



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

February's LEGO® club had a great turnout, with forty-seven total attendees, many of whom were new to the program. On February 21st, participants were tasked to recreate a scene from their favorite book, movie, or TV show. The favorite categories were Superheroes, Children's Literature Classics, and Children's Television Shows.

Carmen Serna visited the Early Headstart Main Street location on Friday, February 24th, to present a brief storytime and provide information about the library for the students to take home.

The library has been preparing for a Spring Break full of programming.

- The community will be able to add to a large, suspended art piece Monday, March 13th; Wednesday, March 15th; and Friday, March 17th from 11am-3pm. The piece will be visible in the building the entirety of Spring Break.
- On Tuesday, March 14th, an afternoon movie will be shown in the Pressley Meeting Room. An evening Storytime will also take place that day to allow working parents the opportunity to bring their children to Storytime.
- Wednesday, March 15th will also have a special Storytime, with the next edition of City Friends Storytime taking place. Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer Tracy Waldron will be the special guest. That afternoon, a block building program will be hosted in the Children's Area.
- Uno Challenge will be taking place in front of the Teen Room on Thursday, March 16th from 2-5pm. From 4:30-6:15pm, teens will also be making puppy chow and puppy toys in the meeting room. Teens will have the opportunity to donate the chow and toys to dogs awaiting adoption with Bastrop County Animal Services.
- Friday, March 17th, the library will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with a Green Day activity. Patrons wearing green will be able to put their name in a drawing for a fifteen-dollar green-themed basket.

A partnership between the library and Compass Rose Charter School is in progress. Carmen Serna is coordinating this partnership.

NOTEWORTHY:

Bastrop Public Library is starting a "Favorite Facts" display series in the children's section that will rotate periodically through the end of this year. The displays will focus on STEM topics, aiming to draw attention to last fiscal year's Juvenile Nonfiction Refresh project. "Favorite Facts about the Cardiovascular System" was put up early February as an ode to Valentine's Day. The next "Favorite Facts" rotation is scheduled for April and will feature Local Birds, in acknowledgement of National Audubon day on April 26th, and information about how light pollution affects the migration of birds and nocturnal wildlife.

On February 14th, Technical Services & Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier met with the Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) at the Kerr Center. The Bastrop County African American Cultural Center (BCAACC) presented the importance of recording oral histories and the resources offered by the Bastrop County Visitors Center and Museum. The president of the BCAACC agreed to partner with the Bastrop Public Library in an effort to ensure the History files at the library represent a more complete history of Bastrop.

Terry Carwell celebrated four years at the Bastrop Public Library on Saturday, February 4th.

The budget for fiscal year 2024 was submitted on Tuesday, February 28th.

A goal of our strategic plan is to update policies and procedures. Amie Cuvelier, Technical Services & Circulation Librarian, has developed a plan to review and edit all procedures that draws on the knowledge and experience of the staff and involves everyone in the process. The first round of updates were successfully submitted and edited. This project will take a full year to complete.

Public Services Associate Kat Durham resigned to take a Youth Services Librarian position at a library in New Mexico. Her last day was Friday, March 3rd.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Libra-Tech furniture and shelf movement update.

- The items are being manufactured. Right now, there is an estimated installation period of late April. The library will be closed two days to accommodate the installation, however, specific dates have not yet been decided.

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

A patron came in just to turn in her books and pick up the next volumes in the series she was reading. When she got to the check-out counter, she complimented Library Clerk Patricia Jones's efficiency in getting her books checked in and removed from her account.

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This feedback is a: Suggestion Compliment Complaint

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To the Director 1-24-23

With enthusiasm and respect. Kat has been a tremendous help in assisting me with my computer problems and headaches, and difficulties. She possesses multiple and unique skills. Very knowledgeable in her chosen profession. Excellent customer service. Motivation, self-motivation and determination. A great deal of patience. Director I want to thank you for having such caliber of people like Kat. And in particular I want to

To thank Kat. She is a clear cut example who goes above and beyond.

*Appreciative and thankful.
Janet Armbrister*

Re: Felipe Enrique Neri



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To Amie Cuvelier

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Hello Amie,

I've had a look at the short documents and printed them out. Most of them are faint but readable. I don't know about the longer items, but if I can read them on screen, that should be good enough. Thank you SO MUCH for all the work you've done for me! With the information from the longer treatises, I think I may be able to write the paper entirely on what you've sent me. You are the ideal Reference Librarian that researchers dream of and rarely find!

Florence