



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 4, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Teens got to test their skills during the Teen Thursday program on February 8<sup>th</sup>. After splitting themselves into two teams, Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal tasked attendees with completing quick challenges in a race to acquire the most points. The program was very well received, and those in attendance expressed interest in doing another program like this in the future.

On Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich attended Compass Rose's first annual Literacy Night on behalf of the Bastrop Public Library. Students and guardians got to share their love of reading and learned all about the current and upcoming programs at the library.

Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal represented the Bastrop Public Library at the Colorado River Collegiate Academy's first Mental Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. CRCA partnered with multiple community resources with the goal of raising awareness about mental health topics for students. A total of eighty-one students stopped by the library's booth and were able to sample books and receive information about teen volunteering, programming, and the summer clerk program.

On Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the library launched a Seed Library with a program on saving seeds. More information on this program will be available at the meeting.

In addition to regularly scheduled programs, some extra programming will be happening during Spring Break, the week of Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The additional programming is below:

- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Pi-Day Scavenger Hunt: Colorful numbers will be hidden throughout the library that can be added to the Maynard Conference Room windows. Anyone who finds a number and adds it to the Pi display can enter their name in a drawing for a gift card from the Bearded Bakery.
  - Take-and-Make packets for kids in the Children's Area.
  - Oversized community coloring page near the puzzle table behind the Reference Desk.
- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: LEGO Free Build for kids from 2-4pm

- Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Mystery Box Craft for kids from 2-4pm

**NOTEWORTHY:**

On Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the IT department replaced all the public monitors, keyboards, and mice with the latest models. Money will be allocated each fiscal year to update public technology to better serve the community.

The Friends of the Library are hosting local author and business owner Ryan Holiday for a Q&A session on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.

The Friends of the Library have decided on the dates for the 2024 annual book sale. The sale will take place Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am - 5pm and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm. Early entry for members of the Friends of the Library will be Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am - 10am. The Lost Pines Garden Center will be partnering with the Friends of the Library and hosting a plant sale in tandem with the book sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Going forward, the Friends of the Library will be planning to host the sale the first weekend in May.

**UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Personnel.

Photo ID library cards update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

“For a library this size, the collection is really great. You even have THE book on heraldry!”

-Susan Gunn, patron



AI LeBlanc



Small friendly library with good services and an interesting variety rooms

“Love the Black History Month display with audiobooks!”

-Dock Jackson, patron