis Jerome

Staff Present: Marcia Anderson

Public Comment: Will Richter, present to help set schedule for the summer on Saturday's.
A. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Sue Zeige and was seconded by Lisa Tabbert, the motion was passed unanimously.
B. Minutes: A motion was made to approve minutes by Lisa Tabbert and was seconded by Deb Kee, the motion was passed unanimously.
C. Communications
D. Financial Report
a. A motion was made to approve the financial reports and payment of bills as listed by Shannon Benolken a second was made by Richard Thouin. On a roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.
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INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 04/11/2018
VENDOR SUMMARY REPORT

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FISCAL YEAR
AMOUNT DUE

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| 0113233 | AMERIPRIDE SERVICES INC | $1,298.85$ | 568.91 |
| 0114200 | ANDERSON GLASS | $1,291.37$ | 26.68 |
| 0201428 | BAKER \& TAYLOR LLC | $7,669.30$ | $2,550.00$ |
| 0212124 | BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING | 979.96 | 490.52 |
| 0221700 | BUSY BEES QUALITY CLNG SVC INC | $5,100.00$ | 450.00 |
| 0301530 | CANON USA INC | 268.00 | $1,700.00$ |
| 0405500 | DEMCO INC | $1,526.35$ | 67.00 |
| 0718015 | GRAND RAPIDS CITY PAYROLL | $1,724,137.94$ | $2,306.59$ |
| 0920020 | ITASCA COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 0.00 | $39,739.93$ |
| 1021515 | JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD | 161.00 | 250.00 |
| 1305060 | MEDS-1 AMBULANCE SERVICE INC | 556.98 | 168.00 |
| 1415377 | NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC | $2,762.97$ | 196.91 |
| 1524250 | OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS USA | $1,675.34$ | 576.86 |
| 1601750 | PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS | $2,083.36$ | 864.62 |
| 1605665 | PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC | $2,319.76$ | 243.92 |
| 1621125 | PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION | $76,083.59$ | 464.88 |
| 1805150 | RECORDED BOOKS | $2,461.70$ | 194.10 |
| 1909510 | SIM SUPPLY INC | $5,597.02$ | $1,000.00$ |
| 2018225 | TREASURE BAY PRINTING | 150.00 | 62.86 |
| 2114356 | UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES | 510.15 | $4,794.65$ |

## E. Staff Reports

## F. Old Business

## G. New Business:

Consent Agenda: Any item on the consent agenda will be pulled from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda on request of any board member or public. Deb Kee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted and a second was made by Richard Thouin. On a roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

1. Approve payment of late bills
a. APG Media (Herald Review) Vol Coord. Ads $\$ 262$
b. Minute Man Press, Mural Story Poster \$31
2. Approve contracts and payment to presenters
a. University of MN, 4 4-H Summer Library Programs for $\$ 200$
b. Whirley, 3 summer art programs at $\$ 125$ each
c. Johnson, 2 cake decorating programs at $\$ 125$ each
3. Approve Resolution 2018-05 Accepting Donations
a. Friends of the Library $\$ 229$ for Book Page.
b. Friends of the Library $\$ 1,638.17$ for YA books and magazine displays.

## Regular Agenda:

1. Authorize signature on grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Education for $\$ 12,050$ for accessibility project
a. A motion was made to authorize the signature on the grant agreement by Lisa Tabbert and a second was made by Deb Kee, the motion was passed unanimously.
2. Set summer schedule
a. Board agreed that the library should remain open on Saturdays. Regular hours will be kept except for the closing on Saturdays and Mondays during Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. A motion was made by Sue Zeige to approve the schedule and a second was made by Shannon Benolken, the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjourn: The monthly board meeting was adjourned at 5:18 by Jean MacDonell.

## CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS <br> GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY <br> SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND FUND BALANCE FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 2018 <br> With Comparative Totals for April 30, 2017

