

Report of the Library Director for Feb/March 2025 Activities

Collection updates:

We have received 10 boxes of books courtesy of the Library of Congress and Senator Wyden. Mayor Coleman was able to visit the Library of Congress and select 5 boxes personally. Sen. Wyden's aides selected an additional 5 boxes of kid and teen books in English and Spanish. We are working on condensing down the Western Collection. This is one of our least used collections currently, especially with older titles and authors. New books in regular and large print are bought each month to continue to keep the collection fresh and used. We are planning on using the space currently used by this collection to create a "middle grade" collection. We haven't defined the age group fully yet. We are also applying for grants to grow the collection for this age range.

Building issues:

No updates this month.

In building updates:

Our local author section (within the Northwest collection) is slowly growing with local authors donating books for all ages.

In-person Programming:

We had several larger programs held on Saturdays in February on a variety of topics. They were all well attended. We did cancel programs on Feb 13th & 14th due to weather.

New Building:

No new updates

Other updates:

Coming in April, the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History's Native Innovations display will be visiting for a month starting the 2nd week of April.

We have 2 new volunteers that have recently started and are working out great. Several more will start soon on a variety of projects.