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# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

Youth programs in April saw some changes. While Toddler and Baby Time continued with their regular Tuesday morning online performances, Storytime at the Barn shifted from Thursday to Wednesday mornings, and a new weekly Teen afterschool drop-in program on Wednesday afternoons began. Youth Services staff attended the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's online "Family Literacy Night" on April 17, where they performed a storytime, shared information about library services in support of children, and conducted read-alouds in breakout rooms.

In support of "Cherry Blossom Week" at Parks & Recreation and as part of April as National Poetry Month, the library held "Haiku: Poetry for Everyone," an online adult program. Other April adult programs included the online Article Club and an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Staff are coordinating a variety of in-person and virtual programs that will start in May.

The pilot project "Books on the Bus," a partnership between the library and SMART, made its first trip on April 5 to Autumn Park Apartments. A SMART bus is loaded with books in crates, and visitors board the stationary bus to browse the books and select some to borrow. There are books in English and Spanish, for all ages. The books may be kept, returned, or shared with others. The next visit will be May 3 to Autumn Park Apartments.

The new furniture arrived, much to the delight of patrons and staff. The new furniture includes reading chairs, tables with charging outlets, seating for the Teen area, computer tables, standalone laptop tables, and charging stations. The new furniture is mobile and versatile, which will easily adapt to the changing needs of our library users.

Library patrons can now pay their overdue and lost book fees online from the comfort of home. This long-awaited service became available at the end of April for all Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) through the LINCC website or through the mobile app.

Civics Academy held its first in-person session at the library on April 28 to learn about the library and SMART. Three staff members presented the Academy participants with lively information about library functions and services.

Interviews of candidates for the Library Director position were held.

Library staff participated in verbal de-escalation training provided by Kathy Turner of Clackamas County Behavioral Health. Staff learned valuable tips to use when dealing with difficult situations.

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