



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Apr 3, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Spring break programming at the library was a big success. A total of 506 people participated in the nine different programs offered throughout the week.

- 237 community members participated in the suspended art program over three days. The piece was visible in the building the entirety of Spring Break, and then kept up through the following week.
- Community members who attended Spring Break's Evening Storytime expressed their interest in continuing the program. As such, Evening Storytime will become a monthly program, occurring on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- City Friends Storytime with Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer Tracy Waldron had a turnout of forty-three people.
- 101 people put their name in for the drawing to win the Green Day basket on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Teens gathered to make chow and toys for their canine companions. Roughly 50% of attendees opted to donate their chow and toys to dogs awaiting adoption with Bastrop County Animal Services

March's LEGO® Club had a total of thirty-three attendees. Children were tasked to create a monster out of LEGO®. The creations are on display in the Children's Area.

Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna and Library Associate Terry Carwell represented the library at Easter in the Park on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Children visiting the library booth were encouraged to use stickers to decorate a paper Easter egg. More information will be provided at the meeting.

2023's Summer Reading Program schedule has been finalized. A comprehensive calendar and program highlights will be provided at the meeting.

Partnering with the Family Crisis Center, the Bastrop Public Library hosted a traveling mural from 10 am on March 7th through 4pm on March 14th. With a prompt of "Before I Leave," the mural was the centerpiece of a display to help raise awareness for mental health and survivors of assault within the community. Library patrons were encouraged to add their goals, dreams, and aspirations to the mural.

Notes from last month's Program Workshop follow this report.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

Thank you to all the Library Board members who volunteered their time to help with the library's Spring Break programming activities.

Technical Services & Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier led March's Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) meeting, which took place at Bastrop Public Library on Tuesday, March 14th. She presented on digital preservation and discussed the digitization project being undertaken at the library. After the meeting she gave a tour of the library, focusing on the Local History Room.

Bastrop County African American Cultural Center & Freedom Colonies Museum supplied a display featuring information about the Freedom Colonies. This partnership grew from Amie Cuvelier's membership in HEART.

Childrens Services Associate Carmen Serna celebrated eight years with the Bastrop Public Library on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commissions' Annual Report opened on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. With a recommended due date of Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and a hard due date of Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the report will be used to determine the library's accreditation status for Fiscal Year 2024.

Bastrop Public Library has completed the competitive bidding process for E-Rate and will continue to receive internet service from Fiberlight, allowing for internet reimbursement over the next three years.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

Staff promotion and new position

- Amie Cuvelier promoted to Supervisor of Access Services as of Monday, April 3rd
- Librarian – Youth Services approved to hire this fiscal year

Budget changes from FY23

**UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Libra-Tech furniture and shelf movement update.

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

“Can I take a picture of [the suspended art]? I love it! It just incites so much joy.”



“This is the best library!”

- Little girl participating in the suspended art program

“Caelan just thought the world of [Bethany] and the teen programs! I tell everyone I know with kids to go to the library!”

-Caelan's mom