



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Jun 5, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

Compass Rose Harvest School's 1st graders visited the library for a tour. Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna shared information about the library and talked to them about the Summer Reading Program. When Carmen told the group that she also spoke Spanish, in case their caregiver only spoke Spanish, they got so excited! They told her that they are "traveling" through South America in their class and proceeded to sing her a Spanish song they were learning.

On Friday, May 5th, Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich visited Colorado River Collegiate Academy and presented to seventy teens. She encouraged students to volunteer at the library, as well as talked up the three open Library Clerk positions and library services.

On Saturday, May 6th, Dr. Allison Bumsted hosted a continuation of the program, Rockin' Reading, she held last summer. Her program highlighted The Beatles with a story, activities, music, learning how to use a record player, and a special musical performance by Meg Lauren. Dr. Bumsted had a total of thirty-eight people attend the program.

May's Pajama Time Stories program had 11 people in attendance. The theme of the program was Birds.

The library's regular programming took a break during the last full week of May in order for the staff to finalize preparations for the 2023 Summer Reading Program, as well as make organizational changes to the facility, such as opening up the circulation desk and rearranging the shelf layout.

The 2023 Summer Reading Program has started. Information about first week sign-ups and program attendance will be available at the meeting.

NOTEWORTHY:

On Tuesday, May 9th, Supervisor of Access Services Amie Cuvelier attended the Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) meeting in the Bastrop County courthouse. The county clerk spoke about their resources and gave the group a tour of the County Clerk's office.

The group also discussed the development of the Bastrop Historical Society's new website and the documentation surrounding Historical markers in Bastrop County.

Library Director Bonnie Pierson, along with Ashton LaFuente from Visit Bastrop and Kathy Danielson from the Convention Center, presented at the Youth Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, May 18th. The Youth Advisory Council is made up of BISS students selected to provide insight into community outreach, in hopes to refine community and outreach goals to further reach Bastrop's youth.

Libra-Tech completed the furniture and shelf movement project Monday, May 22nd through Wednesday, May 24th. More information will be available at the meeting.

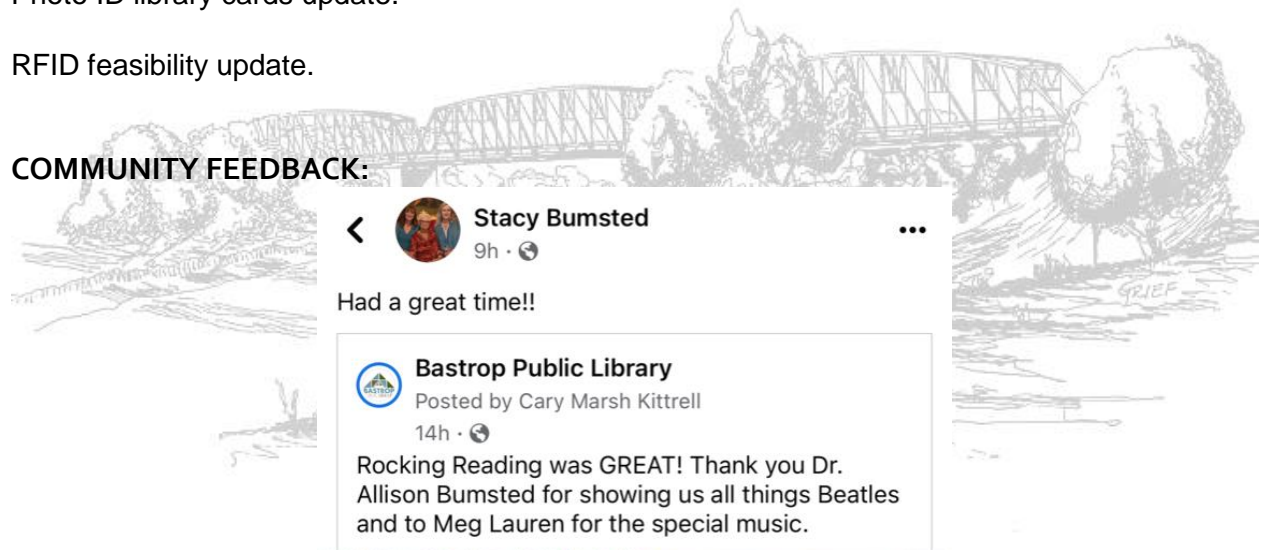
The library implemented automatic renewals as of June 1st. Any items that are eligible for renewal on a patron's account will automatically renew once the due date has passed.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:



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Ladies,

It was SUCH a pleasure meeting you all today. Thank you for braving the weather and making it out to Books and a Blanket.

Carmen, you are just a jewel. We are all so grateful for you sharing your talents and enthusiasm with us today. Thank you!!

I had a great time hearing both of those stories and on our nature walk. We found deer tracks in the mud, mushrooms, blue eye wildflowers, dewberries/blackberries, Turk's cap, and cucumber weed - that's a new one for me! I always appreciate the opportunity to build community around the Refuge and so enjoyed getting to know you all along the way.

Hopefully, we can do this again this fall!!

—
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