



JULY 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

The Summer Reading Program enthusiastically went into full swing in July. Readers of all ages began their reading and then turning in their Reading Logs, Science Logs, and Bingo Cards. The demand for the Reading Logs and Bingo Cards was so high that we had to reorder them from the printer!

Youth programs continued with twice-weekly Baby & Toddler Time on Tuesday mornings, Stories & Science twice-weekly on Wednesdays, and weekly Thursday Summer Fun Shows in the Grove Shelter in Memorial Park. July performers included storyteller Habiba Addo, magician Seth Howard, juggler Rhys Thomas, and The Reptile Man (Richard Ritchey). Our staff-led youth programs will go on break in August, with a series of STEAM events by outside presenters being offered for kids throughout the month.

Teen summer programs on Tuesdays included “Library After Dark”, a flash fiction writing workshop, and the annual Party in the Park with the traditional exploding watermelon—teens wrap rubber bands around a watermelon until it explodes. Teen programs go on break in August, before heading into regular fall programming.

Adult programs included a Space Talk about the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, an online program about Seneca Falls and the Women’s Right to Vote movement, and a weekly class about women astronomers. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was 80 for Brady.

On the staffing front, we hired Crystal Reynolds as the new Outreach Librarian. She will start work at the library in August. Recruitment for the Library Services Manager position closed in July, with interviews scheduled for August 1.

As of July 1, overdue fines for most items are now 10 cents per day per item, with a maximum fine of \$1. Most libraries in the LINCC (Libraries in Clackamas County) cooperative share the same overdue fine policy.

New to the Library of Things collection are Google Chromebooks and internet hotspots. Patrons can check out these items for free for 14 days. Also added to our Library of Things collection are an electric paddle board pump, new board games, and pop-up canopy. With support from the Wilsonville Library Foundation, a new microfilm reader has been purchased, which is currently being tested before finding a home in the Tech Center for public use.

The library garden plot in the City’s Community Garden is doing great! We are excited with how well it is growing.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director