

04-2023 Director's Report

Remodel update:

- Work has started on the three new meeting rooms. It's a bit noisy at times and we only have the study room currently available for patrons.
- The work is anticipated to go through August.
- The library will be closed 2-3 weeks at some point.
- I anticipate a more complete timeline soon.
- We may be looking for volunteers to help with some shifting of materials, more to come.

A new endowment:

- At their last meeting the Springfield Public Library Foundation voted to start a second unrestricted endowment
- They received a \$10,000 anonymous donation that they are combining with \$15,000 from their reserves to start the new endowment. \$25,000 is the minimum amount needed to start an endowment with Oregon Community Foundation.
 - Though small, it will continue to grow and support the library and museum in perpetuity.
- The Kate Wallace Endowment is at about \$109,000 and the first disbursement to the library will happen in June.
 - This endowment is restricted to materials for youth in English and Spanish.

Staffing:

- Final interviews for the Summer Support Technician position will happen April 3 & 4.
- There are three finalists.

Spring Break Highlights:

- Reptile Man: We did a ticketed event for the first time since I have worked at the library.
 - After the chaos of the crowds for Reptile Man last year with people being upset because they couldn't get in, we gave out tickets ahead of the show this year and it went smoothly.
- Lego Master Contestant: We had a presentation from Kelly Bartlett who was on the Lego Masters show. This was fun for adults and kids. Then we had a Lego program where everyone got to build with Legos
- Teen Boot Camp in the Museum: A group of teens participated in a 3-day, 6-hour program at the museum where they learned the process for caring for artifacts -from identifying objects in a box to grouping them and creating boxes to rehouse them appropriately, labeling, photographing, and cataloging them.
- Youth Librarian Abigail came up with a fun in-house activity where she created an eye-spy game where kids could find different images from the 100s of bookmarks hanging in the City Hall Kid's Gallery. It was hugely popular. I think we were all a little surprised how much!

The Oregon Library Association Conference

- April 24-27, Salem convention center
- Emily, Cara and Abigail attending this year
- Mindy is presenting a program on batch programming, where multiple organizations go together to hire a performer(s). This ends up being a great solution for both organization and the artist(s)
- Maddi & Emily are presenting on the benefits of a library-museum partnership.