|  | 2017 <br> Actual | $\because$ Aotual $\because$ | 2018 <br> Budget | Percent of Budget |
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| Fund Balance 1/1/XX: $\quad \therefore \because \because \because \square$ |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow | 414,074 | $\therefore 429,619$ | 429,619 |  |
| Compensated Absences | 39,670 | $\therefore 40.717$. | 40,717 |  |
| Emergency/unanticipated Expenditures | 29,916 | $\because \because 4,574$. | 44,574 |  |
| Major Equipment Replacement | - | $\because \because \because$ | - |  |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE 1/1/XX | 483,660 | $\therefore 51490$ | 514,910 |  |
|  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |
| Taxes | - | $\because$ | 702,687 | 0\% |
| Intergovernmental | - | $\therefore \because \because$ | 133,282 | 0\% |
| Charges for Services | 12,639 | $\because 21 ; 184$ | 32,100 | 66\% |
| Fines \& Forfeits | 4,209 | $\therefore \because 3857$ | 11,000 | 35\% |
| Blandin Grant | - | $\therefore$. | - | 0\% |
| GR Library Foundation | 4,276 | $\because \because \because$ | 4,000 | 0\% |
| Miscellaneous | 5,444 | $\therefore 11 ; 423$ | 13,800 | 83\% |
| Other Sources-Insurance Recovery | 3,057 |  | - | 0\% |
| Other Sources (Fund Balance Usage) | - | $\therefore \therefore \therefore$ | - | 0\% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 29,625 | $\because \because 36,464$ | 896,869 | 4\% |
| Expenditures: |  |  |  |  |
| Personnel | 195,385 | $\therefore 212,858$ | 656,469 | 32\% |
| Supplies/Materials | 27,278 | $\therefore 32,543$ | 96,300 | 34\% |
| Other Services/Charges | 53,207 | $\therefore 38969$ | 144,100 | 27\% |
| Blandin Grant | - | $\therefore \because \because \because$ | - | 0\% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 275,869 | $\because 284,370$ | 896,869 | 32\% |
| OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | $(246,245)$ | $\therefore(247,905)$ | - |  |
| Gr Rapids Library Foundation Captl Grant | - | $\because \therefore$ 里 | - | 0\% |
| Capital Outlay | - | $\because \because \because 646$ | - | 0\% |
| Fund Balance 4/30/XX |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow | 167,829 | $\therefore 181,068$ | 429,619 |  |
| Compensated Absences | 39,670 | $\therefore \because 40,717$ | 40,717 |  |
| Emergency/unanticipated Expenditures | 29,916 | $\therefore \because 44 ; 574$. | 44,574 |  |
| Major Equipment Replacement | - |  | - |  |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE 4/30/XX | \$ 237,415 | \$.266,359 | \$ 514,910 |  |

The Grand Rapids Public Library Endowment Fund of Minnesota Foundation has a balance of $\$ 35,509$ as of $12 / 31 / 17$. This endowment is not available for current operations.

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY REVENUE \& EXPENDITURES YEAR TO DATE THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

| Account Number | Account Description |  | 2018 Budget |  | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
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| 211-00-31-00-0100 | CURRENT | \$ | 702,687 | \$ | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-33-00-6300 | LIBRARY CONTRACTS |  | 128,000 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-33-00-6310 | ALS REIMBURSEMENT |  | 5,282 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7960 | ALS CROSS-OVERS |  |  |  | 5,282 | 0\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7970 | PHOTO COPIES |  | 1,900 |  | 921 | 48\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7975 | INTERNET |  | 3,200 |  | 1,147 | 36\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7980 | LIBRARY FEES-PROCTORING |  | 600 |  | 340 | 57\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7982 | PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE |  | 26,000 |  | 13,175 | 51\% |
| 211-00-34-00-7990 | FAX MACHINE USE |  | 400 |  | 319 | 80\% |
| 211-00-35-00-1030 | LIBRARY FINES |  | 11,000 |  | 3,857 | 35\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2310 | DONATIONS |  | 1,500 |  | 2,227 | 148\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2320 | DONATIONS-MEMORIAL BOOKS |  | 1,000 |  | 540 | 54\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2336 | DONATIONS-CHILDRENS LIBRARY |  | 1,000 |  | 25 | 3\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2337 | DONATION-LIBRARY PROGRAMS |  | 200 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2365 | ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME |  | 1,300 |  | 1,314 | 101\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2367 | GRAND RAPIDS LIBRARY FOUNDATIN |  | 4,000 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2368 | DONATIONS-ADA PROJECT |  | - |  | 4,000 | 0\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2375 | MEETING ROOM RECEIPTS |  | 4,000 |  | 2,071 | 52\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2450 | MISCELLANEOUS |  | 2,000 |  | 442 | 22\% |
| 211-00-37-00-2455 | ENERGY REBATES |  | - |  | 450 | 0\% |
| 211-00-37-00-5100 | INVESTMENT INCOME |  | 2,800 |  | 355 | 13\% |
|  |  |  | 896,869 |  | 36,464 | 4\% |
| 211-00-39-00-5500 | FUND BALANCE USAGE |  | - |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-00-7200 | OPERATING TRANSFER OUT |  | - |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1010 | SALARY-FULL TIME |  | 419,062 |  | 133,846 | 32\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1030 | SALARY-PARTTIME |  | 23,538 |  | 10,566 | 45\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1050 | CONTRACTED SERVICES |  | 11,504 |  | 2,632 | 23\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1210 | PERA |  | 33,195 |  | 10,433 | 31\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1220 | FICA |  | 27,441 |  | 8,853 | 32\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1250 | MEDICARE |  | 6,418 |  | 2,070 | 32\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1310 | HEALTH INSURANCE |  | 132,480 |  | 43,632 | 33\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1330 | LIFE INSURANCE |  | 221 |  | 76 | 34\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1347 | VISION INSURANCE |  | - |  | (1) | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-10-1510 | WORKERS COMPENSATION |  | 2,610 |  | 752 | 29\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2010 | OFFICE SUPPLIES |  | 7,000 |  | 3,082 | 44\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2020 | COPY SUPPLIES |  | 1,000 |  | 444 | 44\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2030 | PRINTING/BINDING |  | 900 |  | 113 | 13\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2060 | COMPUTER SUPPLIES |  | 2,600 |  | 968 | 37\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2070 | COMPUTER INVENTORY |  | 2,500 |  | 737 | 29\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2075 | ASSETS BETWEEN \$700-\$4999 |  | 14,000 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2090 | INVENTORIAL SUPPLIES |  | 1,000 |  | 1,741 | 174\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2095 | VOLUNTEER PRGM SUP \& MATERIALS |  | 400 |  | 399 | 100\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2100 | OPERATING SUPPLIES |  | 2,000 |  | 158 | 8\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2110 | BOOKS |  | 44,000 |  | 17,624 | 40\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2120 | AUDIONISUAL |  | 9,000 |  | 5,061 | 56\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2130 | NEWSPAPERS |  | 1,400 |  | 827 | 59\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2140 | PERIODICALS |  | 8,000 |  | 86 | 1\% |
| 211-00-75-20-2150 | MAINTENANCE TOOLS/SUPPLIES |  | 2,500 |  | 1,301 | 52\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3000 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |  | - |  | 370 | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3010 | ACCOUNTING SERVICES |  | 900 |  | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3070 | LAUNDRY |  | 650 |  | 240 | 37\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3090 | JANITORIAL SERVICES |  | 20,400 |  | 6,800 | 33\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3100 | OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES |  | 6,000 |  | 3,870 | 65\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3210 | TELEPHONE |  | 7,200 |  | 1,651 | 23\% |

