



# OCTOBER 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

## From the Director

We felt like we were able to gain our footing once again in October.

October programs kicked off with Kindergarten Carnival. This collaboration with West Linn Public Library invited kindergartners and their families to participate in a virtual “Kindergarten Carnival” by picking up packets that included a free book, bookmark, STEM activities, and information about library services and then completing the virtual carnival activities to win prizes.

The Teens held a Bingo Night and their annual Murder Mystery Night via Zoom. In preparation for Halloween, teens could pick up a “Teen Treats & Tricks” bag, which contained treats like candy and stickers, and assorted novelties with which to ‘trick’ people, like silly string.

Adult programs included Article Club, Book Club, English Conversation Group, a “Profiles” presentation about the Salem Witch Trials, and a workshop on “How to Write a Novel in Thirty Days,” in preparation for November’s National Novel Writing Month. History Pub, a program in collaboration with McMenamins, was postponed.

The Friends of the Wilsonville Library held Book Donation Drives on October 7 and 21. Over sixty bags and boxes of books were donated to help restock the Friends’ bookstore “Twice Sold Tales” in the library’s lobby, which is currently selling books online.

Library staff continued to look at ways to provide computer services to the public. With the issues we’ve had with extended possession of the library’s Chromebooks by some patrons, staff are considering options for encouraging more prompt returns of the laptops. Staff are also examining possible means of providing computer services to the public inside the library in a safe manner.

“Lucky Day” books and movies are again available for check out. These items are the latest bestsellers in books and movies, and they are available for patrons who visit the library and find them on display. Our Lucky Day collection is so popular that most of the collection was checked out by the end of its first week back.

Clackamas County Health Authority approved a revised quarantine timeline for library items. After discussion with the City of Wilsonville’s EOC, we were able to reduce the quarantine time for returned library items from six days to twenty-four hours.

Many of our on-call library clerks have been unable to return to work due to a variety of reasons, so we started a recruitment for new on-call library clerks.

*-Pat Duke, Library Director*