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MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

November was a challenging month for us as we navigated the Governor's freeze order.

The Governor's freeze order resulted in the library having to make changes to meet the recommendations in the order. Many staff resumed partial telecommuting, which reduced the number of staff in the building and impacted library open hours. The library is now open twenty hours a week, with a renewed emphasis on curbside delivery service.

Meanwhile, November programs continued as planned. Toddler Time and Family Storytime were held live online through Zoom and YouTube. New episodes of Baby Rhyme Time and Spanish Read-Alouds for Ninos were released each week. The teens held two virtual events on Zoom, featuring a trivia night and a digital escape room.

Adult programs included Article Club, Book Club, and English Conversation Group. The "Profiles" presentation about Nikola Tesla saw a number of new participants and a lively discussion. History Pub, a program in collaboration with McMenamins, was postponed.

The Friends of the Wilsonville Library held their final Book Donation Drive of the year on November 4. This helped restock the Friends' bookstore "Twice Sold Tales" in the library's lobby, which is currently selling books online.

Library staff examined possible means of providing computer services to the public inside the library in a safe manner. At this time with the COVID-19 infection trend in Clackamas County, it was decided to postpone providing computer services.

Behind the scenes, library staff continue to improve the adult non-fiction collection by developing special collections for biographies, travel, and "History of Things". When the bookstacks become available to the public, these special collections will make browsing easier and more functional.

The Fall 2020 Library Programs survey is available online through the "Let's Talk, Wilsonville!" website. Over fifty citizens have completed the survey as of this writing. The survey will close December 15.

-Pat Duke, Library Director