



FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

In February, we celebrate the library's birthday on February 14. This year on our birthday, we held a Fine Forgiveness Day. Library staff waived up to \$10 of overdue fines for everyone who visited the library that day. In conjunction with the library birthday, the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation held a "Stay at Home and Read" fundraiser, which asked people to stay home and read that weekend, and to donate the money they would have spent on a big night out. Other libraries have held similar fundraisers with wonderful results.

In youth programs, Youth Services staff hosted Family Nights for the students of local primary schools and their families. Staff performed a special Storytime for the families, provided information about library services, and gave the children free books. Over 150 people attended the Family Nights.

In addition to the weekly Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Play Group programs, on the Early Release Days (Feb. 8 and 22), Youth Services staff held "STEAM Stuff," a program for elementary-age children to drop in for hands-on STEAM activities. Teen Afterschool Drop-In Activities days continued on Wednesdays, from 3-6pm. Every month, Youth Services staff visit one of the local middle schools to promote the library's teen programs.

Adult programs featured a concert of French-American music performed by Eric John Kaiser and the final two Lehan Lectures, presented by Charlotte Lehan. The Walking Book Club and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was held at its new time of 3-5pm. A representative from the Oregon Department of Human Services is now available for additional hours on Tuesdays: 10am-12pm and 1-3pm.

In recognition of Black History Month, the library held an online presentation about "Black Scientists You Should Know," the First Friday Film featured *The Woman Warrior*, and library staff created a book display honoring the month.

New to the library is a Geochron! The Geochron is a digital atlas that projects on to a large monitor displays of the Earth with sunrise-sunset rendered in real-time, with rotating overlays of global satellite weather, shipping and flight routes, topographical views from space, and more. The Geochron is already a big hit with patrons. The Geochron was provided by the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

It has been a busy month for staffing. Filling two vacant positions, we have welcomed two new shelvers to our team. We now have two new shelvers. We are in the process of hiring an Outreach Librarian and on-call Reference Librarians.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director