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MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

December is always a special month for us with the approach of the holidays, and this year was no exception.

As an adjunct to library programs, Youth Services and Adult Services staff created “Take and Make Bags” for the month of December. The Youth Services staff pre-recorded programs for Storytime and assembled Take and Make bags that included activities to accompany the featured stories each week. Teen bags included hot cocoa mix and treats for teens to enjoy at their virtual Hot Cocoa party. Adult bags contained a variety of holiday-related activities, as well as supplies to make a waterless snow globe. The bags were very popular, with all supplies gone within four days of becoming available.

Due to popular request, we added an additional English Conversation Group to our weekly schedule. The new group meets online Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Libraries in Clackamas County’s (LINCC) “Library of Things” collection won a 2020 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The “Library of Things” is a collection of non-standard items for patrons to check out that is hosted at a library. The things include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, bakeware/kitchenware, board games and recreational kits, event/party equipment, home equipment (e.g., VHS to DVD converter, therapy light), musical instruments, science/technology kits and tools. The Wilsonville Public Library is one of nine LINCC libraries that participate in the Library of Things.

County network upgrades on December 12 resulted in an anticipated internet outage at the library, which made the library catalog unavailable. However, due to issues with the upgrades, item transfers between libraries was unavailable for nearly a week. Library staff took action and were able to continue to provide services to citizens despite the outage challenges.

All library staff participated in City-wide COVID-19 training provided by Human Resources and the Emergency Operations Center.

Progress continues to be made with the plan for new furniture. Staff are considering fabric samples for the new furniture. In the meantime, we offered our old furniture to other Oregon libraries. As of this writing, nearly 80% of the old furniture has been claimed, and most of it taken away.

Three new on-call library clerks were hired and have received their training. We are happy to have them on board!

-Pat Duke, Library Director