



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5A

TITLE:

Library Director's Report

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

PROGRAMMING:

On Wednesday, October 12th and Friday, October 14th, The Bastrop Public Library teamed up with the Bastrop Fire Department to educate young Bastropians about the importance of fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week. Captain Chris Stone; Firefighters Ethan Perry, Ben Gonser, Wayne Arnold, Aaron Stradling, and Luke Wobus; and Cadet Nicki were present. Attendees learned about firefighting gear, how much it weighs (40-50lbs), and how fast a firefighter needs to be able to put on the gear in order to pass the certification test (90 seconds!). They also learned about the fire trucks and all the tools and gear that help firefighters save lives.

Through the library partnership with the Family Crisis Center and Senior Center for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a total of 110 care kits were assembled. All kits included items donated to the library and Senior Center from the community. The partnership was a massive success, and all entities are happy to be able to provide those in need with essential items.

Capital IDEA was set-up in the lobby on Monday, October 31st. Capital IDEA is a nonprofit that raises money to provide funding for tuition and textbook expenses for adult pursuing higher education. The nonprofit had an information table in the lobby from 11:30 am to 6 pm, informing patrons about the service they provide.

The library and the Bastrop County Museum and Visitors Center partnered for Halloween programming on Monday, October 31, with Halloween stories presented by Library Director Bonnie Pierson and a scavenger hunt furnished by the museum that led the participants through the exhibits and around downtown. A total of fifty-five children and adults attended the program.

NOTEWORTHY:

Circulation and Technical Services Librarian Amie Cuvelier has been a part of the library for 180 days as of October 23rd.

Mango Languages has been purchased by the library, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, and is ready for public use.

FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION:

Information about a standard rate of loss in libraries was requested at the October meeting after reporting on our September inventory. The American Library Association website had the following information about loss rates:

There is no "standard" rate of book loss, not that ALA has established--and we don't believe that any other organizations have attempted to create such a figure. The reasoning and extent in reporting library theft varies, and so a national figure might not be reliable. Such statistics are only collected locally, and not on a national basis, so we must rely on general articles to describe the extent of the problem.

There are various surveys that have been performed over the years, but without any regularity or periodicity. *Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Patron Use, and Collection Management: A Handbook for Library Management*, by David F. Kohl (Santa Barbara, Calif: ABC-CLIO, 1986) reports a range of research studies relating to loss rates. While no rate is "acceptable," what is typical, based on these studies is a loss of .15% to .5% per year; or overall loss rates of 4-8% when an inventory, or inventory sample, is conducted periodically.

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Update on photo ID library cards.

Update on RFID feasibility.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:



Ivri Messinger <ivrimark@gmail.com>

To: Bethany Dietrich



Tue 10/25/2022 3:15 PM

Wow, that's great. Thank you so much. I love the Bastrop Library!!

Ivri

Sent from my iPhone

On 25 Oct 2022, at 3:13 pm, Bethany Dietrich <bdietrich@bastroplibrary.org> wrote:

Hi Ivri,

Thanks for submitting an item request for *The Song of the Cell*. We'll get it ordered next month and let you know when it's ready for you to borrow and read!

Thank you,
Bethany

“I really appreciate that y’all put up flyers in not just the women’s bathroom, but also the men’s bathroom for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Not everyone is so considerate.”
-Philip Lawrence, Patron


Why I love BPL



April Lewandowski <alewand1@gmail.com>
To **Bastrop Library Info**



Sun 7:01 PM

 Follow up. Start by Monday, October 3, 2022. Due by Monday, October 3, 2022.

Bastrop is blessed to have such an amazing public library; it's one of my favorite places in the whole county! They go above and beyond not only in the variety of services and activities they offer, but also by way of their exceptionally personable and friendly staff. I have never had an interaction at BPL where I wasn't greeted with a smile and provided instant help. Every time I've emailed and asked for book recommendations for my 12 year old, a librarian responds with tailored lists. The summer reading program is something that my whole family enjoys, and I'm constantly blown away by the book walks, interlibrary loan program, book nook and the ability to request books for the library to purchase. I can't say enough about our library; if you haven't been, you're truly missing out!

Thank you for all you do!!

Respectfully,
April Lewandowski

