12/2023 Director's Report

Programming and events happening in the Library & Museum:

- The 42nd annual bookmark contest kicked off in late November.
  - Will run through the first week of January
  - Open to youth kindergarten -12th grade
  - Winning bookmarks are printed and given out at the library.
  - Contest winners will be introduced at a Council meeting in early February
- Give Light Campaign kicked off and will run through March
  - Collection of cold weather items collected in the library and donated to Carry It Forward
  - Donation bin by the main entrance at the library
- School tours in the library!
  - Since Covid, we have not had our regular amount of school tours happening in the library and museum, but they are starting to pick up again
  - Three tours happened in the last week, and we have another next week
  - This is a great opportunity for the youth services staff to meet students and connect with teachers
- Library/Museum/Friends of the Library in the parade on Dec 2
- Illumination kicks off at the Museum on December 8
  - There will be a reception during the 2nd Friday art for the opening of this year's exhibit featuring the Black & African American community
  - More information is available of the website: https://wheremindsgrow.org/c.php?g=1200418&p=9343209.

Grants:

- We were awarded $15,000 from Oregon Community Foundation to support our pop-up libraries in 2024
- We submitted a Lane County Cultural Coalition grant for $2500 to support the Museum Collection Technician to continue the care and digitalization of the Museum collection
- We submitted a Mills Davis Grant for $18,000+ to support Plaza Programming and the Illumination project 24-25

Books & Brew 2024 – Luck # 13!

  - Save the date 1/27/23, the Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year
  - Funds will go toward furniture for the remodel.
  - we are planning to be able to have it despite the remodel
  - It may be a hard hat party – under construction
  - Approximately $12,000 in sponsorships raised so far
  - If you would like to get involved, let Emily know