

**Remodel update: - no real updates on timeline yet**

- **The library will be closed May 16 for an in-service day.**
  - We are using this day to move part of library staff into the Library Meeting Room in prep of remodel work in the back room
  - Part of staff will also be working on relocating craft and outreach supplies in prep of backroom remodel
- Work has started on the three new meeting rooms. It's a bit noisy at times and we only have the study room currently available for patrons.
- The work is anticipated to go through August.
- The library will be closed 2-3 weeks at some point.
- I anticipate a more complete timeline soon.
- We may be looking for volunteers to help with some shifting of materials, more to come.

**Grants Awarded:**

- We received the Mills Davis Grant for \$18,060 which helps support the Summer Plaza Programs & the Illumination project at the Museum
- We also received the LSTA grant for the Museum for \$41,646.00. This grant provides funding for the limited duration Collections Care Tech at the museum to continue through FY25 at about 20-24hrs/week (She currently works about 16hrs/week)
  - This grant is about making the museum collection more accessible through digitization and making it available online
  - There is a plan to have two history nights at the Wildish theater to highlight 2 different exhibits

**Staffing:**

- Krista Raasch is the new Outreach Specialist. This is a limited-duration grant-funded position.
- The position will support Summer Reading, especially the Plaza Programming, and the Pop-up libraries. We will be doing five in different locations around Springfield between June and Oct.
- She has already started helping with outreach events, including Día de los Niños & a STEAM night at Dos Rios Two Rivers Elementary.

**Programming:**

Poetry Challenge a Success

- Nearly 100 people participated in the Beanstack poetry challenge for April (poetry month).
- Beanstack is the platform that we use for Summer Reading and we want to give people a chance to interact with it on a more regular basis so that SR is easy for them to navigate.
- We hope to do a quarterly Beanstack challenge to engage people with the library & museum

### Grupo de Lectores – poetry event

- Our Spanish Language book group meets monthly and has an active participation
- For Poetry month, they have been reading a book of poems by Arturo Sarmiento Linares called Wildfires (English title, Spanish poems 😊). The poet will attend the book group on May 13.
- This is a great group for native Spanish speakers, but also for advanced or intermediate level Spanish learners who are wanting to improve their skills.

June 13 Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's for the Foundation, with a book drive for the Friends. A % of sales for the day will go the Foundation – watch for more details coming!