

10/2023 Director's Report

Staffing update:

- We have a verbal accepted offer for the Youth Services Librarian. Hopefully by meeting time I can tell you who it is!

Remodel:

- United Way Day of Caring group came from Pen Fed and helped prep the adult fiction shelves for the shifting that we will be doing in this collection to make room for the new meeting rooms.

Passport Program:

- Set up of this is paused until the Tech Specialist has time to address the tech side of the program

Grants

- Oregon Community Foundation grant submitted for support of pop-up library events in 2024
 - Working with five community organizations to co-locate events
 - Grant would provide additional funding for SR support person to extend time from Feb – Aug.
- LSTA:
 - The final report for the first year of the LCOL User Strategies grant + 2 month extension was submitted. We are officially into year two of this grant
 - The LCOL libraries will have a cataloging summit on Oct 5 to ensure that the same practices are being followed in the different libraries. These efforts will help clean up our catalog and make it easier to search.

Outreach to the Spanish- speaking community: Since July, SPL and SHM had a presence at the Migrant Education Summer School program, the Migrant Education Community Mercado event, Noche Cultural (in Island Park) and the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (at the Fountain Plaza).

- People spoken to: 1,836
- Books (majority Spanish) given to families: 750
- Books specifically supporting Spanish language adult literacy: 107
- Grupo de Lectura registrations: 16
- Library cards made: 20 (just offered at three of the four events)

Plaza Programs final numbers:

- This summer we hosted **9 artist groups** for **12 events**, presented to over **4,000 people** and gave away **500 program-themed literacy/activity kits** from Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum to children and families.
- We featured a diverse array of at least **7 languages** (*English, Spanish, Zulu, Arabic, Portuguese, Chinese, Hindi, Gadangme*), cultures from around the world, and artistic expressions including circus arts; ballet folklórico; Zimbabwean and South African music and dance; East African music and dance; North African/Middle Eastern and Spanish music, instruments and poetry; Bollywood Bhangra music and dance; hip-hop music, lyric and dance; traditional and contour inter-tribal Native American music, instruments, dance and

regalia (including modern, hip-hop, break dance and tap); and Lion Dance, instruments, puppets, costumes and origin story.

- **8 community partners** who supported us to make this dream summer a reality. These include Springfield Public Schools, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield Utility Board (SUB), The Jazz Station, UO Many Nations Longhouse, Beyond Toxics, Chifin Native Youth Center, and the Native Youth Wellness Program of Lane ESD.

Library/Museum in-service Nov 9.

- The Library and museum will be closed for a staff in-service day