



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Nov 6, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

October 8th through 14th was Fire Prevention Week. As such, Storytime followed this theme. Some City of Bastrop fire fighters came to both the Wednesday and Friday programs, which a total of 115 people attended. Children's Services Associate Jackie Baez started off the programs as usual, and then the firefighters read two different books and did their demonstration on firemen gear. They suited up and let the kids hold their jackets and helmets to show that kids had nothing to be afraid of. At the end, attendees were led outside to the firetruck waiting for them. The kids were able to sit inside it, and the firemen explained all the different tools inside the firetruck and how they are used.

The library hosted Solar Eclipse Day on Saturday, October 14th to commemorate the 2023 annular eclipse. A total of 585 people attended the event. There were several eclipse themed crafts and games, such as eclipse chalk art, eclipse paper plates, constellation scavenger hunt, a photo booth, and a James Webb telescope matching game. Solar eclipse glasses were provided so everyone could safely watch the event together.

Eleven librarians from across central Texas met at Bastrop Public Library on Tuesday, October 17th for the Central Texas Digital Consortium's Fall Business Meeting. They shared tips and resources with one another on best utilizing limited funds for OverDrive ebooks and audiobooks, keeping the digital collection current, promoting items to their patrons, and more.

On Tuesday, October 17th, Children's Services Associate Jackie Baez hosted a Storytime on Dragonfly Trail in Tahitian Village in partnership with Pines and Prairies Land. Participants brought blankets to sit on and had their own snacks. After Storytime, attendees walked as a group on the trail for about twenty minutes.

On Wednesday, October 18th, Coffee with Catherine partnered with St. David's Libraries for Health for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Cynthia Chacon gave a presentation on breast cancer to the twelve program attendees.

On Tuesday, October 31st, the library had a spider-themed booth in the City of Bastrop's downtown Boo Bash. There was a huge web across the "back" side of the booth with spiders hanging from the top of the booth. Trick-or-Treaters who visited the booth were given a bug sticker

to add onto the web and, afterwards, received a piece of candy. The booth saw a total of 1,551 visitors.

On Saturday, November 4th, the library hosted a History Fair in the Pressley Meeting room. A total of nine organizations were present. More information will be provided during the meeting.

NOTEWORTHY:

Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal joined the Bastrop Public Library on Monday, October 16th.

Supervisor of Access Services Amie Cuvelier, Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal, and Executive Administrative Assistant Veronica Nunez attended Red Cross Shelter Training on Wednesday, October 25th.

Library Circulation Associate Catherine Lombardo is planning a new adult program series, "Showtimes for Seniors." This program is slated to begin in January 2024 and is geared towards adults, particularly those in retirement or with flexible schedules. The program will take place during the first week of every month, with the day narrowed down in the future. A survey was given to library patrons to gauge general interest, preferred days, and film genres.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

Pre-pandemic volunteer stats.

	FY2018	FY2019	FY020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Regular hours	1,136.25	1,441.75	703.80	540.50	1,181.30	1,739.05
Friends hours	1,436.50	1,679.25	695.75	513.75	730.00	757.45
Teen hours	673.03	525.70	201.25	252.75	451.25	544.45
Total Volunteer Hours	3,245.78	3,646.70	1,600.80	1,307.00	2,362.55	3,040.95

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

"I felt that as soon as I walked in the room: these are my people!"

-Toni, patron attending Library Book Club



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This library has always been wonderfully clean and has a large selection of books! I never fail to find something fun to read, and a nice quiet spot to enjoy. The staff are all incredibly helpful and kind as well ❤️

"I love Auto-renewals. When I saw the notification, I thought it was too good to be true."

-Patron

“Encouragement, camaraderie, and learning! These three activities have kept me going from the beginning of sewing classes in July. Mary and Doreen are very knowledgeable, and they share their knowledge with kindness and humor...The easy conversations in class with the daily happenings of the ladies’ lives make me reminisce of olden times when women gathered to quilt and share their lives with each other. These two classes, sewing and quilting, have brought me peace and relaxation. Thanks for offering them!!”

-Maria Tuttrup, patron, on Summer Sewing and Fall Quilting classes

