

06-2024 Director's Report

Remodel update:

- The meeting rooms are still waiting for the glass for doors and windows.
 - They also need the lights installed
 - We are hoping to temporarily store some new furniture for the back room in these while the workroom is being updated
 - We currently only have the study room currently available for patrons.
- Staff have moved into the old City Manager's office, except for Abigail because we are still waiting for new carpet in her new space.
 - Carrie and Travis are there temporarily until their offices are done in the back work area.
- Work is anticipated to start in the back staff area next week July 10. I have emailed to confirm that with the contractors.
- The library will be closed 2-3 weeks in mid-late august.
 - This is when the work to the front desk, new Friends area and the Teen area will be completed.
- We may be looking for volunteers to help with some shifting of materials, more to come.
- There is a page on our website about the remodel:
https://wheremindsgrow.org/your_library/remodel
 - This way we can keep the public informed of the progress and service changes

Fundraising:

- Nearly \$800 was raised at the Jersey Mike's Fundraiser.
 - The Friends also had a few dozen books donated at the location. Lots of donations came into the library due to the advertising of the book drive
- Emily and two members of the Foundation will meet with a representative for the NWCU to ask for their continued support of the For Every Student, A Library (FESAL) program.
 - They sponsored the program for two years at \$15,000 a year, but have not pledged for the coming school year, yet.
- Emily will be invoicing the School District for their final installment of a three year pledge of \$10,000/year for FESAL.
 - We plan to ask for continued support.
 - From a report ran at the beginning of June, we have 398 active student FESAL cards and 389 active family member FESAL cards. In the eight years that we have had the program, we have served 1,363 unique students, many for multiple years and going, and 861 family members. The cost to purchase an out of City limits card is \$100/household.

Magazines in Libby:

- We now subscribe to magazines in Overdrive/Libby
- There are over 5000 magazines available.
- They are simultaneous use, so you don't have to wait!

Programming:

- Wednesday's plaza program, Revel ariel silks, had over 700 people attend!
- Sign ups are going well for SR. Sign-ups to date:
 - Adults 18+ = 308
 - Teens = 102
 - Pre-Readers = 205
 - Kids & Tweens = 318

 - Last year's totals: K&T: 395, Pre-Readers: 405, Adults: 405, Teens: 238 (Total: 1442)