

## **Report of the Librarian for January/February 2023 Activities**

### **Unfinished Business:**

Spoke with SHSD about Library Cards for all students. We will be moving forward with this in conjunction with the Library Card Design contest.

### **New Business:**

We will be having a Library Card design contest. To be announced shortly.

### **Collection updates:**

The City spending freeze was lifted. Spending has resumed at normal levels for books, media, supplies and other items as needed.

We are working on adding a Seed Library this month (funded by Friends of the Library)

We are adding passes to the Oregon Gardens and Gilbert House soon! (Funded by Friends of the Library)

### **Building issues:**

The City's monthly safety inspection this month put urgency on some long delayed minor fixes to the building.

All bathrooms are now designated for either gender. This has been helpful especially during and after Storytime.

### **In building updates:**

We added a new bench near the new book section. The chairs that were located there are being relocated to elsewhere in the building. This was paid for by the Friend's of the Library.

New tables have been ordered for the Teen Room. A new table has been ordered for the craft table area. Both were paid for by grants.

The mural in the teen room was delayed by the High School play, but has started back up again. Most of the Sky has been painted.

### **Passive Programming:**

We are currently offering Valentine's Day take and make kits and an in Library craft. Both have been popular. Over 50 take and make kits have been given away in the first week.

Our weekly guessing jar has had about 40-50 guesses per week.

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

The Friends of the Library has almost doubled our programming budget for 2023.

Community Read discussions are Feb 28 at 6pm or March 1 at 10 am. 40+ books have been picked up so far.

Story time is every Thursday at 10:30am

Teen game/snack afternoons continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is an easy way to give teens a safe space to hang out after school. Funding is from a grant.

### **New Building:**

No new updates this month.