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY REVENUE \& EXPENDITURES
YEAR TO DATE THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

| Account Number | Account Description | 2018 Budget | Year to Date | Percent of Budget |
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| 211-00-75-30-3220 | POSTAGE/FREIGHT | 2,500 | 935 | 37\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3230 | SEMINAR/MEETINGS/SCHOOL | 500 | 324 | 65\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3255 | STAFF TRAINING | 500 | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3260 | COMMUNITY ED PROMOTION | 300 | 270 | 90\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3300 | PROFESSIONAL SERV-COLLECTIONS | 2,000 | 510 | 26\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3510 | PUBLISHING \& ADVERTISING | 300 | 351 | 117\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3610 | GENERAL INSURANCE | 9,000 | 3,004 | 33\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3810 | ELECTRICITY | 28,000 | 6,953 | 25\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3840 | GARBAGE REMOVAL | 3,600 | 1,143 | 32\% |
| 211-00-75-30-3860 | HEAT-NATURAL GAS | 4,000 | 1,158 | 29\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4000 | MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS | 7,000 | 1,763 | 25\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4010 | BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS | 15,000 | 6,079 | 41\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4015 | GROUNDS MAINTENANCE | 1,000 | 759 | 76\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4020 | COMPUTER MAINT/REPAIR | 9,000 | 454 | 5\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4030 | ONLINE SERVICES | 3,000 | 1,862 | 62\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4070 | GENERAL EQUIP MAINT/REPAIR | 7,000 | 178 | 3\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4100 | EQUIPMENT LEASES | 800 | 268 | 34\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4300 | miscellaneous | 50 | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4330 | DUES \& SUBCRIPTIONS | 300 | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4545 | INTERLIBRARY LOAN CHARGES | 100 | 28 | 28\% |
| 211-00-75-30-4900 | TRANSFER TO RESERVE | 15,000 | - | 0\% |
| 211-00-75-50-5900 | BUILDING/BLDG IMPROV | - | 646 | 0\% |
|  | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 896,869 | 285,016 | 32\% |
|  | SURPLUS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES) | - | $(248,551)$ |  |

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ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM
BAKER \& TAYLOR LLC
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING
BUSY BEES QUALITY CLNG SVC INC
COLE HARDWARE INC
DEER RIVER HIRED HANDS INC
FRAME UP
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
INVEST EARLY PROJECT
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD
LATVALA LUMBER COMPANY INC.
MINNESOTA WOMEN'S PRESS
NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC
RCB COLLECTIONS
SIM SUPPLY INC
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## Director's Report- May 2018

## Accessibility Project

The contractors have ordered parts and supplies for the interior door frame, and work on the interior entryway and the Riverview room will be scheduled when a delivery date is in sight. The aluminum door frame has a custom color, so that will take longer. I will work with the contractors on scheduling so we can minimize the disruption. (expected to be late May) Construction has begun on the Riverview Room, and the interior dividing wall has been mostly constructed. Most of the electrical work has been done, and new, more efficient lights have been installed.
The door opener will be installed later, at the same time a new opener is installed on the interior door. The electrical work for both doors will be done at that time.

