



OCTOBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director



Fall arrived in costumed glory at the library in October, with children in their costumes for our annual "Spooky Storytime" sessions, and teens and adults for the Murder Mystery Events.

October saw the return of Kindergarten Carnival. Wilsonville Kindergartners and their families were invited to learn about the library by doing fun activities and earning an Elephant and Piggie book. Our regular Youth programs continued, featuring Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Teen

Afterschool Drop-in Activities. STEAM Stuff on the Early Release Day saw elementary school children playing with Snap Circuits. The teens held a special "Green Teen" day, where they planted over 100 native non-invasive species at the lower entrance to Memorial Park.

Adult programs included a Space Talk about landing on a comet, an online program about Agatha Christie, and the final sessions of the creative writing class. The first performance for this season's Book Notes Concerts featured sitar player JJ Gregg. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *Polite Society*.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee showed a family movie matinee to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the library. Over 25 people attended, enjoying the movie and the refreshments.

In coordination with the Parks & Recreation department, a new StoryWalk was installed at Tivoli Park in Villebois. Staff from the library, Parks & Recreation, and the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 13 celebrating our new permanent StoryWalk. The first story is "Bear Came Along" by Richard T. Morris, with the next story appearing in the winter. Funding for this project was made possible through the Community Events and Programs Grant.

In the spooky holiday spirit, the library held two Murder Mystery Events at the end of October, one for teens and one for adults. This year's theme was Barbie and Ken's wedding. Participants came to the library after-hours to solve five puzzles to acquire five clues to solve the murder mystery. Prizes were given for best costumes and most accurate murder mystery solutions.

The library was closed to the public on October 9 for an in-service day. This annual in-service day is a chance for the whole staff to get together at once and attend training and team-building sessions.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director