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# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

Youth Services completed their winter program line-up in time for Spring Break. Toddler/Baby Time livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube weekly, and weekly Family Storytime continued at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park. The March Teen event was held online. A new “Young Teen” collection is in development, with books aimed at ages 10-14.

During Spring Break, the library held a “Scavenger Hunt” which had library users exploring the library as they searched for the 19 Reading Rabbits to solve the puzzle. The Scavenger Hunt was very popular, and saw over 100 people of all ages participate in the activity.

Adult programs continued in virtual formats, but adult services staff are planning to bring programs back within the building and are evaluating the line-up of programs. In recognition of Women’s History Month, professional genealogist Pam Vestal gave a presentation on how to uncover our female ancestors’ history through non-traditional documents. Article Club discussed “The Science of Mind Reading” by James Somers. Planning began for spring and summer programs, both virtual and in-person at the library.

More library services resumed in March. The study rooms opened to the public, with two rooms available by reservation and one room available on a drop-in basis. The reference staff are again able to provide free test proctoring for tests given online or sent to the library.

The Wilsonville Friends of the Library celebrated their 40th anniversary with a special week of giveaways and sales at their Twice Sold Tales bookstore in the library’s lobby from March 13-19.

The job opening for Library Director closed in mid-March.

Library staff participated in the third of three Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion trainings held for all city employees. DEI is an important part of the library’s strategic plan and we look forward to further developing the skills learned in the training and applying them to the services we provide.

Outreach Librarian Deborah Gitlitz and Program Coordinator Andrea Erickson attended the national Public Library Association Conference that was held in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center. They came back with information and ideas for new programs and approaches to collection development. Deborah presented a session at the conference on supporting literacy development in children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade outside of school.

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