



JUNE 2021

MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) kicked off June 1. This annual program is for all ages, has multiple components: a Reading Log, a Science Exploration Log, and a Summer Activity Challenge (aka Bingo). This summer's theme is "Reading Colors Your World," and summer programs embrace this theme with a focus on equity, diversity and inclusion..

Children's and teen programs resumed June 22. Toddler/Baby Time returned online on Tuesday mornings, and Storytime returned Thursday mornings as "Family Stories and Science," which is Storytime with a science demonstration by our Youth Services staff. Teens have weekly online gaming events with book talks.

Adult programs included our regular monthly Article Club and Book Club. In line with the SRP theme, Dr. Bill Thierfelder started a 3-part presentation/discussion series called "Changing Your Perspective", with the June event built around sharing the books that were perspective-changing for Dr. Bill and participants. The weekly English Conversation Group came back in a revised format as "English Class & Conversation Group"; each session includes a lesson followed by an opportunity to practice English in casual conversation.

The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Friday, June 11. Twenty-one donors provided enough blood to potentially save 57 lives.

In conjunction with the City of Wilsonville's Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, library staff created a display with related books and provided a reading list for the *Boones Ferry Messenger*.

The library underwent major operating changes throughout the month as we prepared to return to normal operations starting July 1. The book stacks were re-opened for browsing at the beginning of June and then the public computers were made available as of June 22. A select group of volunteers returned for training and currently assist with shelving, with more volunteers steadily coming on-board.

The Friends of the Library continue to prepare for reopening the Twice Sold Tales bookstore in the library's lobby. They plan to re-open the bookstore sometime in July.

With the unprecedented heat wave, the library functioned as an air-conditioned space for people to use over the weekend of June 26, opening on our regularly closed days of Sunday and Monday as well as extended hours on Saturday. Over 800 people visited the library during the heat wave, with some enjoying family movies while social distanced in the Oak Room and others relaxing with books at socially distanced tables.

As of June 30, in accordance with City of Wilsonville policy, the library removed its COVID restrictions, including mask requirements, capacity limits, and time limits.

-Pat Duke, Library Director