

Remodel update: Finally, updates 😊 !

- The May 16 move of 8 staff members to the Library Meeting Room as their temp workspace for 3 months (or so) was very successful.
 - We were also able to start cleaning out the supply closet and now, with the back room less full, we are able to sort through and organize all of our 'stuff' in preparation of clearing that room out for the remodel.
- The meeting rooms have been waiting for the new doors and windows. The frames arrived on Wednesday so we are hoping to see those finished up sooner than later.
 - We are in the process of ordering new tables for those meeting rooms and the Library Meeting Room. They will roll, flip up to next and the ones in the LMR will be height adjustable. No more dragging those orange tables around!
 - We currently only have the study room currently available for patrons.
- The short cut from the Kids & Tweens Area to the current Teen area has been closed with a new wall, and the old KT desk has been demolished.
- The new KT desk is in the area where the old one was but will be shifting slightly once the new bookshelves arrive.
- We will be adjusting all the picture book shelving and shifting the play and learn center over to accommodate the new shelving. We are in desperate need of new shelving in this area, so this is exciting.
- We hope that work on the current City Manager's Office will start in mid-June and that we will be able to move library staff in in July. Work on the staff work room can then be done
- The library will be closed 2-3 weeks in mid-late August.
 - This is when the work to the front desk, new Friends area and the Teen area will be completed.
- We may be looking for volunteers to help with some shifting of materials, more to come.
- There is a page on our website about the remodel:
https://wheremindsgrow.org/your_library/remodel
 - This way we can keep the public informed of the progress and service changes

Grants Awarded:

- We received a \$7000 Oregon Humanities grant to support the coming year's Illumination project which is featuring the American Indian/Alaskan Native community.

Fundraiser:

- June 13 Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's for the Foundation, with a book drive for the Friends. 30% of sales from 4-9pm that day will go the Foundation – watch for more details coming!

Programming:

- We are currently on a programming break until Summer Reading kicks off on June 18

- As part of this year's Illumination project featuring the Black and African American community, we partnered with the school district and the Springfield High School Black Student Union for a day of workshops and assemblies featuring Black community leaders and performers.
 - The morning assembly was for the whole school
 - In the afternoon there were workshops and affinity group discussions with community leaders, performers, and the Black Student Union members.
 - It was a very successful day.