

07-2025 Director's Report

Staffing:

- Library Tech Betty Morales has taken a position with the planning department. We are sad to lose Betty, but it is a good move for her personally and will be great for the planning front desk and great that she is staying with the city.
 - She will do a job share for the rest of the summer – 20 hours in the library and 20 in planning starting July 13.
 - We got permission to hire a new tech and will open the recruitment asap.
 - We hope to have someone hired and trained by September to replace Betty
- The on-call recruitment closes July 6
 - We will try to turn this around quickly to get some new people hired
 - Chloe, our on-call tech who was covering about 4-5 shifts a week, moved and her last day was 6/20
 - Most of our current on-call can only cover one shift a week, so we look forward to getting some more people hired
- We have a summer student intern again this year through the SPS Youth Transitions Program
 - This program pays the students to work 15 hours a week, and they get work experience in an area that they are interested in.
 - Casper is helping out with tasks around the library, assisting with Teen Tuesdays and the Plaza Programs on Wednesdays. He is doing a great job so far.

Logo:

- The City Manager's Office asked us to pause the logo because of the optics of launching a new brand during a period of uncertain budgets
- We will revisit launching the logo in the fall

Funding support

- The School District renewed their funding partnership with us for another year to support FESAL (For Every Student, A Library) that provides out-of-city students and families with library cards.
 - We will receive \$10,000 in support.
 - As a part of this we are also lending the elementary summer support programs with bags of books from our collection to support the curriculum.
 - The first sets were delivered today (7/1)

Programming:

- The first two Summer Plaza Programs have gone really well!
- SR reading numbers are strong. I will try to have a number for you at the meeting.
 - The Fry Bread Taco fundraiser was a huge success and made about \$2000!

- We are waiting to hear about the scholarship from the Siletz Tribe. If that is received, then the funds will be raised to send the team to ATALM. IF it is not, we will have more fundraising... stay tuned.
- July 18: There will be a History Night at the Wildish Theater
- Tuesday storytimes resumed today and will continue through the summer
- Chess in the library on Wednesdays 4:30-6, all ages. Great participation so far.
- The Laser Tag Summer Reading Kick-off for Teens was a big success.
 - Our number of participants was down but the kids were thrilled because they got to play more than once.
 - Thanks to Heather for helping out that evening
- Pop-up libraries have begun. Krista is on site today at a Summer Lunch site.
 - More to come on the upcoming dates.