

# Library Director's Report

## September-December 2023

### General Report

- County Required Certification FEMA NIMS Courses- IS 100, IS 200k and the IS 700 including the final exam was completed August 28<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, and September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Various Required and Optional State Library Certification completed – about 40 hours – in September.
- Annular Eclipse Activities were completed and successful. Handed out over 1400 Eclipse kits with glasses.
- We remained under budget but will not be able to add to our savings but also did not use any of it. Mack will help explain.
- Reminder about HB 284 (background checks) bill will be in effect July 1, 2024.
- Reminder about Technology plan for the State Library
- Continuing to work with UETN (Utah Education and Telehealth Education) on historical documentation requirements, as well as documents going forward. This is to be prepared in case of an audit and maintain our E-rates(discounts) that we receive for our WIFI at each library through UETN as well as following Utah statutes and CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act).
- CLEF Grant amount will be awarded by end of January.
- Continued Hotspot Grant awarded covering 33% of service
- Currently applying for Children and Teen Collection Development Grant
- STEM Spots are all in place at each library branch in correlation with the Extension Office.
- Take Home kits distributed and handed out at each branch from left-over crafts from story hours and craft club – over 1000 handed out in 2023.
- Libraries are working on Summer Reading programming and participating in training provided by the State Library. We have several presenters secured for the Summer.
- Great Arizona Puppet Theater will be performing at the Monticello and Blanding Libraries in March.

### Blanding Library

- Continued outreach programming – Story hour is held every Wednesday at 11 am. Community Bible Study continues to be held every Thursday evening from 6-7pm as well as Community Book Club once a month. AA meetings are held in the basement twice a week.
- Eclipse Activity held with about 65 participants – mostly families with younger children. Dr. Shannon Brooks presented, as well as Kalvina Hanley and then a craft and activity.
- We have partnered with the County 4-H for quarterly Activities and eventually monthly targeting the “tween” ages.
- First Annual Pumpkin carving contest – had about 12 participants in various ages. Judging contest from patrons. Prizes awarded from local businesses
- First Annual Gingerbread House Contest held in December. Had about 10 entrees. Prizes provided by local businesses.
- Conducting Interviews on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for Julia Crane's position.
- Food bank lunches are served each day we are open from 3:30-6:30. Annual training has been taken by all staff as well as recertification. Daily statistics being reported is required to participate as well.



## Bluff and Montezuma Libraries

- Montezuma Creek held their raffle drawing for one of the laptops the State donated for those who took the online digital survey to help show where digital divide is in the County. LaToya Yazzie won the laptop. There were almost 50 participants.
- Maidee held an Eclipse activity on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She provided a couple of fun chalk art/shadow experiments for participants and explained the scientific aspects of a solar eclipse. Guest speaker, Kalvina Hanley, also assisted in Montezuma Creek further explaining the Native American perspective of eclipse phenomena. Simple refreshments were served with 12 participants.
- When covering in Montezuma Creek and Bluff -especially MCreek - there is very little down time to work on anything extra. Serving patrons, doing library related reports, processing

ILL's, re shelving items, helping patrons on the computer, answering and researching reference questions, etc. usually takes all the time that the library is open. Anything extra for the library needs to be done outside of the hours of Opening.

- Health Department held a story hour in Montezuma Creek and Bluff during the summer. Had 6 participants in Montezuma Creek and 2 in Bluff.

### La Sal Library

- Fiber Optic is up and running after a few hiccups.
- A Teen Gaming Night was held in partnership with the Community center with Holly Fellmeth. 16 youth participated
- Meet Your Neighbor Night was also held in partnership with the Community Center where the library participated to help the community members understand all the resources available in the community and in and through the La Sal Library.
- Marsha held an Eclipse Activity with 6 participants.
- Big OPEN Road sign looks fantastic!

### Monticello Library

\*See Mikaela's report.