

## 02-2026 Director's Report

Updated Community Survey:

[https://springfield-or.libwizard.com/f/2026 SPLHM User Survey](https://springfield-or.libwizard.com/f/2026_SPLHM_User_Survey)

- I am waiting to meet with the City Pio and get her feedback
- Then the survey will be translated
- We hope to have it published and available by mid-February

A couple of anecdotes:

- KPEW has a local youth radio program in Springfield. Many of the participants are BPIC youth and many are Latinx. The coordinators of the program were in the library the other day and worked with Librarian Kristen Cure to pick out books in Spanish or bilingual about Latinx culture and history, like folktales. What Johanis Tadeo, one of the coordinators, said was that the kids are great at talking about current events and interviewing people, but struggle to talk about their own identity and culture. They brought the young people in, and they picked a book that resonated with them then they recorded talking about the book. According to the coordinator the project was a huge success. The kids really got into it. He complimented the Spanish-language collection and was so excited to have a reason to return to the Kids & Tweens area where he spent so much time as a youth. Kristen spends a lot of time and attention collecting books that are published originally in Spanish. There are not reviews about these books and they are harder to find. The effort really pays off and patrons notice.
- Springfield schools on posted FB about last year having a record graduation rate. One of the girls pictured was somebody who made it to graduation partially because of what we offer as a library and the power of adults in our community caring about teens! She's very active in Young Leaders and with Marianne Walker (a program we offer for teens). She's had unstable housing and a difficult life, but with the support of the community, made it and has progressed on to LCC! So, if you're ever wondering about the difference teh library staff make, seeing that picture was a reminder that having staff that connect and support teens can help change a young person's trajectory.
- Lunar New Year Celebration in City Hall, 11-2pm

