



AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) for all ages ended August 31. Over 200 children, teens, and adults participated in the Reading Log Challenge, over 125 participated in the Science Challenge, and 140 participated in the Summer Activity Challenge (aka 'Bingo'). The Grand Prize Drawing will be held in early September.

Youth Services staff spent the month creating and providing weekly "Take and Make Kits". These free kits were available for children to pick up at the library, and included a different science-related craft each week. The kits were popular and often gone by the second day they were made available. Youth Services staff delivered books to Club K (an afterschool program with 35 kids) about different topics every week over the summer. We intend to continue to foster the relationship with Club K during the school year. As part of their annual planning schedule, Youth Services staff used August to plan and prepare for upcoming fall programs, including receiving training on the new digital video camera to be used to film Storytime.

Adult programs in August featured an online presentation by Dr. Bill Thierfelder about five women science fiction and fantasy authors. The Article Club discussed "How the Pentagon Started Taking U.F.O.s Seriously" by Gideon Lewis-Kraus in *The New Yorker* magazine. The Book Club met online to discuss *Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams. The weekly English Class & Conversation Group continued to meet online. In conjunction with Youth Services, Adult Services staff created and provided "Take and Make Kits" for teens and adults, which featured blank journals, writing prompts, and assorted summer-related puzzles and activity sheets.

The American Red Cross held a blood drive in the library parking lot on August 20. Fifteen donors contributed enough blood to potentially save 39 lives.

Our volunteer base got a boost in August. Key Bank employees and National Honor Society students volunteered their services throughout the month. We appreciate their efforts and look forward to this fall.

In library operations news, the library extended open hours on August 13 for the heat wave. Per the Governor's executive order, as of August 13, a mask mandate was reinstated. Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) announced more standardized loan periods throughout the county, which will begin September 1. For the Wilsonville Library, this means extending loan periods on some items such as DVDs and Large Print fiction.

The Wilsonville Friends of the Library resumed normal open hours with their "Twice Sold Tales" bookstore located in the library's lobby. To promote their new schedule, the Friends held a Mega Book Sale inside the library August 24-31.

-Pat Duke, Library Director