



JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

Due to scheduling issues, previously recorded children's programs were presented as "encore" performances in lieu of live performances. To bolster these programs, Youth Services staff assembled book bundles for Toddler Time and "Take and Make" activity packets which included activities and supplies for making crafts related to the month's encore Storytime performances. The "Take and Make" activity packets have proved to be a big hit during the pandemic and a great way to engage the community.

On the teen side, two programs were held: a 2020 Quarantine Bingo and a popular online game. The teen events continue to grow in attendance and provide an opportunity for teens to meet and converse online.

Adult programs continued with our regularly scheduled monthly Article Club, Book Club, and PROFILES presentation ("Dinosaurs Among Us!"). New this month was a writing workshop about "Story Arc and Point of View," taught by a local author and educator. The English Conversation Group resumed meeting on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Summer Reading Program planning is underway in coordination with West Linn Public Library to provide similar reading challenge formats. We are also working with Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) to create a reading log that will be published in local Pamplin Media newspapers that all Clackamas County libraries can use. This will be the first year that this kind of wide-spread collaboration on summer reading is taking place.

Despite the library's limited open hours, citizens are making use of the Library's materials. Compared to pre-pandemic times, we have seen a 300% increase in the number of items that we have on our holds shelves awaiting pickup by citizens. Recently we are also seeing a 100% increase in the number of electronic library card applications.

The new furniture planning continues. As of this writing, nearly 90% of the old furniture has been claimed and taken away by other libraries and schools.

City Manager Bryan Cosgrove presented Youth Librarian Brad Clark with the Distinguished Service Award. Library Services Manager Steven Engelfried spoke of Brad's outstanding work and effort in making youth programs available online. Thanks to Brad's technical knowledge and leadership, the library was able to present live, interactive virtual versions of Family Storytime, Toddler Time, and teen events, as well as prerecorded videos of Baby Rhyme Time and Spanish Read-alouds for Niños for citizens to enjoy at their leisure.

-Pat Duke, Library Director