



AUGUST 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

It is hard to believe that it's been two months since we opened the building to the public again.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) ended. Nearly three hundred library users across all ages registered accounts with Beanstack, the SRP online app, while many participants also chose to submit their completed reading and science logs on paper and via email. The reading challenge was especially popular, with over 20,000 reading days logged for the summer.

August is our traditional month for Youth Services staff to review the summer events and plan for fall programs, so youth programs were on a break for the month. For adults, our monthly programs Article Club, Book Club, and English Conversation Group continued. The "Profiles" presentations held by popular instructor Dr. Bill Thierfelder featured biographies of Mary Shelley and Harriet Tubman. History Pub, a program in collaboration with McMenamins, was postponed.

In cooperation with Parks and Recreation and Public Works, Youth Services staff are developing a "story walk" for families to enjoy in Memorial Park. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story.

A Red Cross Blood Drive was held on August 21. Sixteen donors registered and provided sixteen units of blood that will serve forty-eight patients in need. With the safety measures in place for blood donation, this drive was able to reach the Red Cross's 100% goal attainment for the drive.

The Chromebooks purchased with the support of the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation are now in circulation and available to the public. So far the response has been positive to this solution for providing computer services to Wilsonville citizens.

Library staff participated in a safety drill to prepare for an emergency triggered by someone's suspicious/threatening behavior. Staff reviewed protocol and evacuation procedures, and tested the emergency response system.

As part of library outreach, Library staff participated in the Heart of the City's "Gear Up for School" event on August 15. Over one hundred bags containing children's books and information about the library were donated for the cause.

-Pat Duke, Library Director