

Directors Report

September 2024



SRP – The result of the summer reading program is as follows:

Desert View	15261
Highland Hills	8457
Loma Vista	10241
Rocky Heights	2467
Sunset	3441
West Park	6364

To energize Summer Reading for next year we plan to bring back a kickoff party. We are planning a Hermiston Summer Resource/Reading Fair. I've spoken with the City Manager and the Director of Parks & Recreation to hold this in the Senior Center on the Friday immediately after school ends. We plan to involve as many community organizations as possible, 4-H, FAA, the bowling alley, theater, and many more.

Staffing - The staff is getting settled in the Carnegie building, having the summer intern/page positions was a big help. Leeann, our cataloger, is on sick leave for the rest of this month due to an emergent hernia condition. I've asked one of the pages familiar with some of her duties to continue for one additional month.

Renovation Project

- Demolition has not begun as certain details continue to be fine-tuned, materials and costs, as well as contracts.
- Move went well,
 - Fortunately, our storage space was able to accommodate our need for some additional space
 - The staff biggest complaint of the actual move was having to wait

- The hired crew were very appreciated and really worked very hard
- Carnegie
 - We are a functioning library, borrowing from other libraries is now happening.
 - 2 chairs are now in the space for the public.
 - We could have accommodated a slightly larger collection; this offers room for growth during renovations.
 - Some issues with equipment have occurred and are being resolved.
 - Programming at city hall is working
- Renovation planning now addresses furnishing the interior of the library. I am working with a firm out of Spokane that assisted in the furnishing of City Hall.
- Byron recently informed me of a significant donation from AWS to fund our maker space