11/2022 Director’s Report

**Focus groups:**

We were able to complete two focus groups. We had very little response to the Gateway focus group, so we invited the few respondents to join the Monday group at Hayden Bridge. And although we had several Spanish speakers respond that they were interested, we have not been able to get people to confirm attendance. That focus group has been postponed and we are regrouping to see how to make it happen. The two following focus groups did take place and according to Verb they had some great feedback, I am still waiting to receive the report.

* Monday 10/17, Homes for Good/ Hayden Bridge Location – low-income focus
* Tuesday 10/18, Ridgeview Elem – Thurston area focus

**Remodel:**

* We have our next meeting with Pivot on Nov 2 to ty to wind up the design elements
* The project will go out for bid in Dec, hopefully (this has been pushed out a bit)
* As we finish up the design plans, we will be looking at furniture needs and creating a project list of what is needed
  + We are receiving several rows of shelving from EPL for free other than the cost to move it. It is metal two-sided shelving that we will use in the back room
* LMT will is working on the plan for continuation of operations during the remodel

**Fright at the Museum:**

* The first weekend of the Fright at the Museum fundraiser was a huge success. We had over 350 people go through the museum over the three evenings it was open.
* There were families with young children who took advantage of the less-scary version form 4-5:30 and older youth and adults loved the scarier version that was available from 6-8:30.
* The event starts with Haunted History that includes the Ghost of Agnes Stewart and a ghoulish lumberjack. Participants than head down the sewer to the “possessed pipes” where the encounter a haunted toilet, a FOG Monster (fats, oil, grease), a mad scientist and other creepy sights.
* The project is a collaboration of the Museum staff and staff from Environmental Services who have had an exhibit running in the front gallery on Springfield water systems. And of course, we couldn’t do it without our community volunteers!
* I’ll report about the second weekend at the meeting

**Halloween at City Hall – 3:30-5 on Monday**

* The library will be participating and heading out candy.
* There will be a magician and other fun in the City Hall Lobby

**Dia de los Muertos:**

* 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. The community is invited to participate.
* From 4 to 5 there will be a procession in downtown Springfield
* Nov 5 there will be a workshop with an artist from Oaxaca who will create alebrijes with participants.

**School tours are returning!**

* We’ve recently had two groups of school tours
* These are the first since pre-covid

**Books & Brew 2023**

* We will be in-person this year on Jan 28
* We will keep the popular Virtual Trivia event with Quality Trivia on Friday night Jan 27
* More details to come
* IF you have any interest in helping out, let me know