

# OCTOBER 2018 MONTHLY REPORT



Library roses still in bloom in September

### Manager's Report

This year the Summer Reading Program began just as the library renovation was finishing up. Over 2,300 kids and teens signed up for the Summer Reading Program, with 1,200 completing the program by reading for at least 20 minutes for 20 days or more. Nearly 600 kids completed a Science Log by doing ten our more science activities over the summer — the highest number ever. On the adult side, over 100 adults completed the Adult Summer Reading Program. Adult finishers read over 3,000 books (a 36% increase over last year).

In September, we started a new season of programs. We also delved deeper into new plans for furniture and signage, which are the last pieces of our renovation project. Staff took a fresh look at merchandising, including developing new interactive displays like our Banned Books display with a "Guess the Shredded Banned Book," which was popular.

-Shasta Barnes, Library Operations Manager

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# Children's Services

#### Youth Programs Return

Youth programs resumed in September at full speed. During the first week of programs we offered 15 presentations for kids and teens, in the library and at schools, reaching over 1,000 youth.

#### **Mexican Dance Class**

Twenty-five kids are learning to dance in our new "Mexican Dance Class," which debuted in September. Participants will attend ten weekly classes, then take part in a special performance for the public at the library in early December. Lessons are taught by a bilingual community volunteer.

#### **UPCOMING:**

 "Slightly Spooky Stories" on October 30 and 31: Spooky Stories, costumes, and the Pumpkin Patch Polka Parade



Youth Services staff performing at Storytime.

 "Science Zone" on October 24 at 1:30 pm with fun science challenges for grades 3-5 on a school early release day



Nerf blasters for Teen Nerf Night.

# **Teen Services**

#### **Teen Nerf Night**

On September 14, nearly 50 teens in grades 6 through 12 took part in "Nerf Night," which included a two-on-two tournament, Nerf freeze tag, and other Nerf-related activities. Teen events take place after the library is closed, so the Nerf-madness spread across the whole library.

#### **UPCOMING:**

 Teen "Murder Mystery Night" on October 12: an annual event in which teens work in teams to solve a tricky mystery. And there's a costume contest! August 2018 Page 6

## **Adult Services**

#### **Banned Book Display**

As part of "Banned Books Month," Reference Librarian Malia Laughton created a display with jars of shredded banned books. Each jar contained the shreddings from one banned book that had been donated to the library and was unusable. Patrons tried to guess the titles for entry into a prize drawing in October.

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A contest for patrons to guess the title of the shredded banned books on display.

#### **UPCOMING:**

- Book Notes Concerts return October 13
- "The Marriage of Art & Fiction" class starts October 31
- "Card Making for Adults" class starts October 25
- Wilsonville Boones Ferry Historical Society's "Photo Round-Up" on Saturday, Oct. 13
- Wilsonville Public Library Foundation's "A Toast to Imagination" fundraising event on Saturday, Oct. 27



Voter registration forms available in English and Spanish.

# **Around the Library**

#### **DVD Thief Apprehended**

We've had a rash of DVD thefts over the past month. Library staff caught the person in the act of stealing the DVDs. Staff then called the police. Wilsonville police contacted the person of interest and made it clear to them that they are prohibited from returning to the library.

#### **Voter Registration Forms Available**

The library has Oregon Voter Registration forms available in English and Spanish. The last day to register to vote is October 16. Registration forms postmarked, or submitted online, by October 16 are valid.

