



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Aug 7, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

City Friends Storytime took place on Wednesday, July 17th with Public Works Technician Sandy Holder. There were forty-five people in attendance. After the stories, plastic yellow hard hats were passed out to the children as they walked out to view the dump truck Sandy had brought. The kids were also allowed to take pictures in front of the truck.

Throughout the summer, local artist Jana Lynch demonstrated her artistic talents in three shows entitled "Eye to Eye." Jana specializes in the near-lost art of painting with earth pigments mixed in egg. Her demonstration allowed participants to create their own art using this unique painting method.

A complete report on the 2023 Summer Reading Program will be provided at the meeting.

NOTEWORTHY:

During June, the City of Bastrop worked to collect food for the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry. There were three collection bins throughout the city, with departments grouped off for counting. At the end of the month, the Library and Water and Wastewater had collected a total of 337 pounds of donations.

Two former library employees, Jacqueline "Jackie" Baez and Catherine "Cat" Morales rejoined the library team to help the 2023 Summer Reading Program and normal library operations continue smoothly. Specifically, Jackie Baez was began working Monday, June 26th as a Children's Services Assistant, and Cat Morales began working Wednesday, June 21st as a Circulation Assistant.

The Youth Librarian position was posted in mid-July. There has been significant interest in the position, with three to five applicants under further consideration. At this point, the goal is to have a new staff member hired before the end of September.

After spending eight years with the Bastrop Public Library, Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna has announced her resignation. Her last day was Friday, August 4, 2023.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

“Bonnie,

LOVED♥ the escape room.
Also loved the color prints
arranged on the walls &
just the entirety of it all. We
had so much fun – thanks
to [Aime] & to you!

Angela Plunkett”



Chelsea Connor Baca

We love Mrs Carmen Serna ❤️😊❤️

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“Thank you so much. I really
appreciate you and all you
have done to make the wonderful
[sewing] class happen.”

- Mary Smith, Patron



Dear Bastrop Library + board,

*Thank you very much
for the lovely Peace Lily Plant
you sent me when my
mother passed away. I
so appreciate your thoughtfulness
during this time. Mom lived
a good, long life and we
were very close so I have
many good memories to*

*cherish, Thank you so
much!*

With love,

*Jennifer
Leasure
Hallmark*