



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2025

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

The English Second Language course led by library volunteer Miriam Mustelier was moved from the library to a different community venue due to participant scheduling conflicts. The library was unable to accommodate a different meeting time because of prior meeting room reservations. As such, the last session at the library was held on Saturday, March 15th.

On Wednesday, March 12th, the library attended the BISD Youth Job Fair, connecting with students from Bastrop and Cedar Creek High School. Public Services Librarian Bethany Williams and Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal shared information about the summer clerk positions, teen volunteering, and Teen Thursday, as well as insights into library careers.

On Monday, March 17th, the library held a Disney Classics movie marathon. A movie was shown at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. and snacks were provided to patrons in attendance. A total of 94 people attended the three showings, averaging about 32 people per movie.

From Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 21st, patrons of all ages came together to decorate craft sticks, which were combined, framed, and displayed in the library as a beautiful piece of collaborative art. The program offered the community a sneak-peek of the exciting art-inspired programs coming this summer following the theme of Color Your World.

Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal and Public Services Associate Terry Carwell represented the library at Easter in the Park on Saturday, April 5th. The library shared information about the Summer Reading program, the Friends of the Library Book Sale, and upcoming library events. The booth also featured a beanbag game for children to enjoy. More information on the event will be provided at the meeting.

NOTEWORTHY:

Children's Services Associate Ariel Dirienzo celebrated one year with the library on Tuesday, March 18th.

Five library staff members participated in the City of Bastrop's Clean Sweep on Saturday, March 22nd. Library staff assisted with Downtown Bastrop and Main Street initiatives by picking up trash

around the library and parking lot and by tidying up the staircase from the library to Fisherman's Park.



Public Services Associate Karen Caldera celebrated one with the library as a full-time employee on Tuesday, April 1st.

Public Services Librarian Bethany Williams and Children's Services Associate Ariel Dirienzo attended the annual Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference in Dallas from Tuesday, April 1st through Friday, April 4th.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide held its last session for this tax season at library on Saturday, April 5th.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Photo ID cards

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:



Eduardo Jose Ubri Sanchez

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★★★★★ 3 days ago

(Translated by Google) It's a good place to read and spend time with the kids.

(Original)

Es un buen lugar para leer y pasarla con los niños

"The staff is very friendly, and I wish that there were more people like the staff here."

- Patron

“The conference room was clean and spacious. The Bastrop library is a great resource for the community.”

- Bill, Patron