Application for grant from Northland Foundation for hosting conversations about aging I received a message from the Northland Foundation saying they were interested in the project, but they suggested using an existing curriculum and resubmitting an application for a grant for a smaller amount. Bonnie and I have a phone call scheduled with them on Tuesday morning to discuss options.

I attended a community meeting hosted by the Area Agency on Aging to gather input for regional and statewide planning to develop more options and support for people to age in place. Some of the problems (or future problems) raised included: lack of transportation, lack of affordable accessible housing, workforce shortages for support services, plus a lack of advance planning on the part of current and future seniors.

## Data Privacy

I attended a workshop at ALS last week that covered labor law and hiring practices, and another that covered data practices. Reduced to the basics: the only patron data we keep that is public is the person's name. All information collected on the application for a library card, and anything that connects a person with what they have checked out or are researching is private data and cannot be released (except to parents of minors) without a court order. I plan to review basic privacy protections and procedures at our next staff meeting on May 11. FYI: The investigators for the GR Police Department know they need to get an order before they ask us for anything.

I will have copies of our summer schedule of children's programs at the Board meeting. The list is quite long!

# Assistant Director Report 

May 2018
Teen Advisory Board
April 24, 2018
Members present: Sarah K. and Emma O.
Members discussed summer reading and decided to keep the reading program similar to last year. There are 3 page markers where teens can earn prizes; 500, 1000, and 2000 pages. At 500 pages a teen earns a prize from the prize bag. Reading 1000 pages earns a teen a free book and an entry into the Grand Prize drawing. Reading 2000 pages earns a teen a Target gift card and a second entry into the grand prize drawing. The grand prize is a $\$ 100.00$ gift card to the Village Bookstore.

Members spent time revising 2 sides of the kiosk in the teen area. They finished the book voting graphic and made a new changed out the question to what animal would you be

There were 4 attendees at the April 14 Anime Club. We watched Knight's and Magic and ate snacks! The next Anime Club is Saturday, May 5.

There were 7 entries in the teen room drawing. There were 2 questions participants had to answer. Anneliese M. was the winner.

## Staff

John attended a meeting on April 9 at ALS headquarters about Horizon acquisitions. Horizon is the automation software we use to receive items, check out and checkin. John already does acquisitions; this meeting reinforced and enhanced his knowledge of the software.

Tracy attended the 2 nd Annual NE MN Library Staff Serving Youth Unconference on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at ALS. The audience for the conference was: ALS member public, school, academic, and special library staff who work with and care about children and libraries Description: What's an Unconference, you ask? It's a day where YOU select the topics by voting, creating a fabulous opportunity to ask questions about topics YOU are interested in, brainstorm ideas with your peers, and share best practices.

## Lobby Display Case

April was National Poetry Month. To celebrate I made a Poet-Tree out of construction paper and taped it to the case. I put out green leaves and patrons could write a poem on a leaf which was then put on the tree. We ended up with about 20 poems.

The One Vegetable, One Community veggie for this year is the carrot. Bonnie H. made an awesome display in the case which highlights three library programs in May and brings attention to the vegetable.

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## April in the Children's Library

"Boy, it feels busy this month!" I muttered to myself last Thursday when the last of $m y 81$ young second grade visitors from Southwest left the building. So I did a little digging. In April of 2015 we had a single class of 17 children visit the library. April of 2016 saw 157 visitors and last April we hosted 130 students and their teachers. This year? We had 321 April visitors to the children's library! Whew! Those numbers are approaching our May numbers.

April regular programming also saw good numbers. 14 people were here for Artastic, 11 for Full Steam Ahead, and 25 dropped in to Lego Club. We also hosted an Earth Day event, Pot It, with the artists from the Creativity Tank. It was a beautiful day and they set up a table outside the library entrance. 25 people, both kids and adults, created pots in which to plant.

April was also a big month for outreach. I went to Kindergarten Round-Up and handed out our hot-off-the-presses summer programming flyers to 387 people. (We had received them a full 7 hours earlier!) The last Saturday in April Dion braved the Children's Fair, handing out flyers and make-your-own bird feeder kits (with pipe cleaners and cheerios) to 780 eager folks.

We are, of course, madly preparing for our very busy summer. Brian, our graphics arts designer at Arrowhead Library System, gently broke it to me ("HOLY COW, you got a lot of programs this summer!") that we couldn't fit our information on the $8.5 \times 14$ sheet we've been using the last several years, so we have graduated to a really big $17 \times 22$ programming sheet. Come on down to the Children's Desk and grab one for yourself, we think it suitable for framing.

