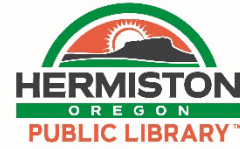


Directors Report

January 2024



Budget – City Council has added additional revenues so that the library budget, and staffing, can return to previous levels. Because of the building renovation I do not think it wise to change staffing at this time. For the 2024/25 budget, staffing will adjust for the time the renovation is expected to be complete.

Homeless situation - The District Library is offering, at no cost, Narcan, to all district libraries. After consulting with the Hermiston Police Chief, I have determined that a few doses will be accepted for use by staff. The Hermiston Police now have Narcan available for use, though it is intended for use on other police officers should they be overcome by the presence of drugs. My instruction to staff is the same, I've chosen to acquire it to insure their safety, should they choose to use Narcan with a member of the public they will not be faulted, however, there is not expectation that such action be taken.

Grant – I am working with a grant writer in LaGrande to pursue funding for a variety of improvements to our services. One element will include contracting with a by-lingual story teller to present and teach in English and Spanish. Another element will secure additional electronic resources to bulk our offering during construction. The final element will be to develop an oral history program that can be a partnership with the Hermiston Historical and Cultural Association. The grant is due at the end of February and may change in some details.