



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

The library had two Thanksgiving programs: Storytime for the kids and Coffee with Catherine for the adults. There was a total of twelve attendees at both of the two programs. During Storytime, participants listened to Thanksgiving-themed books, counted turkeys, and Director Bonnie Pierson and staff members led the Turkey Chant again this year, which is always a favorite! As for Coffee with Catherine, those in attendance held a Thanksgiving potluck luncheon. In addition to a meal and company, attendees shared stories about cooking and being thankful.

Bastrop Public Library has been preparing for the annual Open House in full swing. Staff and volunteers began building graham cracker houses for the event on Friday, November 18, and expect to wrap up this process on Tuesday, December 6. Performers have been selected by Library Board members, and the Friends of the Library have begun procuring refreshments. The library looks forward to another successful Open House thanks to help from staff, volunteers, friends, board members, and the Bastrop community.

NOTEWORTHY:

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

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

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

UPDATES:

No update on photo ID library cards.

No update on RFID feasibility.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:



Marie Blazek

To: Bastrop Library Info



Wed 11/2/2022 7:11 AM

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Mostly I love the staff! They're so helpful and upbeat as well as very creative if the bright displays are any indication. Timely, too, they seem up to date on new titles and topics. Then there are the programs and spaces for kids that absolutely rock. Even teenagers have a meeting place.

Anyway, Bastrop Public Library is exceptional in many ways.

I love my library



Lisa Hutchinson <lisabastrop@aol.com>

To: Bastrop Library Info



Tue 11/1/2022 6:00 AM

I love my Bastrop library for many reasons,

- 1) The parking lot WiFi is great
- 2) I can go there and print if needed
- 3) If my book club chooses a book, the library has it or has it ordered
- 4) When I request a book, they promptly respond & automatically put me on the list
- 5) Self check out is so easy to use
- 6) I like that I can bookmark on my account and reference it when I need another read
- 7) The information desk is so helpful & patient if you have questions on how to use Libby & a multitude of other things
- 8) When I get a receipt after check out, it tells me how much \$ I have saved that year on books
- 9) I love the plant & book sale
- 10) Over the past 20+ years that I've lived here it has grown and changed with the community



Cecile Fandos <cfandos@capitalidea.org>

To: Bastrop Library Info



Tue 11/1/2022 12:53 PM

Hello,

I loved being part of the Library's community on Halloween to share information about our Career Expressway program sponsoring in-demand credentials (and serving Bastrop County on top of Travis, Williamson and Hays counties). The Bastrop Library is well anchored in its community and it shows!

Sincerely,

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