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MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

April was National Poetry Month and we celebrated at the Library with an online program about poet Robert Frost, a book display, and daily poems posted on our Facebook page.

Youth programming resumed in April after taking a short break in March. This includes weekly Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Play Group programs. On April 12 and 26, Youth Services staff held “STEAM Stuff,” a program for elementary-age children to drop in for hands-on STEAM activities, including one around gardening. Teens met weekly on Wednesdays for “Teen Afterschool Drop-In Activities”. Library staff attended the annual egg hunt in Memorial Park and passed out stickers and fine vouchers to eager egg-hunters.

Adult programs featured a concert by local singer-songwriter Bernie Sims and the return of monthly Space Talks, in which docents from Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum give monthly talks about space exploration on the third Saturday of the month. A new 6-week writing class about “Strong Women, Strong Archetypes” began in April. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *Devotion*.

In cooperation with the Master Recycler Program, Clackamas County Sustainability & Solid Waste held a Repair Fair at the library on April 8. At this free community event, nine skilled volunteers assisted over 50 people with 70 broken items. The response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with 52 items repaired, seven (7) in progress, and only six (6) items that could not be repaired, mostly due to needing new parts. We look forward to holding another Repair Fair next year.

The newest addition to the library collection is The Seed Library. This “library” is a collection of seeds that are available to all visitors, and is made up of donated seeds, both commercial and saved from participants' gardens. Anyone can select up to 10 seed plant varieties from the Seed Library cabinet. There is no due date on seeds, but we encourage donating back to The Seed Library any commercial surplus seeds to the library or saved seeds from the user’s garden.

A number of library staff attended the Oregon Library Association (OLA) Conference in Bend, Oregon and online. This was the first in-person OLA conference held since 2019 and provided attendees with ideas and information from libraries across the state.

Cultural Passes available through LINCC (Libraries in Clackamas County consortium) have been popular with library patrons, and were recently updated. New to the Cultural Passes are Clackamas County Parks, which provides a free parking pass at participating parks, Portland Opera, and the End of the Oregon Trail Museum. The Portland Art Museum pass now covers the full cost of admission, instead of the previous admission discount. The Cultural Passes are free passes to local attractions that library patrons can reserve online at lincc.org.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director

