

## **Report of the Librarian for July/August 2023 Activities**

### **Unfinished Business:**

Our new Librarian Kira starts on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will both be attending the Health Fair at SHHS on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We are both attending the Orange Frog training offered by the SHSD on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **New Business:**

We applied for and received a Digital Equity grant for from the Oregon State Library. We originally applied for \$5k, but they liked our application and think that it can be a model for other libraries in the state, so the amount we received was doubled. Our proposal is to hire a temporary Library Assistant to help individuals and households apply for the Affordability Connectivity Program and basic computer assistance.

In September we will be looking at hiring a "regular" part time Library Assistant (20 hours per week). This will help with coverage issues that Rebecca is currently assisting with.

### **Collection updates:**

It is time to apply for the Ready to Read grant, which can be applied towards collections and summer reading. I am looking at adding a small Spanish/Bilingual Collection of kid's materials. (we need to find a place to shelve them).

We have cut down on the number of magazine subscriptions we have. Most of the magazines have simply gone out of publication (or moved to digital only). We are only keeping one kid's title, because they were not checking out at all.

### **Building issues:**

Space! We need more space!

### **In building updates:**

At the end of the Paint the Town project, the library will be getting a fresh coat of paint on the trim of the building. We have rearranged several spaces in the building to be able to add desk space for the new librarian. This includes making an actual break room for staff, instead of just a desk in a corner. We have added some new toys in the kid's area, these are funded by the Friends of the Library.

### **Passive Programming:**

We have had limited passive programs, mostly just left over items from the Art in the Park events. These are still very popular, as are our coloring sheets.

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

Our Summer Reading Program has been wildly popular this year, exceeding 2019 levels of participation. (*see statistics numbers for programs*) We have had 95 sign ups for 0-5 year olds. 161 sign ups for ages 6-12. These numbers far exceed what we were expecting. We don't have numbers for teens and adults yet.

### **New Building:**

I am working on adding information to the library website about the history of the Library and the need for a new library. I would suggest that our September meeting be discussion about potential properties to purchase.