

## **05-2026 Director's Report**

### **A HUGE THANK YOU:**

- Staff really appreciated the treats all week during National Library Week
- Thank you for your time and effort in making staff feel special, especially during this difficult change.
- We can face difficult challenges and celebrate the great work that we do all at once.

### **The Library User Survey:**

- We have been asked to pause the release of the survey until after the end of the budget process because city leadership is concerned that people's responses will be affected by the proposed cuts.
- We will still plan to:
  - Have some paper copies available for non-technology people in the library
  - Ask community partners to share
  - Develop a flyer that has a QR code to the survey – I will share this with the Board to help distribute when the time comes

### **Foundation hiring a new consultant:**

- If you know anyone who may be interested in a development consultant position with the Foundation, please share the link to the application on the Foundation's website: <https://splforegon.org/>
- Duties: high-level admin including Board support, fundraising & grant writing. 10-12 hrs/month, \$40-\$60/hour.
- The Foundation's former consultant has retired.

### **FESAL funding uncertain:**

- We lost our major funder of the For Every Student, A Library (FESAL) program.
- Northwest Community Credit Union has been our major funder, contributing \$15,000 a year since 2022. NWCU merged with a WA bank and became Peak. The merger cost more than anticipated according to the staff I met with. They had to reevaluate how they are distributing money in the community and decided to support SPS directly instead of through this program.
- The School District has been the other sponsor of the program at \$10,000/year since 2022. We are making the request again this year but given their financial situation, I am unsure if they will continue.

- We will be looking for a new sponsor, and will plan to continue the program through the coming school year regardless of funding levels, but cannot maintain it long term without funding/sponsorship
- You can find the latest FESAL statistics here: <https://wheremindsgrow.org/fesal>

### **Día de los Niños /Día de los Libros a Big Success:**

- On April 24<sup>th</sup> we once again celebrated Children's Day at Guy Lee Elementary. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that we have held the event at Guy Lee since it got to big to hold at the library.
- Many community partners contribute to the success of the event including Comunidad y Herencia Cultural and Eugene Arte Latino.
- I don't know exact numbers, but there were many hundred children and families.

### **Upcoming:**

- Judy Harold the former SPL Youth Services Librarian who won the state's Intellectual Freedom Award for standing up against anti-gay groups in the 90s who wanted to remove books from the children's collection like *Heather Has Two Mommies*, will be honored with a History Maker Award at the Council on June 1.
- Summer Reading and Plaza Programming will start the week of June 15.