



AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

The beloved Summer Reading Program came to an exciting end as kids, teens, and adults turned in their final Reading Logs, Science Logs, and Bingo Cards. Over the summer, more than 1,000 Wilsonville readers participated in the Summer Reading Program. Thank you to everyone who joined in the reading and science fun!

Youth programs in August featured STEAM programs for kids of all ages. OMSI, Oregon Coast Aquarium, and the University of Oregon Natural History Museum held classes for preschoolers through 5th graders. On the arts side, Youth Music Project held an "Instrument Petting Zoo," where kids could try out different rock music instruments, and Japanese youth drumming group enTaiko performed a concert in Memorial Park. Youth programs return in September with the return of Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, Play Group for the little ones, and Teen Drop-in Afterschool Activities for teens.

Adult programs included a Space Talk about the Mars helicopter Ingenuity, an online program about Cleopatra, and a concert by the Portland Lesbian Choir. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *Jerry & Marge Go Large*.

August also saw our 4th annual Short Story Contest for all ages. We received over thirty entries by the submission deadline. Library staff will judge the stories for creativity, style, and voice. Winners for each age group will be announced at the end of September.

We had a number of staffing changes in August. Long-time Volunteer Coordinator Mary Jo Anca retired and our Teen Intern Isabella Coppola had her last day at the library after a culminating project that included a wall-to-wall bulletin board display. Outreach Librarian Crystal Reynolds started work and has already been to several outreach events in the community. We hired Ethan Picman as the new Library Services Manager and we are excited for him to begin work at the library in September. Recruitment for the Volunteer Coordinator and a weekend Circulation Clerk has started.

A new microfilm reader provided by the Library Foundation has arrived and is located in its new home behind the public computers.

The microfilm reader is already seeing use by history enthusiasts.

The library has a new drive-up bookdrop! Thanks go to the Public Works department for installing it so quickly, and for striping the library drive-up and parking lot for better traffic flow.



-Shasta Sasser, Library Director