

## **Report of the Librarian for October/November 2021**

We are still not able to offer in person storytimes in the library due to COVID and space restrictions.

We did partner with the SHPD to offer a Halloween Storytime at the SHPD meeting room. We had 29 children and adults listen to Captain Ogden read a story and give safety advice for trick or treaters. We handed out bookmarks and a few Halloween related books as prizes. SHPD handed out candy afterwards.

A Huge Thank You to Diane for running curbside services by herself for a week when we had to otherwise be closed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The City Council approved a three month period for waiving fines on overdue materials. We will start advertising this more widely by the end of this week. It will last until the end of January. So far feedback from patrons and staff has all been positive.

### **New Business:**

#### **Collection updates:**

Weeding of Adult Nonfiction and YA Nonfiction is complete. New, updated materials have been ordered. Due to quantities ordered, some will be placed on to the New Books shelf and some will go directly to the nonfiction collection for regular checkout. New materials and updated topics will help the overall collection circulation in the coming months.

We will begin moving the YA Nonfiction into the Teen room to help improve circulation of that collection. We are also adding a wider variety of topics and books to appeal to teens.

We are working on weeding the Paperback and Western collections for condition and length of time since the last checkout. We will add new copies of popular titles as needed.

Once we have more space in this area, we will start creating a separate collection for large print materials, as several patrons have been asking for this change. We are starting with the Nonfiction and will move on to the Fiction if there is space and it proves effective.

#### **Building issues:**

The carpet was cleaned on 11/9. It looks a lot better and most of the stains were able to be removed.

Still working on getting some upgrades for some of the shelves to make items fit better and not fall off shelves.

HVAC was cleaned and new filters were installed the week of 11/9

#### **Passive Programming:**

We will be offering Make and Take kits for December. We are looking at a few options and might offer 2 different ones. They include folded book art and tree ornaments. These will be projects for all ages and abilities and are something to take home to work on and as individual or as a family.

## **Grants and Donations**

The property in Colorado has sold. We have a solid base for seed money for a new library.

We received our annual endowment from the Oregon Library Association.

We received the Ready to Read grant from the State Library for 2022.

We have applied for another grant to possibly grow the teen graphic novel collection. Acceptance or denial will come in mid-December.

I am looking for ideas for programing and partnerships for another grant application that is due in a few weeks.