



APRIL 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

Children's programs continued with the weekly combined Toddler Time/Baby Time session and Family Storytime, and the twice a month Teen gaming events. Youth Services staff created two new Take and Make kits for April which featured catapults and "seed bombs" (a mixture of flower seeds, compost, and clay that can be thrown or broken up to plant flowers). Youth services staff had a busy month as they created a presentation for the Oregon Library Association's annual conference and worked diligently to plan and prepare for the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Adult programs in April celebrated National Poetry Month with a presentation about poet Langston Hughes, and "Blackout Poetry" stations in the library using recycled book pages. Article Club met and discussed the state of higher education, and the Book Club discussed the graphic novel trilogy "March" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The English Conversation Group met twice a week and continues to see a steady growth of members.

Progress continues with the Strategic Planning process. The consultant for the Strategic Plan met virtually with staff in April to discuss their vision for future library services. On the public side, a survey is now available online for citizens to contribute their input to the future of the library.

The Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) Directors Group announced that all LINCC libraries will discontinue quarantining items per the latest recommendations by the CDC and Clackamas County Health. Inter-library loans (library items that are requested and borrowed from libraries outside of Clackamas County) will resume shortly.

The American Red Cross held a blood drive at the library on April 2. The next blood drive will be held in June.

As a part of regular staff education, library staff attended training about dealing with problem behaviors related to COVID-19.

A new video editing computer was installed for library staff to use. This computer will be a great help for making our recorded virtual programs easier and faster to edit and will help staff deliver a better product to the community.

The Oregon Library Association annual conference was held online. Library staff attended virtual sessions amid their work schedules. The Youth Services staff gave a presentation entitled "Ready Storytime One: Embracing the Reality of Virtual Programs" which had nearly 200 people in attendance, and was widely regarded as one of the best programs of the conference.

As of April 13, the library resumed the open hours schedule from the fall, with the library open 30 hours a week. Due to Clackamas County going into the Extreme Risk category as of April 30, the library reduced its maximum capacity to 20 people starting that date.

-Pat Duke, Library Director