

Report of the Library Director for July/Aug/Sept 2025 Activities

Collection updates:

No notable changes over the summer

Building issues:

We are working on a better plan to deal with garbage and debris outside of the building.

In building updates:

No notable changes over the summer

Starting in October we are shifting our Saturday open hours to 10am-3pm. This will have us opening at 10am on each of our open days and once the Community Market starts up in May, our hours will match theirs, which will be advantageous for both of us.

In-person Programming:

Summer reading finished on August 29th.

Our final stats: Preschool: 76 finishers read 17,100 minutes. Elementary School: 173 finishers read 77,850 minutes. Teens read 275 books. Adults read 175 books. Gracie L was named Kid Librarian for a week by being the top finisher with 10,350 minutes read.

We are currently in the midst of a teen Clothing Drive. We will be giving away the clothes on September 29th from 2:30p-5pm.

New Building:

No current changes with any of the discussed properties.

I toured Lane CC and North Eugene High School with staff from SHHS to get some construction ideas and estimates. I will provide pictures and ideas at our next work session.

Other updates:

We received an unexpected final check from the Alheit Trust for \$2631.69. I'm looking at a few needed updates in our current building for this money, otherwise it will go to our savings.

The Delivery System Transformation Committee and the Regional Planning Council of IHN-CCO have fully approved your 2025 New Partner Engagement proposal for funding in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will be equally split between SHPL, LPL and APL for harm reduction collection materials. We are serving as the fiscal agent, but each library will determine what items under this umbrella to add to their collections.

We have been chosen at a Flight Path Partner Library with funding from Howard Hughes Medical Institute/Tangled Bank Studios. This is a \$500 grant (and many free materials) to offer programs on bird migration and safety. The kickoff meeting is Sept. 10th.

I was elected Treasurer of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries. This is a two year term serving on the ARSL Board. My term starts in January 2026.

I will be attending and presenting at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference in Albuquerque, NM Sept 17-20. I am also receiving a stipend to cover most costs (\$1250) and to attend the post conference workshop "Preserving Community Stories for Rural and Small Libraries" workshop. We will also be added to the Community Webs program. This program helps to increase the capacity for libraries to document their heritage digitally. Only a few

libraries in Oregon are part of this program. More information is on their website.
<https://communitywebs.archive-it.org/> And I can give an update next month after the training.

We received a \$250 “gift certificate” from First Book and the Walt Disney Company for purchase of diverse books through First Book Marketplace. We will be using this to purchase books in Spanish and English (the same book title where possible).