



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Sep. 11, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

On Wednesday, August 2nd, Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna and Library Assistant Jackie Baez attended the 2023 Back to School Bash at Cedar Creek High School. Since this year's theme was "Carnival", Carmen Serna and Jackie Baez set up a carnival-esque game next to the library's booth for attendees to interact with. Visitors to the booth could also put their name in to win a School Supply basket. Over the evening, library staff interacted with 503 people.

Because of the large interest and positive feedback received regarding the recent sewing classes, Mary Smith will be back this fall to teach a quilting class. Like the sewing class, this quilting class has limited seating available, requiring preregistration. Spots for this class have already filled up, and a waitlist has been started. Classes will be held Fridays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm with an optional three-hour consolation period beforehand. Classes will run from Friday, September 8th through Friday, November 17th.

Rebecca Bennett and Terry Hamm will be starting the Bastrop Public Library's Book Club. Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich will act as their library liaison. The club will take place every 3rd Saturday of the month from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm and is geared towards adults.

NOTEWORTHY:

Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich celebrated her 6th anniversary with the Bastrop Public Library on Monday, August 14th.

The annual Volunteer Luncheon took place Tuesday, August 15th. Lunch was provided by the Friends of the Bastrop Public Library, with guests encouraged to bring desserts. A total of eleven volunteers were able to attend.

Executive Administrative Assistant Veronica Nunez celebrated her 2nd anniversary with the Bastrop Public Library on Wednesday, August 23rd.

The Family Crisis Center recorded Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich sharing a letter of advice to her younger self on how to handle bullying. The video has been posted to the [Family](#)

[Crisis Center Community Awareness Prevention Education Facebook page](#) as part of their “Dear Younger Me” series.

A second round of interviews for the Youth Services Librarian position took place Wednesday, September 6th. Current information on the position will be provided during the meeting.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

“These cake pans are the best thing here at the library! I mean, the books are great, but not having to go out and buy a cake pan for my kid’s birthday that I would only use once—that’s really awesome! Thank you!”

-Mary L., Patron

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