



LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATION

DATE: January 25, 2023

FROM: Audrey Tolle, Library Director

AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report

SUMMARY:

- A fall gardening program for adults was given by Denton County Master Gardener Cheryl Huckabee on 10/21. Twelve adults attended and learned about planting flowering bulbs for spring as well as cool season annual plants. Participants received daffodil bulbs to take home and plant.
- Library staff gave an unusual program for adults on 11/7, "Instant Pot Hacks for Skin Care." Six participants learned how to make lotion bars and lip balm, using Instant Pots for part of the process.
- The November Crafternoon program on the 17th had high attendance, with 14 children and 5 adults participating. The craft was making turkeys with pine cones, feathers and other decorations.
- Most of our holiday programs were well-attended, particularly the reading and crafts with Mrs. Claus. MaDonna gave the Chamber of Commerce's Storytime with Mrs. Claus at the Grace Bible Church, and 61 people attended. The Crafts with Mrs. Claus was held in the library on 12/13, after Christmas on the Square was cancelled. The latter program received more promotion from the city's marketing director than our regular programs, but the majority of our children's craft activities in November and December still had good participation.
- The 9 new mobile Hotspot devices available for check out were promoted in the *Sanger News* and the *Sanger Sentinel*, as well as social media in November. The pre-Thanksgiving Facebook post reached over 1,300 users. There have been 16 circulations to-date, and we expect an increase as more people learn about this service.
- "Operation Santa Paws" was carried out in December, encouraging the community to bring in pet supplies and food for the animal shelter in Pilot Point, Miles of Hope. Several boxes of donations were collected.
- Much of this month has been spent preparing for our migration from the Evergreen ILS to Apollo. In addition to Laura's many hours of work coordinating with the two companies and the consortium libraries, the rest of the library staff has been getting acquainted with the new system. On January 12th, all of the consortium libraries closed for all-day training on Apollo at the Krum library. We will be going live with the new system the week of January 30th.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

Budgeted: N/A

Amount: N/A

GL Account: N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:

- Staff recommends approval of this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

None