

**FY 26 budget preparation:**

- Reduction of \$80K to budget means loss of 1 library tech position for FY26
- Other aspects of the budget will stay predominately stable
- The Foundation is taking over the payment of the Overdrive books and magazines database, approximately \$15,000
- This savings helps offset the increase in cost of promotion of tech to Lead Circulation Specialist
- Management staff is preparing the documents.
- Budget committee meetings will happen in May

**Library security gates to be replaced:**

- Current gates are out of warranty
- We are soliciting bids
- The gates are for security, but also provide the door count of visitors. We have had issues with both features working correctly on the current gates, especially the door count, and are looking forward to more accuracy.

**Successes.**

- The Grupo de Lectura Event on Saturday, Jan 25 was a huge success
  - Over 90 people attended
  - The event featured several authors reading from a book of poetry from Spanish speaking poets living in Oregon
- The Museum hosted a listening session with members of the Illumination community on Jan 23
- Over 20 people attended and discussed the impact of the project and the next steps for the project
  - Unity, connection and collaboration across the communities represented were part of the central themes

**Upcoming events:**

- Feb 7, History Night at the Wildish, Natasha Chitow from Cottage Grove will present on the George Weyerhaeuser kidnapping
- Feb 8, Illumination event at the Wildish
  - Event starts at 4:30
  - A highlight film from this year's Illumination will be shown
  - A panel discussion
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- Books & Brew, Feb 15!