



MAY 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

Children's and teen programs wrapped up their spring schedules in May. Meanwhile, Youth Services staff continued preparing for the upcoming Summer Reading Program (SRP), which begins June 1. Preparations included decorating the Children's Room in conjunction with the re-opening of the library's bookstacks; creating the logs for the reading, science, and activity challenges; getting the online components, including the Beanstack app, updated; drafting, recording, and editing the SRP promotional video with all library staff participating; coordinating with the Rotary Club to assemble SRP packets and distribute them to local schools, as well as create the SRP prize displays in the lobby.

The library received a \$1,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Wilsonville for children's prize books in the library's Summer Reading Program. Children ages birth-elementary age who complete the Summer Reading Program challenge of reading twenty minutes a day for twenty days between June 1 and August 31 get to choose a free book to keep from a selection of in-demand and excellent titles for children. The prize books are a popular incentive for children.

We had a very full slate of Adult programs in May as we held a rescheduled program in addition to our regular programs. Dr. Bill Thierfelder presented a program on artist Frida Kahlo, and local artistic director Paul Iarrobino held an online conversation about lessons he learned from older adults during the pandemic about resilience. Rescheduled from April was local attorney Richard Schneider's presentation on wills and estates, which saw 35 adults attend online. Article Club met and discussed the role of armed protesters in the United States. Book Club discussed Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Lowland*.

In anticipation of opening the library bookstacks to browsing, library staff worked on weeding the various collections and neatening shelves, as well as creating new signage for shelves.

Our two study rooms that had been the offices for two Public Works employees became the offices for the City's two new GIS interns. The interns have been warmly welcomed by library staff.

Library staff attended City training for a new 'language line' service. This service will allow us to be able to serve non-English speakers better by directly translating between staff and patrons over the phone.

As of May 27, in accordance with City of Wilsonville policy, the library modified its mask policy to allow people who are fully vaccinated (fourteen days past the final COVID-19 vaccine shot) to not wear a mask inside the library.

-Pat Duke, Library Director