

## **Report of the Librarian for June 2022 Activities**

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

We will be the second library in the state to host the Museum Natural and Cultural History's traveling Dino-Story from August 8th-September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will need to recruit a few families to be part of a focus group about the exhibit as they fine tune the exhibit before it travels across the state for the next two years. This will also allow us to host the exhibit with out a fee or delivery costs.

I finished two 6 month long courses offered by the Urban Libraries Council and funded by the State Library of Oregon. Oregon Digital Inclusion Action and Oregon Data Fluency. Each class had about 30 students with about half of them taking both classes at the same time.

The Digital Inclusion class focused on digital needs across the state, from large to tiny libraries in urban and rural areas. Oregon is in the top 5 for access across the state. However, the rural areas, including Sweet Home rank is much lower. There is also a higher number of residents that only have cell access at home. (see attached presentation in the New Business section of agenda).

The Data Fluency class focused on types of data that Libraries gather, where and how to best gather additional types of data. Sweet Home continues to have some data gaps due to our location, and some data was only available for the Albany Metro area, which doesn't necessarily match our needs.

I was appointed to the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee. This group meets quarterly to discuss the State Library of Oregon's databases and e-book platforms that are available to all libraries in Oregon. We decide on databases and e-book titles to add to the collections.

### **Collection updates:**

We have condensed down the Adult Non Fiction collection to allow more space for the Mystery collection. We have created a separate Large Print Mystery collection.

The kid's fiction collection continues to grow and has received more space to do so.

We paused our materials purchasing for a few weeks at the end of the fiscal year to help with the closing of the books, but resumed purchasing on July 1. Patrons have definitely become accustomed to us being able to purchase requested items quickly!

### **Building issues:**

Public Works has fixed our latest toilet issue and is working on upgrading the outside watering system to be more efficient.

A couple large flower planters were donated for our front doors.

### **In building updates:**

No major changes have happened this month!

### **Passive Programming:**

Coloring sheets and a Summer Boredom kit are currently being offered.

### **In-person Programming:**

Summer Reading is going great! Over 60 participants at each of our Art in the Park/Story time in the Park events in June.

A handful of teens showed up to our first two teen events.

Our next events are crafts before the Movie in the Park this Friday, Teens on July 20<sup>th</sup> and Storytime/Art in the Park on July 22 with East Lin Museum for an Oregon trail themed event! We are starting to plan for the Harvest Festival in October.

We have had several visits from daycare and summer school children to sign them up for summer reading, receive library cards, listen to Storytime and check out books.

We have had many teens returning to use their library cards that they received when their classes visited in May and June. We are also seeing some families coming with the teens and summer school students to get cards and check out materials.

**New Building:**

No new updates.