

11-2025 Director's Report

Staffing:

- Fun fact: One of our on-call folks, Ethan, is now working on the front desk as well as helping with check-in duties. He has been coming to our library since he was a little kid. I remember him coming to my Storytimes and his dad was always so excited about the children's flea market that we used to do in the summer. He is native Spanish speaker and has been able to help with Spanish speaking patrons on many occasions. It is so fun to watch someone grow up in the library and then come to work here.
- We will have an intern from the Connected Lane County Tech Accelerator Program starting in mid-November.
 - He will spend three days a week in the library, one in GIS, and one in IT.
 - He will be paid by Connected Lane while gaining job experience here at the City.
 - This is our first internship with Connected Lane County

Grants/donations:

- Kristen wrote a Rotary grant, and it was awarded!
 - The amount is \$2500 to purchase adult books in Spanish for give-aways
 - This is part of our literacy efforts. Books in Spanish are harder to find and by making them available to adults we help adults with their reading and if they have children or grandchildren that see them reading, then it reinforces the importance of literacy.
 - Having more books in the home is directly correlated to literacy as well.
- We received a \$20,000 donation to enhance our selection in Libby. The first \$5000 of that is being spent to purchase titles that are not already in Overdrive.

Programming:

- Fright at the Museum was a huge success!
 - We raised \$4,237 and scared 1,164 people
 - This entire event is almost completely run by volunteers!
- Dia de Muertos:
 - Community Altar is up in the Museum window until November 12
 - The main event and procession are on Wednesday Nov 5, 4:30-7pm with music and art in City Hall followed by the Procession to see the Community Altar at the museum with more music and pan de Muerto.
- Community Craft Swap, Nov 8 1-2:30
 - People can bring gently used or leftover craft supplies and take from what is there
 - Donations are being dropped off already
 - This event was a huge hit a few years ago.

Miscellaneous:

- The donation barrel for Lane County Diaper Bank will be in the library until Nov 14
- We will then have a Catholic Community Services barrel for the cold weather drive through the beginning of January.
- A food collection barrel for Springfield High School food pantry will be in the library starting next week as well.