

10-2024 Director's Report

Remodel update:

- The Remodel Celebration was a huge success!
 - Special thanks to Violet, Cutis, Ofelia and Angela for planning it.
 - We had about 50 people through for the Open House/Ribbon Cutting
 - Here is the link to the Chamber article about it:
<https://springfieldbottomline.com/2024/09/springfield-public-library-reopens-with-improvements-and-renovations>
 - We had about 100 people through for the Family event
 - The scavenger hunt was a big success – thank you, Violet!
 - Our performer was a new one for us, Katie Sontag and she did a great job!
 - We had plenty of snacks provided and they were all eaten. The Nothing Bundt Cakes were a hit!
 - NWCU gave away lots of raffle tickets for the September Raffle baskets.
- We are receiving lots of positive feedback on the updates.
- Staff are still working to finish the behind-the-scenes stuff.
- We are still waiting new furniture.

Staffing:

- We are down one tech position. We had a staff member move to another department.
 - We have been asked to hold this position vacant as we look at the budget for the coming year.
 - Most likely we will lose this position and will need to cut hours.
 - The City has a structural imbalance and is looking at ways to stimulate new revenue and also at service reductions. The City is putting together a task force of community members/stakeholders to look at different possibilities.
- We will have an on-call recruitment opening Oct 4
 - We continue to rely on on-call staff to staff desks and help with circulation services – checking books in.

Outreach:

- Fall is a busy time for Outreach!
 - School events at:
 - Two Rivers/Dos Rios- 150 people talked to
 - Walterville – 250 people talked to (FESAL School)
 - Briggs MS- talked to 67 people, 18 library cards made
 - Thurston MS – 121 people talked to
 - And more coming!
 - Hispanic Heritage Month – 405 people talked to, 7 cards made, 227 books given away
 - Springfield Block Party: 682 people talked to, LOTS of Plinko books given away
 - Arc of Lane County Pop-up Library at the Carnival – 382 People talked to, 5 library cards, 96 Plinko books given away.

Programming:

- 104 people at the first story time after the closure!
- First Music & Movement storytime in the LMR was a big success.
- Teen programming continues to attract a regular crowd each week.
- We have the Letter's From a Stranger passive program happening from Oregon Humanities
- Fright at the Museum will take place the two weekends before Halloween and we are still looking for volunteers. Contact Maddi if you are interested.