

10-2025 Director's Report

Staffing:

- Krista Raasch was hired as the new library technician.
 - Krista was our summer outreach specialist for the last couple of years. Staffing the Pop-up library events and helping with the summer plaza programs.
 - We are excited to have her on board full time.

Active Library Card Users

- This is up to pre-pandemic numbers!
- Currently 19,800

Programming

- Summer Reading
 - Final count for Summer Reading participants was 1301. That is up from last year.
 - 302 Pre-readers
 - 428 Kids & Tweens
 - 127 Teens
 - 444 Adults
 - This year for adults we gave them a coupon to the Friends Book Store to pick out their own book and this was usually popular
- Springfield Block Party & Hispanic Heritage Celebration Were both the same night and very successful.
 - We had two library/museum tables, one at Hispanic Heritage month near the plaza and one in front of the museum. The museum was open until 8:00 and had over 200 visitors.
- Fright at the Museum happening Oct 16-18 and 23-25
 - On October 8, we are showing the 1932 Frankenstein Movie at the Wildish Theater. Doors Open at 6:30, movie at 7:00
 - On oct 18 there is a pet costume contest that we are partnering with the new pet store on Main Street, Pup's Place to make this happen.
- Lots of outreach at the schools happening at the schools as they have their back-to-school nights.

Collections:

- The library is actively purchasing decodable books and creating a collection
 - They will be distinguished by "D" sticker on the spine level.

- What is a decodable book? Decodable books encourage children to sound out words using decoding strategies rather than guessing from pictures or predicting from other cues. They can be introduced once beginning readers have learned some simple grapheme–phoneme correspondences and can blend from left to right.
- In early summer we had two Manga collection experts from Graphic Novel Library review our Manga collection and help us update it.
 - We added about 300 new titles.
 - The books have been flying off the shelf

Miscellaneous:

- We will have a donation barrel for Lane County Diaper Bank in the library starting Oct 6 for about a month. Spread the word!

Save the dates:

- There will be a second Pints for Pages in November at Oakshire, exact date TBD
- Nov 6, library in-service day, library closed
- February 21, 2026, Books for Brews