



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 10, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Children's Library Associate Carmen Serna went on maternity leave early. Public Services Library Associate Kat Durham has taken over Youth Programming, such as Storytime and LEGO® club, and will remain in charge until Carmen Serna's slated return on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

September's City Friends Storytime took place on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> with Mayor Connie Schroeder as the special guest. The mayor shared a little about how she helps everyone who lives and works in the City of Bastrop.

Boo Bash on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success for the library and the city. We had over 400 people visit our booth between 5:00 and 7:00. Thanks you to our volunteers Barbara Clemons and Victoria Diaz for their help that evening.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

Library Director Bonnie Pierson celebrated 22 years with the City of Bastrop on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Public Services Library Associate Kat Durham has been a part of the Library for 180 days as of September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The library has partnered with the Family Crisis Center and Senior Center for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Both the library and senior center began accepting donations to create care/hygiene kits for the Family Crisis Center's women's shelter on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Library's collections will be assembled into kits during Coffee with Catherine on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

During the month of October, the library will have a Domestic Violence Awareness Month book display for all ages featuring bookmarks with additional online resources and information. Brochures from the Family Crisis Center will be available near the display as well. Additionally, updated signage will be posted in the men and women's restrooms, and an infographic will be posted in the Teen Room with teen-friendly resources.

The Bastrop Area Pickleball Association's entry in this year's Patriotic Shoebox Parade won them a month of publicity from the Bastrop Public Library, which will be taking place in October. Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich worked with Digital Media Specialist Cary Kittrell and BAPA's

Head of Membership Grace Dacy to put together a Bastrop Public Library Newsletter cover story, Pickleball facts and BAPA content to post on the Library's socials throughout the month.

The 2023 fiscal year started on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The fee schedule passed as presented and went into effect on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cary Kittrell will be returning to the library full time under a new title, Library Media Specialist, in the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:**

The Friends of the Library held their annual meeting on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They elected officers for the upcoming fiscal year during this time, as well as heard from guest speaker Will Holcomb.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

A patron approached Kat Durham to express appreciation for Storytime. She said she looks forward to bringing her child every Friday and is particularly grateful due to the lack of activities to do with babies in Bastrop. She also complimented Kat as the program's presenter.

"Thank you so much! You did a wonderful job of teaching us about the internet! You made it so that we understand how to use it without being scared of the scammers and identity thieves but also to slow down and not just click on the first thing. You did amazing!"

-Patrons' response to their Tech Tutor session

