



## Library Director's Report May-June 2025

### General Report

- Currently working on the Recertification report. This requires a new Strategic and Technology plan along with building inspection with a library board member at each library facility.
- The contract for CLEF (Community Library Enhancement Funds) grant final reimbursement –10% of awarded amount \$782)– sent and deposited.
- Submitted all accounting to the State Library for CLEF grant as well as the required report.
- Final reimbursement from the Borrower's Grant has been reimbursed and deposited in the amount of \$3097.06 for this period. A new grant contract period is currently active.
- All accounting for the Borrower's grant has been submitted to the State Library as well as the required report.
- Continue to request for Sam Long and Administration to gather information on Percentages assigned to each County Building for Maintenance budget. We need those numbers to finish the spreadsheet showing the maintenance cost increase over the last 4-5 years.
- Continue to manage and track current grants.
- Sign-ups for Summer Reading Program are going very well. We have added an ADULT BINGO Reading activity tracker this year so that the adults can be in on the fun along with the kids, teens and tweens.
- Summer Reading activities are well under way.
- New Online Faxing services (eFax) is up and running at all the Library Branches.
- TechServ is helping us install new software for malware protection. We are going back to a product we used before called "Deep Freeze". It is almost double the cost of the previous product but the previous product was not compatible with our computers so it is necessary to have a product that works.
- Our contract with Grand County library is expiring the end of this year. They are requesting an increase in the amount we pay for our patrons from Spanish Valley to use their library facilities. Library Board input is needed.

### Blanding Library

- Ongoing partnerships: 1) Book club is usually held on every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 11 am and always have a good turn-out. 2) Story hour is held every Wednesday at 11 am.
- New on-going events and activities 1) New Anime' Club was launched in March with continued and increased enthusiastic participation and is now being held twice a month instead of once a month. This is for Tween/Teen ages. 2) New Garden Club – Seed Exchange for adults was kicked off in March and also a big success. The plan currently is to meet twice a month. 3) Reading Classes/Tutoring was being held twice a week by Julia Brooks. All ages are welcome but class size is limited. Ages 7-11 had been attending. Taking a break over the Summer 4) Art Club was held every other week and we opened it

up to all ages but the participants who have attended are age 6-11. Due to low participation we have discontinued this program.

- Ginnie Brooks and Kenydi Kane planned out and put together a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Float for the annual parade that is held in Blanding. She used grant money from the General Dollar grant to pay for the expenses such as the candy to throw out. Monticello staff had float decorations on hand that they let us use to spruce it up. Mikaela's mom lent out her side by side and trailer. Monticello will be using the same float for the Pioneer Day parade held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- No need for anonymous donations of zucchini on your neighbors porch or in their car when they're not looking. The Blanding Harvest Basket is back. Bring in and donate any extra produce or come and take what you need that has been donated. We also have our SEED Exchange program. Come in and "check out" seeds to plant and then donate seeds from your bounty at the end of the harvest season if successful.
- Collection Development purchases have been made with the Dollar General grant that Ginnie Brooks applied for and received. A majority of the money was used to build the Manga and graphic novel collection and has been a tremendous hit with the youth. Almost every book has checked out at least once. A cute display with all the new items are front and center for patrons to walk by as they check out other items.

### Bluff Library

- Maidee is in the process of re-organizing some sections and trying to make room for more items.
- Maidee has 1 Summer event planned as well as "Take Home" kits for the Bluff branch
- Bluff Library has been without phone service for over a month but TecServ is here this week and hopefully will get that issue taken care of this week

### Montezuma Creek Library

- New Computers are installed and updated, however they are having issues that will hopefully be resolved with the new Malware software – Deep Freeze.
- Good numbers on patron's attendance and computer users.
- Maidee has set up an ongoing book sale that the patrons have loved.
- Maidee has 2 Summer Reading events planned as well as "Take Home" kits for this branch.

### La Sal Library

- Continues to work with and serve the Seniors at the La Sal Senior Center and has an increase of regular patronage.
- Marsha has planned several on-going Summer Reading activities as well as setting out "Take-Home" kits for the children to craft at home.



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## HARVEST BASKET/SEED EXCHANGE



## \$ General Grant Display

