



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 3, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Teen Thursday returned to the Bastrop County Historical Museum and Visitors Center on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. In April, teens designed their own scavenger hunts and were encouraged to bring a friend when they returned in May. Teens were able to share their previously designed scavenger hunts with a total of twelve participants.

On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Children's Services Associate Ariel Dirienzo gave a tour to twenty-two Pre-K students from Calvary Episcopal School. She showed them where to find picture books and first readers, and then went over the Early Childhood and Youth programs offered at the library. She also promoted the Summer Reading Program and provided print outs to the teachers. The tour ended with a Question-and-Answer session and then a Storytime, where the children were read *Mell Fell* by Corey Tabor.

A new teen Dungeons and Dragons (DND) group began meeting at the library on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue meeting every Friday from 10am to 2pm during the summer. With this group, a total of three teen DND groups are now regularly meeting at the library.

Youth programs at the library took a one-week hiatus from Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as the library finalized preparation for the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

The 2024 Summer Reading Program began on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Details about opening week will be provided at the meeting.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

The Friends of the Library made over \$4,000 at their annual book sale.

On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lost Pines Garden Club donated \$5,000 to the Bastrop Public Library made up of proceeds from their Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

As of Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Library's public Wi-Fi hours are 6am to 10pm Mondays through Saturdays.

On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Catherine “Cat” Morales returned to the library as a temporary summer employee.

Executive Administrative Assistant Veronica Nunez sent out an email on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to the adult volunteers and library board members informing them of the volunteer opportunities available during the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

Library Clerk Irene Fonseca celebrated her one-year anniversary at the Bastrop Public Library on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

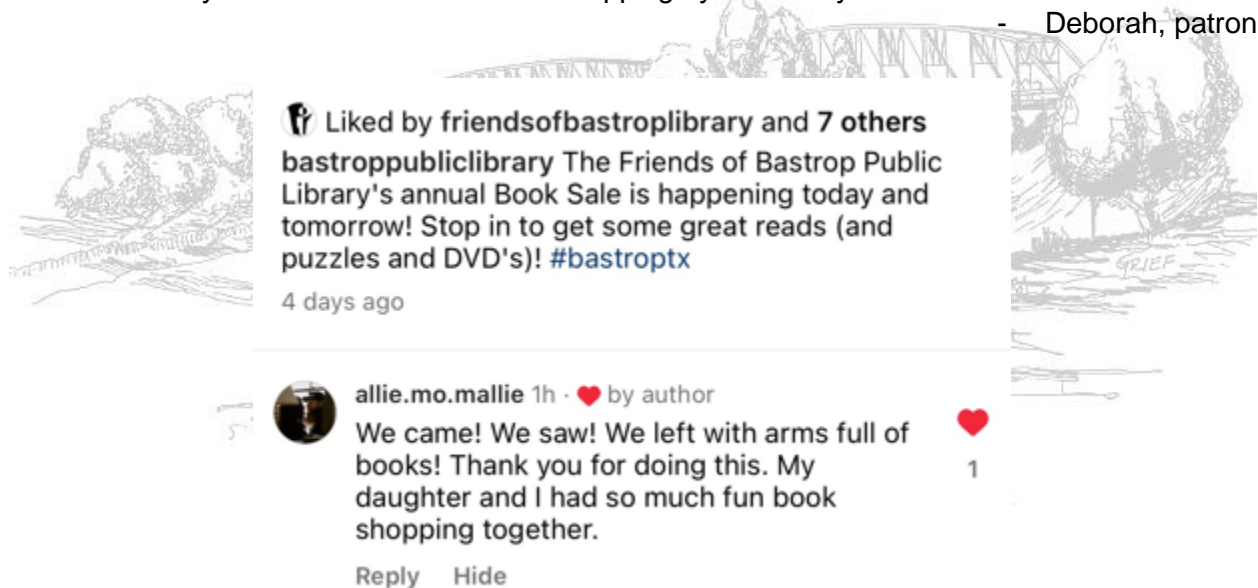
Personnel.

Photo ID library cards update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

“It’s the first day off I’ve had in forever and stopping by the library for new books was a must!”

- Deborah, patron



“I’ve been sewing up a storm since I took the sewing class here at the library!”

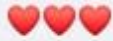
- Kylah, patron

A patron needed to use a dictionary and asked if the library had some. Eva showed him the library’s dictionary set, and as he was leaving the library he told her, “Thank you for helping me with the dictionaries, that is the best set of dictionaries I have ever used.”



Joleen Smith

Thank you so much for your generous support!!! Paisley is very grateful for this scholarship! The Bastrop Public Library is near and dear to her heart, as it's always been a place where she could study, volunteer, tutor, or simply check out a book. She grew up attending events at the library like story times, movie nights, and the holiday open house, where she remembers making ginger bread houses. We appreciate all that you do to support our library, our community, and our students!!!



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Amie helped a gentleman researching Bastrop State Park in the History Room. He later called back because his scans had gotten out of order, and Amie assisted him in finding the correct order.

“Thank you so much! I really appreciate it. [The Pines: First Camp Annual Published by Company 1805 CCC] is so unique. I'm so happy to have seen it, and I don't think I could have found it anywhere else. Thank you for helping me out!”

The gentleman, at Amie's recommendation, contacted the Texas State Library and Archives for more resources, and they directed him to the National Archives.

