



MAY 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

In May, we continued with projects we started in April, as well as prepared for upcoming services and programs.

Library staff continued inventorying and weeding the library's print and AV collections. The largest collections have completed their inventory, and have been 90% weeded of poor condition, outdated, and unused items. New subject-based non-fiction interest areas are being developed, including travel, biographies, and self-help.

Virtual services expanded to include CreativeBug, an online resource with arts and crafts classes and workshops. For programs, we added a Spanish stories for children and brought back the English Conversation Group, now meeting on Zoom.

Major efforts went into preparing for re-entry. Staff created plans for increasing patron and staff safety once the building is open, and prioritized services to provide in an incremental manner.

In-person library services resumed with curbside holds pickup for patrons with library items already waiting for them. We also resumed our 'pick lists,' pulling items off our shelves that our citizens requested.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) had to change to adapt to the current situation, so staff developed revised structures for the SRP. One new aspect is an online component we have been wanting to add for awhile now. We are partnering with Beanstack, which provides a website and app for SRP participants to track their reading. To promote the SRP, Youth Services staff created a fun video skit and sent it to local schools to share with their students.

Also in May in coordination with City of Wilsonville staff, the library hosted a Red Cross blood drive for all City employees. Thirty-one staff donated enough blood to save seventy-eight lives.

In other news, Outreach Librarian Deborah Gitlitz was elected to be on the American Library Association's Caldecott Committee for 2022. This national committee selects the most distinguished American picture book for children from books published in the preceding year. It is quite an honor, and we are proud of Deborah!

-Pat Duke, Library Director