



SEPTEMBER 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

Fall programs returned to the library. Youth programs resumed with weekly Toddler/Baby Time and Storytime in virtual formats. Teen programs resumed their regular monthly events online as well. Adult programs continued with the monthly online meetings of Article Club and Book Club, as well as the weekly English Class and Conversation Group. In conjunction with Banned Books Month, Dr. Bill Thierfelder presented a “Profiles” online program on “The Banning of George Orwell”. Oregon Psychological Association member Jeffrey Dunkerley II gave an online presentation about “Parenting in a Pandemic” and provided tips and resources to help parents support their children.

September was Banned Books Month. To celebrate and promote the month, library staff created a special display highlighting this form of censorship, and held a program featuring the works of George Orwell.

A new StoryWalk went up in Tranquil Park. The library and the Parks and Recreation department teamed up to provide this fun way to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from an illustrated book are attached to signs, which are installed at intervals along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story. In October, another Storywalk will go up in Memorial Park along the trail by the river.

The Phila Simmons study room reopened in September. The room is reservable and free for public use. Currently there is a capacity limit of two people in the room and masks must be worn at all times. For additional safety, there is an air purifier and cleaning supplies in the room, and all reservations include a fifteen minute window between reservations to allow the room to air out between uses.

The winners of the 2nd annual Short Story Contest were announced. A panel of seven library staff read the stories submitted by writers of all ages and then ranked the stories using the criteria of creativity, style, and voice. The winners and their stories are available on the library website: www.WilsonvilleLibrary.org/story.

Volunteers from Key Bank visited the library twice in September. They helped dust shelves and straighten items—all activities that we very much appreciate.

Library Director Patrick Duke retired September 30 after 25 years of service to the City of Wilsonville. On September 24, a party was held at the Stein-Boozier Barn with City staff, Board members, and other guests in attendance. We will deeply miss Pat and wish him the best in his retirement.

-Shasta Sasser, Interim Library Director