



**Wilsonville Public Library
Monthly Report to Council
February 2018**

Library Renovation Begins

Construction has begun in the Library. On February 5th, walls were erected in front of the entrance to the Walt Morey Children's Room, and workers began removing the roof structure that has marked the entrance to children's for the last 15 years. This initial phase of the work will focus on children's and will include: a new entrance to the space; carpet and paint, tack board for posters and displays on all walls, and a door from the children's office into what is currently the fiction area but will soon be the new Young Adult reading area. Later, there will also be a new children's service desk that features a sit to stand workstation and a raised area for parents to write on.

Once Children's is finished at the end of February, work will move to the Fiction area. Work in the Fiction area will feature the creation of a new Young Adult area, a new space for the library's public computers, and a shifted fiction collection. Stay tuned.

To anticipate these phased area closures, the non-fiction collection has been removed from its shelves, boxed and stored in the Library's Oak Room (it's quite a sight.) The children's collection was then moved to the northern end of the now empty non-fiction shelves, along with the play tables that kids and parents love. The Fiction are collections (Fiction, audiobooks, large print, etc.) are also being moved to the now empty non-fiction shelves in anticipation of work to begin in that area in early March. Once the Children's area work is complete, the collection and play tables will be moved back and that area will be complete.

Construction will touch just about every square inch of the library and should be complete by the end of May or early June. Notable elements of the renovation include new carpet and paint throughout the Library, replacing the heating units in the 'old' part of the library (these units were originally installed in 1988 when the original building was constructed), remodeling bathrooms by the non-fiction collection to make them ADA accessible, and replacing the Library's Adult and Children's Reference desks as well as the Circulation desk to reduce their overall footprint and open the central core of the Library.

Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society update

The Historical Society will be receiving a \$750 grant from the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition in order to contract with an archivist to survey the historical collections that are stored in the Library and make recommendations.

Holds are getting a new look

As part of the continued rollout of RFID in the Library, items being held for patrons will start to look a bit different from now on. New stickers will wrap each item on the hold shelf, and will contain necessary information for patrons to pick up their holds. The stickers are the last part of improvements to the LINCC courier services that will result in reducing the amount of time spent on checking in the daily courier. Each morning, up to 20 crates of books and other items are delivered to the library. These items are books, cds, and videos requested from other libraries by local library users, or Wilsonville Library's items that are being returned to our shelves. Historically, it took 3 hours or more for library staff to check in each of these items one by one. Using RFID, these items can be checked in by batch, and the time is being reduced to one hour or less. Outside of the new look, there should be no other obvious changes to the holds process for library patrons.

The next Library Board meeting will be February 28th at 6:30pm at the Library.