



MAY 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

May was a busy month as library staff wrapped up spring programs and prepared for the upcoming Summer Reading Program starting in June.

In youth programs, weekly Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Play Group programs continued through the middle of the month before going on break until June 20. On the Early Release Day (May 10), Youth Services staff held “STEAM Stuff,” a program for elementary-age children to drop in for hands-on STEAM activities. Teens met weekly on Wednesdays for “Teen Afterschool Drop-In Activities” through May 17.

Local teen Isabella Coppola was hired as this summer’s Teen Intern. This position was made possible by a grant awarded to the Wilsonville Public Library earlier this spring by the State Library. Isabella started her orientation and onboarding process.

Adult programs featured a concert by local award-winning pianist John Nilsen, a Space Talk about the logistics of getting to Mars, an online program about artist Georgia O’Keeffe, and a workshop on growing vegetables in containers. The 6-week writing class about “Strong Women, Strong Archetypes” wrapped up. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *A Man Called Otto*.

In coordination with SMART, the library hosted a showing of the documentary *The Slow Way Home*. The film looks at how students in Japan and the U.S. travel to school, and considers why so few children in the U.S. walk to school. Patty Tiburcio, SMART’s Mobility Technician, lead the discussion after the one-hour film.

The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation held a “Party on the Patio” fundraiser on May 18 on the Children’s patio at the library. Foundation members attended and provided an assortment of refreshments and entertainment to the families who attended on the warm afternoon.

Youth Services Librarian Jo Caisse visited Coffee Creek Correctional Institution to provide literacy programs for the Head Start preschool.

The proposed library budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 was presented to the city’s budget committee in mid-May.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director