



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** Oct 2, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Quilting with Mary started on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Both the program and pre-program consults have had a steady number of attendees. Quilting with Mary will run through Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting of the Library Book Club took place on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. A total of fourteen people were present and books were chosen for October and November. The club will be reading *The Last House on the Street* by Diane Chamberlain in October and *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig in November.

LEGO® club and Pajama Time Stories resumed programming after taking a break for the month of August.

- September's LEGO® club theme was "Secret Spots," where builders were tasked to incorporate a hidden passageway, room, or similar feature within their creations. A total of twenty-seven people attended.
- Pajama Time Stories' theme was Dog Days. A total of nine people were in attendance.

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Children's Services Associate Jackie Baez gave 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Calvery Episcopal School a guided tour of the Children's Area. There were seventeen students and two teachers. Students were shown where to find easy, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> reader, bluebonnet, and 2x2 books. They were taught what the different stickers on the spine of books meant and how these stickers could be used to determine if a book was right for them. Students were then given a crash course of the card catalogue and encouraged to ask staff members should they need any help while in the library. The tour ended with a short Q&A session before students were given bookmarks and got to select books to check out.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

On Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Jackie Baez was reclassified to a permanent position with the Bastrop Public Library as Children's Services Associate.

Library Director Bonnie Pierson celebrated her 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with the library on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The library has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival to refresh and update the 1st Reader collection.

The library spent most of the month preparing for the end of fiscal year 2023 on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. All expense accounts managed by the library were spent in their entirety, leaving an overall funds balance of just 5% of the original budget.

**UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

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

-Toni, patron attending Library Book Club

