



FEBRUARY 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

The Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a special birthday week from February 13-19. The week-long celebration featured \$10 in overdue fines forgiveness per person each day, as well as a variety of activities for all ages. Activities included a Library Trivia Game and a Library Valentines station, where visitors wrote on paper hearts reasons they love the library. The Scavenger Hunt, which had patrons exploring the library as they searched for the 18 Sasquatches to solve the puzzle, was very popular, particularly with families. "Forty Years Loved" was the theme of the week as we recognized and celebrated forty years of excellent community support for the Library.

Mayor Fitzgerald recently filmed the State of the City address at the Wilsonville Library. We were pleased and honored that she chose the Library as the location for the filming, particularly during our anniversary week.

The job opening for Library Director was posted in mid-February. Candidates have until mid-March to apply.

Youth Services continued their winter program line-up. Toddler/Baby Time livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube weekly, and despite cold temperatures, weekly Family Storytime forged on at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park with growing attendance.

Adult programs continued in virtual formats. In recognition of Black History Month, Dr. Bill Thierfelder gave a presentation on William Still and the Underground Railroad. Article Club and the English Class & Conversation Group met. Book Club discussed *The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives* by Leonard Mlodinow. An American Red Cross blood drive was held on February 1.

Library services expanded with the addition of Hoopla, a new digital streaming service. Hoopla allows Wilsonville Library users to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, magazines, and TV episodes without a wait.

Library staff participated in the second of three Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion trainings. Additional training will occur in March.

Three new on-call reference librarians were hired and have started working at the children's and adult Reference Desks as substitutes.

-Shasta Sasser, Interim Library Director

