



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 9, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Bastrop Public Library's annual Open House was, once again, a big success. 704 people attended, and just under 300 graham cracker houses were given away that day, with 311 people choosing to decorate their house in the library. Cello players, the Bastrop Honor Choir, and an accordion player provided live holiday music throughout the day. The Friends of the Library provided refreshments and goodie bags with information on what they are doing for the library in the spring. The Library is beyond grateful for the Friends, Library Board, and community members volunteering their time to prepare and execute the event.

As the year came to a close, the Coffee with Catherine program reflected on the wonderful gatherings they had this past year. The group was given various pictures of themselves participating in the program during 2022 and used modpodge and magnet sheets to create picture magnets to commemorate the year. The craft was a massive hit with those in attendance, as they looked back on a year's worth of fun and company. As a result, Coffee with Catherine decided to make this craft a December tradition.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

Student Clerk Cat Morales resigned, and her last day was Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Associate Carmen Serna returned to the library from maternity leave on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Library Associate Catherine Lombardo celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Bastrop Public Library on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Annual Report Marketing Magazine has been completed and is ready for distribution.

The library has hired a new Student Clerk, Yanilyn Gonzales May. Her first day of work was Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**UPDATES:**

Libra-Tech furniture and shelf movement update.

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

**From:** Connie Schroeder <cschroeder@cityofbastrop.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Ueckert Pierson <bonnie@bastroplibrary.org>  
**Subject:** Great job on the Magazine!

Bonnie

You and your staff should be very proud of the magazine format for the update. The pictures are terrific and it is full of terrific information.

Way to go! Thanks so much for sharing. I stand ready to support you and the library in each and every way possible.

Merry Christmas  
Connie

A grandmother brought her grandchild to the library during Open House, not realizing that we had activities going on. She decided to make a reservation for her grandchild to decorate a house. Upon leaving in tow with a beautifully decorated house, she stopped at the reservation desk and was visibly moved by the fact that Bastrop Public Library did not charge money for the kids to participate. She has lived in many different cities across the country and said there would have been a monetary fee attached for something like this event. The grandmother complimented the library on how special this was for them and told Cary Kittrell that Bastrop Public Library could teach other cities a few things.

In regards to Open House:



**Inge Walker**

Thank you for hosting such a fun event! It's one of our favorite Christmas traditions. We love our library!

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**Bastrop Public Library**

[Inge Walker](#) Yay! We're so glad that we're able to help y'all celebrate the holiday season!

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