

08-2024 Director's Report

Remodel update:

- The work is finishing up in the back work room.
 - It looks great!
 - Two offices were created for the manager and the Technical Specialist
 - We hope to have staff returned to this workspace by August 20
- The meeting rooms are close to completion but won't open them to the public until after the closure.
 - We are temporarily storing 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.
 - Carrie and Travis are there temporarily until their offices are done in the back work area.
- The library closure will be August 19-September 9, reopening September 10
 - This is when the work to the front desk, new Friends area and the Teen area will be completed.
- 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:

- NWCU pledged support of the For Every Student, A Library (FESAL) program for \$15,000.
- Emily will be invoicing the School District for their final installment of a three-year pledge of \$10,000/year for FESAL. (hasn't happened yet)
 - 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.
- Pints for Pages fundraiser at Plank Town on Sept 10, 5-9pm. 10% of all purchases go to the Foundation.

Programming:

- Wednesday's plaza programs continue to be a huge success.
 - This week we completed the portion that is done with collaboration with the School District.
 - The Wednesdays in July students in the summer school program are bussed in for the programs, then the performer goes out to one school to have a more intimate presentation with those students.
 - These events are paid for by a grant with the school district. We develop and manage the plaza programming part of it.

- There have been so many lovely interactions between the students and the performers, and the School District has been very happy with the results.

- Summer Reading has been extended until September 7 due to the closure.
 - I don't have to date #s on participation, but will try to have them by meeting time.
 - The "find the stuffie" program is so popular! We get about 150 raffle tickets a week from kids who have found the stuffie – fun!

- Pop-up Library events a success!
 - We have had three to date and they have all been well attended with many community partners.
 - We are reaching families that don't have library cards and/or don't know about all our services.
 - We are able to make cards at the sites!
 - Today we had a Pop-up at Homes For Good Hayden Bridge site and gave away tickets to the Drifters game for Monday (where we will be doing a Pop-up Library with the Hope Project). We also gave out one-passes.
 - Join us at the Drifters game Monday Aug 5, game starts at 6:45!