



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 6, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4A

**TITLE:**

Library Director's Report

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Bonnie Pierson, Library Director

**PROGRAMMING:**

Technical Services & Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier presented to the Genealogical Society on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. She introduced the finding aids she created and discussed the potential organizational changes to make information in the Local History Room more accessible.

The library hosted City Friends Storytime on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, with City Manager Sylvia Carrillo as the featured guest. The stories introduced the families to words in different languages, and Ms. Carrillo read *Con Pollo: a bilingual playtime adventure* by Jimmy Fallon and Jennifer Lopez to support the theme. There were forty-four people in attendance. It was a very lively time!

Dr. Allison Bumstead has contacted the library expressing an interest in running another music program during the 2023 Summer Reading Program, just like she did in 2022. Cary Kittrell is working with her to determine when would be the best time for this program to take place. The library is excited to be able to partner with Dr. Bumstead for the second year in a row.

In an effort to further diversify programming, Public Services Associate Kat Durham has written an article in the February newsletter asking willing members of the Bastrop community to share their skills at the library. Programs run by community members will be a part of the Community Skillshare series during the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

**NOTEWORTHY:**

The Bastrop Public Library's updated Circulation Policy was approved by Bastrop City Council Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Technical Services & Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier met with the Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) to discuss and create a guide for historical resources in Bastrop County. Their next meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The library has hired a new Student Clerk, Patricia Norton. Her first day of work was Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Library Director Bonnie Pierson was interviewed by the Bastrop Guide regarding basic information about the Bastrop Public Library on. A release date for the video interview will be provided when known.

Sheila Bowman celebrated 19 years at the Bastrop Public Library on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For Black History Month, the Bastrop Public Library has created two displays, one for adults and one for children. Both displays celebrate books that feature black authors, illustrators, or characters.

The Family Crisis Center has partnered with the Bastrop Public Library to bring awareness to teen dating violence. Books relating to the topic and information, courtesy of the Family Crisis Center, are displayed in the teen room.

**NO UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Libra-Tech furniture and shelf movement update.

Photo ID library cards update.

RFID feasibility update.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:**

"I heard about Mango Languages, and I wanted a library card to try it so that I could learn Croatian! I want to visit my daughter, and that's where she lives!"

-Carol Spencer, patron

"Man! You made that so easy! I've been trying for three days to get this done!"

-Patron, after Bethany helped him scan and upload a document to Google Drive.

"You have a very nice library! Thank you so much for being so welcoming to us!"

- Out-of-towners camping at Bastrop State Park

Public Services Associate Kat Durham has been helping a patron regularly via scheduled tech tutor sessions. As a thank you to her, and all the Bastrop Public Library staff, he sent flowers with the following note:

