

Report of the Library Director for March/April 2025 Activities

Collection updates:

We have received even more boxes of books from the Library of Congress and Senator Wyden. These books are being added to the collection, or added to the Little Free Libraries around town, if we already have a copy.

We have moved the Western Fiction and the Large Print Mystery collections to make way for a brand new Tween section. Many of our new books are for a Tween audience and will be going directly to this section, other books will be pulled from the Young Adult and juvenile collections and relabeled as tween, depending on their suggested targeted audience age. The collection will have Fiction, Graphic Novels and Non-Fiction. Many of our current Tweens are super excited about this and have been giving us input on what they want in the space!

Building issues:

We have received a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association to replace our automatic door opener, and potentially some other adaptive resources within the building. The check should arrive after May 1st, then we can get quotes and move forward on the project. The front bench and picnic table are back for the season!.

In building updates:

We have rearranged several things to make room in our lobby area for a display.

In-person Programming:

The Native Innovation traveling exhibit from the UO's Museum of Natural and Cultural History is now on display in our lobby area until May 6th. This is an interactive museum quality display for all ages.

Our Dogman party attracted over 45 kids and adults to watch Dogman and party!

Our Lego Creator Club continues to grow, with an average of 18 kids every week.

Storytime is holding steady at around 20 kids at each session every week.

The Seed Lending Library has given out thousands of packets of seeds.

New Building:

No new updates this month. After the Library Operating Levy election we can focus on this potential project again.

Other updates:

We have several new volunteers that are working with us weekly or biweekly!

Our Operating Levy will be on the May 20th ballot for Sweet Home City residents.

We will be having a Library Open House on May 7th from 5-7pm to give residents a chance to come into the library and ask questions and see what has changed and what we do!

The Community Market starts the first weekend of May and goes through the end of September.