

Report of the Librarian for August/September 2023 Activities

Unfinished & New Business:

Kira started on August 15th. We interviewed and hired an ACP Library Assistant. Annalee started on September 5 and will work 10 hours per week. This position is 100% grant funded and should last about 6 months. We have a Library Assistant position open for applications until Sept 15th. This is a newly funded position for this year's budget, this will help fill some schedule gaps and hopefully make it easier for staff to take time off.

After the new Library Assistant is hired and has some training, we expect to be able to extend our open hours on Fridays and Saturdays to be open 11-4pm. I anticipate this to start after the Harvest Festival. We will be closed Oct. 7 for the Harvest Festival, as all staff will be working the Kid's Zone area.

Collection updates:

We are applying for grants to add a small bilingual children's collection. We have created a Nonfiction DVD space for our DVD collection. This will give us a bit more space on the DVD shelves. DVDs continue to be our top used collection. Teen graphic novel checkouts doubled in August.

Building issues:

The carpets were cleaned, the carpet is outdated but holding up well per the cleaner.

In building updates:

Our kid's made quilt is now hanging in the kid's area. Rebecca took the artwork and make it into a fantastic quilt. This should also help absorb a tiny bit of noise from the kid's area too. We received a grant to update the dirt area outside. The amount received was smaller than the ask, after Public Works is done with painting projects and the check is received, we will see what we can do for the money. We have updated and rearranged the staff area to fit in more office space and create an actual break room. The office area is complete, the break area needs a few more tweaks.

Passive Programming:

Passive crafts are back! We currently have a folded dog bookmark that you can make.

In-person Programming:

Kira is now doing storytimes. We are going to be offering a Lapsit storytime (ages 0-2), a Preschool storytime (ages 2-4) and a Family Storytime (all ages). Lapsit and Preschool will be every Thursday at 10am and 11am. Family Storytime will be on the 2nd Saturday (2nd Friday for Veteran's Day). Other programs for all ages will be announced soon!

New Building:

This will be today's discussion!