



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Feb. 5, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Meet at the Library held its first two programs. There was a movie afternoon on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and a game time on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Attendance for the program is currently low, and the library is looking to increase publicity in hopes of growing the program.

After the Teen Thursdays: Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons programs, participants took an interest in continuing the program outside of Teen Thursdays. As such, Teen Dungeons and Dragons will now be taking place Thursday afternoons before Teen Thursday. Their first session was Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning Sewing with Mary started Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. All fifteen participants are excited to learn the basics of sewing by handcrafting a tote bag.

The Sewing & Quilting Group began meeting at the library on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attendees were excited to work on personal projects in a social setting.

The first of four planned programs in the History Talks series took place on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Robbie Sanders, chair of the Fairview Cemetery Advisory Board, presented on the Fairview Cemetery. A total of fifty-nine people were in attendance.

As part of the City of Bastrop's Mardi Gras celebration, two children's activities were hosted at the Bastrop Public Library on Saturday, February 3rd: Music Instrument Petting Zoo from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and live music from the Riley Family Band from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

- Music Instrument Petting Zoo: For the first time outside of Louisiana, the Louisiana Folk Roots brought a variety of musical instruments for the public to interact with. Many of the instruments available are those commonly used in traditional Louisiana Cajun & Zydeco music.
- Riley Family Band: Grammy-winning musician Steve Riley and his two sons Burke and Dolsy performed traditional Cajun, Creole, and Southern Louisiana music in the children's area of the library. The multi-instrumentalists' set demonstrated the professional capabilities of some of the instruments seen at the petting zoo.

More information will be provided at the meeting

Another textile adult program is scheduled to start on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program will be called "Bring Your Own Craft" (BYOC) and will be a time when community members can work on whatever craft they are in progress with amidst the company of fellow crafters.

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:**

The portal for the 2023 Texas Public Libraries Annual Report opened on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participation in the report is required to maintain the library's current accreditation status. The report is due Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Library Clerk Patricia Norton celebrated her one-year anniversary at the library on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal has been with the library for 90 days as of Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The library has started the filing process for eRate reimbursement for eRate year 2024, July 2024 through June 2025. Reimbursement for this period is projected to be over \$7,000.

Finance Associate Sheila Bowman celebrated her twenty-year anniversary at the library on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Texas Women's University Master of Library Science graduate student Stephanie Hart began her practicum at the Bastrop Public Library on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is not pursuing a project but will instead be working with Supervisor of Access Services Amie Cuvelier and Director Bonnie Pierson to improve her cataloging and management skills. Stephanie will spend Tuesdays at the Bastrop Public Library as she completes her 120 practicum hours.

The Library User Responsibility and Conduct policy was approved by Bastrop City Council on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> during their regular meeting.

Library Associate Sheila Bowman retired from the library after 20 years of service. Library staff celebrated this occasion with a party on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Sheila's last day of work was January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Circulation Associate Terry Carwell celebrated his fifth-year anniversary on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Children's Services Associate applications.

Library Board workplan.

Photo ID library cards update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

Thank you for the earlier open on Tue-Thurs!

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Have a wonderful day,  
Judah Ross

"I'm so glad you have [BOB Books]. I'm a retired teacher with a Master's Degree in reading education. They have been around for a long time but children love them. They are very effective. I recently got some of them on Amazon to teach my granddaughter to read!"

-Cheryl Harris, patron

"Thank you for putting together Knitting Group!"

"We were just talking about how difficult it is to meet new people these days, but [Knitting Group] does just that! Thank you!"

