



# MARCH 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

## From the Director

Children's programs continued through the middle of the month before taking a break for staff to prepare for their upcoming presentation at the Oregon Library Association conference. During the break, Youth Services staff created "Take and Make" packets of activities that accompanied the pre-recorded Storytimes posted online. The Spring Break Reading Challenge ran from March 15-31 with all ages encouraged to read as many books as possible during the two week period; 50 people participated and logged over 450 books read. New this month was "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten," a program that encourages parents to read 1,000 books to their children before kindergarten starts. The Beanstack app, which was used for summer reading last year, will be used to track books. Teen programs included online gaming tournaments on two Friday evenings.

Adult programs in March celebrated Women's History Month with the PROFILES presentation about astronomer and Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute co-founder Jill Tarter. English Conversation Groups, Article Club, and Book Club met as scheduled. February's postponed genealogy workshop "Why They Left, Where They Went, and What Their Journeys Reveal" with professional genealogist Pam Vestal was held, with over forty people signing up for the online program.

The Friends of the Wilsonville Library began accepting donations again for their bookstore "Twice Sold Tales". Community members can bring their unwanted books and videos and place them in the large green bin inside the library lobby. There is a donation limit of two bags per person, and receipts are available. The Friends plan to have a large book sale when the bookstore re-opens.

The Strategic Plan is moving forward with online focus groups. The consultant will meet with staff in April. The goal is to have all information needed by the end of May and a completed plan by the end of September.

The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation is currently unable to accept brick orders. The fall wildfires destroyed the brick engravers that the Foundation ordered from, so the Foundation is looking into other options.

Federal and State tax forms, as well as the Instruction Booklets for 1040 (Federal) are available in paper in the library lobby. Due to public safety concerns about COVID-19, library volunteers are unable to provide tax help this year.

A Re-Opening Committee comprised of library staff from all departments met throughout the month to discuss options and procedures for adding library services. The committee presented its recommendations to library management, who will develop a phased plan based on those recommendations.

New furniture for the library has been chosen and awaits a final decision by library management. We hope to have the new furniture by the end of June.

The LINCC Directors Group announced that all Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) libraries will continue with current circulation policies through June 30. This means that all physical items can be borrowed for 28 days, with no overdue fines accruing.

*-Pat Duke, Library Director*