

09/2023 Director's Report

Staffing update:

- On-call staff are working solo shifts and we are grateful to have them.
- Youth Services Librarian:
 - Seven people were interviewed via Zoom.
 - Three will be invited back for in-person interviews in mid-September.

Remodel:

- The bid process should open again in September
- We have been working with IT make plans for turning the Library Meeting Room into a workspace for part of the staff during the remodel
- I have been in touch with a company about covering some of the columns in the library to turn them into wayfinding posts.
 - 5 will be covered,
 - a welcome post in different languages near the new front desk
 - Kids & Tweens
 - Teen Area
 - Friends of the Library and History Museum Books Store
 - One in the adult area
 - We have not settled on any graphics or design yet

Passport Program – I am providing this information share here and will leave this on the agenda for further discussion if needed

- Suggestions from other libraries in LCOL that use the Passport program:
 - There are three other libraries in LCOL that use the program: Siuslaw, Cottage Grove and Creswell with 27, 19 and 1 active card respectively
 - To set up an account the person needs ID and home library card. Call home library to verify a patron in good standing
 - Type of card they use, and access varies by library
- Thoughts on how we will set up for SPL:
 - 3-month renewal period
 - 10 items at a time
 - No access to electronic resources
 - Can we use their home library card #? And we put an SPL sticker on their card?
 - Do we need to set up a distinctive card profile type (Cottage Grove uses TOUR)
 - We need to work with our technology specialist to see the best way to set up the accounts in our system
- Who are we helping with this?
 - SPL patrons traveling elsewhere in Oregon who would like a card at a Passport library
 - People visiting here from other Passport libraries in Oregon
- FYI: Some academic libraries available on the Passport list and would be accessible. Here is the link to full list of libraries participating: <https://olaweb.org/passport-directory>

Grants

- The Ready to Read grant was submitted
 - We will use the money this year to hire a SR assistant to help with SR and pop-up library events

Summer Reading

- 1352 people registered
- Over 1.5 million minutes read!
- The Painted Sky dance event at Island Park was a huge success! 683 people attended. There were quite a few agencies involved. The dancers loved the setting under the big trees and next to the river.
- Over 3000 people attended the Plaza programming events for summer reading (this includes the Painted Sky event)

Fine Free stats

- 11,739 accounts had fines forgiven
- Of these, 3284 were blocked
- 2834 are cards that expired within the last two years. These patrons are being emailed and invited to renew their cards.

Pints for Pages is September 13, 5-9pm at Plank Town Brewing Company. 10% of all sales goes to the Library Foundation. There will also be raffles.

September is Library Card sign up month. We have a social media campaign launching and will have raffles and a scavenger hunt happening in the library