

JUNE 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

June was a significant month for the library with the start of the Summer Reading Program and the re-entry of citizens in the library building.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) started on June 1. The Youth Services staff worked with the West Linn-Wilsonville School District to provide free books, as well as reading and science logs, to schoolchildren. Beanstack, the library's new SRP app, which lets users track their reading time and other SRP challenges, went live. Over one hundred library users across all ages have registered accounts with Beanstack.

Virtual programs continued with a shift to a SRP emphasis. Our Storytime replacement "Stories to Go!" is now "Stories & Science", and is live on Zoom and features a science demonstration in addition to stories and songs. Weekly Teen virtual events continued with an added "writing prompt" component each week as part of the SRP theme "Imagine Your Story". On the adult side, a virtual presentation series by popular instructor Dr. Bill Thierfelder was developed and is planned for July and August.

The bulk of June was devoted to preparing for the re-entry of the public. Staff created signage to direct the public inside the building and to educate them about the new safety measures. Role-play scenarios were held to help staff prepare for potential issues with library users over the new safety measures and limited library services.

Re-entry began June 23 under health guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, the Governor's office, and Wilsonville's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). New safety measures include: required masks for everyone in the library, a reduced capacity of 25 people in the building, physical distancing of six feet, quarantining of library items for three days, continuous cleaning of library surfaces and equipment, and acrylic barriers at the service desks. The library adopted revised open hours: Tuesday & Thursday-Saturday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 2-8pm, closed Sunday-Monday. Initially available services are pickup and checkout hold items and registration for a new library card. Additional services will be phased in as soon as we can provide them safely. Curbside hands-free pickup continues on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm.

The old furniture throughout the building was moved away from the public area. Staff are performing an inventory of the furniture to work towards donating the furniture to other libraries. New furniture is expected to arrive by the end of summer.

We are excited to be able to provide in-building service to citizens, and look forward to adding services in a safe manner for everyone.

-Pat Duke, Library Director