



Howard Miller Public Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2023



Library Events/Programming Highlights

- Library programming takes a break during the month of May in order to host multiple school visits from the local First Grade classrooms and to prepare for the Summer Reading Program.
- The HML Strategic Planning Team created and made available a community survey beginning May 25th and which will be open through June 30th. This survey can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CVQ6N8S>

Staff Highlights

- Amanda H. represented the Library at the OAISD Play-n-Learn Resource Event at Lawrence Park on May 25th.
- Diane Lutz, Librarian I, resigned effective 5/18/23. The open position has been posted and interviews will begin the first week of June to hire a new Librarian I, 10 hours/week plus weekends and occasional substitute shifts.
- Abby Machiela started as the part-time Seasonal Library Aide for 28.5 hours/week on May 30th and will be working at the Library until August 11th.
- Dustin Danckaert began as the Seasonal Library Intern/Librarian I full-time (40 hours/week) on May 30th and will be working in this capacity until August 11th.
- Leann Parker attended a Lakeland Library Cooperative meeting to learn about future changes in the operations of our OverDrive digital library account.

Other

- Zeeland Record Digitization Project Update: Amanda H. and Tim Maloney of IT had a Zoom meeting with the University of MI and the Digital Content and Collections department to open discussions about having UM Library take over the digitization project of the newspaper. Next steps include Amanda H. providing UM Library with more details about the project specifications that they asked for in this preliminary meeting. Also, talks are still open with Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University to determine if this digitization project fits within the scope of their digital newspaper archiving services. We are still in the fact-finding process of this project and no decisions have been made.

Looking Forward

- Julie R. and Sara V.L. are planning on visiting the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago to check out the new library services offerings in the Vendor/Publisher hall.
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HML by the Numbers – May 2023

	May		
	2023	2022	% Change
Visitors	7,242	6,841	6%
Curbside Delivery	22	21	5%
Digital Downloads	4,603	4,035	14%
Physical Items (Circulation)	24,670	24,078	2%
Computer Sessions	271	235	15%

Children's Programs:

- May: 9 programs – 258 participants: class visits including a story and tour

Adult Programs:

- May: 0 programs - 0 participants