

## 10/2022 Director's Report

### Focus groups:

The focus groups will happen Oct 17-20

- Monday 10/17, Homes for Good/ Hayden Bridge Location – low income focus
- Tuesday 10/18, Ridgeview Elem – Thurston area focus
- Wednesday 10/19, United Way Office – Gateway area focus
- Thursday 10/20, Willamalane Bob Keefer Center – Spanish speaker focus

Here is the recruitment FB post. Please feel free to share.

The goal is 10-12 people per group

<https://www.facebook.com/springfieldpubliclibrary/posts/pfbid02p27FbV9EEMcS9FG4D5wNv1XgvuYpGjucffCsMpgQn Cv9zZXuPzyco3aA3DyUePJKI>

### Remodel:

- The contractor estimates came back much more inline with the budget. We will most likely need to make some adjustments, but not nearly as many.
- The project will go out for bid in late Nov/early Dec
- LMT will be working on the plan for continuation of operations during the remodel

### First Amendment Audits

- The library has had 2 First Amendment auditor experiences. One on September 1st and one on Wednesday September 28th.
- A First Amendment audit is when a person comes in filming and tries to catch public institution violating their First Amendment rights.
- It was the same person both times but he tried to pass himself off as someone different the second time
- we had a staff training on this a couple of months ago so staff was well prepared and did a great job.

### Illumination Project:

- The Springfield History Museum is hosting a [community gathering on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30p.m.](#) that welcomes community members who identify as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander to join us to discuss and inform the next chapter of our annual exhibit, ILLUMINATION. The gathering will be hybrid with both virtual and in-person opportunities to attend.
- This next chapter of ILLUMINATION is community-driven (that means you!) with a tremendous team including Aimee Yogi, Thomas Hiura and Melissa (Mimi) Nollo. We will use interviews, photographs and personal objects to collect and share stories that explore what it means to be Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander in Springfield, Oregon.
- The exhibit last year, which featured stories of six local Mexican-Americans, was well received. In spite of COVID we engaged over 1,100 exhibit visitors and over 31,300 social media campaign engagements. We heard from many community members that they appreciated seeing the

inclusion of non-white/non-pioneer stories, faces, artifacts etc. in the museum. Several people, including several women who identified as Asian American, wanted to know if we were interested in *their* stories. We enthusiastically responded – yes!

- You can see information [about the project on our website](#), including our 2021-2022 ILLUMINATION exhibit. (Note – we will have a web form soon so keep checking back!)
- Your Museum is working to overcome the white supremacy inherent in museum institutions including gatekeeping and erasure. We are working to address these harms, to build relationships and trust with members of the community who have been historically marginalized in hopes that the Museum 25-100 years from now will offer a more inclusive representation of the people of Springfield today -- their stories, contributions, struggles, successes, etc.

#### **Mayor's Revue:**

- Please see flier and feel free to share
- The event is October 21<sup>st</sup>
- It will start at the Emerald Art Center and then have a Revue at the wildish theater
- the event benefits the Emerald Art Center and the Springfield Rotary

#### **Museum Haunted House:**

- Planning for the haunted museum is going well
- Please see attached fliers regarding volunteer opportunities and the event itself. And please feel free to share in from the fliers

#### **Dia de los Muertos:**

- The celebration starts October 15<sup>th</sup>
- participants can :
  - get a make your own ofrenda kit
  - participate in the community of ofrenda
  - take an art workshop
  - participate in the ofrenda contest
- on November 2nd from 11 to 4 we will create a large sawdust mural on the Fountain Plaza with artists from Mexico and California
- From 4 to 5 there will be a procession in downtown Springfield