



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Jun 5, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

Dr. Laszlo Perlaky was the guest speaker at Coffee with Catherine on Wednesday, April 12th. Dr. Perlaky has been a photographer for about twenty years and talked to attendees about his photography. He shared how he got his start, where he finds inspiration, and answered questions from the group.

The library hosted Sit with Sylvia on Monday, April 17th from 7:15 am to 8:30 am. Nine community members came to the library to discuss the permitting process and Parks Master Plan with City Manager Sylvia Carrillo.

April's LEGO® Club took place on Tuesday, April 18th. Forty-seven people participated and were tasked with creating demolition machines. The machine-focused program aimed to introduce and further familiarize attendees to STEM, science, technology, engineering and math, especially emphasizing the engineering aspect.

The second Pajama Time Stories program was all about rain and took place the evening of Tuesday, April 18th. Five patrons attended, all of which were entirely new to the library. This program is currently scheduled to continue monthly through the summer.

The Bastrop Public Library attended Springfest in Fisherman's Park on Saturday, April 29th. The library publicized services and the 2023 Summer Reading Program. Community members were encouraged to write motivational or kind notes that would be placed randomly in books throughout the library. More information will be available at the meeting.

Bastrop Public Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program will take place from Tuesday, May 30th through Saturday, July 22nd. The following programs and community experiences will take place during opening week to kick-start the summer:

- Tuesday, May 30th: Inspired by the 2023 theme, "All Together Now," community members will be given the opportunity to help the library assemble its Summer Reading display. Patrons will be asked to help decorate and pull books for the display.
- Wednesday, May 31st: In addition to the regular Storytime and Coffee with Catherine programs, the library will be hosting a "Read-a-thon" where patrons who read in the library

during 2:00 – 4:00 pm will be awarded extra time to count toward the 500 minute reading goal.

- Thursday, June 1st: Kids and Adults will get the chance to compete in a Mario Kart Tourney from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Afterwards, Teens will have a video game tournament of their own as a part of the Teen Thursdays series.
- Friday, June 2nd: In addition to the regular morning Storytime, the library will be hosting an all-day egg hunt. Those who find eggs hidden throughout the library will be given a prize and then be tasked to hide the egg for someone else to find.
- Saturday, June 3rd: To help celebrate Bike Month patrons will be encouraged to either ride a bike to the library or present a picture of themselves on a bike to receive an entry in our Great Summer Sports Basket.
- Patrons who participate in any of the Opening Week programming will receive an entry in our Great Summer Sports Basket. The basket will be given away Saturday, June 3rd at 3:30pm.

NOTEWORTHY:

Library Director Bonnie Pierson, Access Services Supervisor Amie Cuvelier, Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich, Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna, and Media Specialist Cary Kittrell attended the Texas Library Association's Conference in Austin Wednesday, April 19th through Friday, April 21st. Each staff member attended one of the three days to allow for the continuation of regular library services.

The Friends of the Library held their annual book sale Friday, April 21st from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm. The sale was busy, despite the Plant Sale not taking place.

Access Services Supervisor Amie Cuvelier celebrated one year with the Bastrop Public Library on Thursday, April 27th.

The Friends of the Library ran a promotion for new non-resident cards from Saturday, April 15th through Saturday, April 29th. More information will be provided at the meeting.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Libra-Tech furniture and shelf movement update – The shelving move is scheduled for Monday, May 22- Wednesday, May 24. The contractor anticipates the actual move will take two days. We will be closed an additional day to ensure the materials are in order and that new directional signage can be hung. You are invited to drop by the library during these days to see the results of this year-long process.

Photo ID library cards update. – A update is at the end of this report.

RFID feasibility update.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:



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Bastrop Public Library is so lovely, books, great staff, nice vibe.



James Pryor

Local Guide · 232 reviews · 120 photos

★★★★★ 36 minutes ago **NEW**

They've got a deal going this week (April 22, 2023) for people who love out of the city. You can join for \$10. Super nice folks working there, very helpful.



Joan Armstrong

Joan Armstrong shared your post. · 17h



Got my summer reading material and saved a ton of money at the same time. Great sale today! Will have to go back tomorrow for more.



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Posted by Bethany Dietrich

19h · 🌐

This summer is going to be a scorcher! Let us help you avoid sunburns... stop in at the [Friends of Bastrop Public Library's Used Book](#)... See more

I found a 100% foolproof way to prevent sunburn.

It's called "Stay inside and read a book."



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Friends of the Bastrop Library

USED BOOK

SALE

Friday, April 21

10:00 - 6:00 PM

Friends Only Preview: 9-10 AM

Saturday, April 22

10:00 - 4:00 PM



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