



AUGUST 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

Another successful Summer Reading Program (SRP) for all ages ended August 31. This was the first in-person Summer Reading Program since the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 500 children, teens, and adults participated in the Reading Log Challenge, over 150 participated in the Science Challenge, and 70 participated in the Bingo Card Challenge. The Grand Prize Drawing will be held in early September.

With Summer Reading wrapping up, Youth programs scaled back for August. New this summer was a weekly "Classic Family Movie & Games" program, as well as a "Dragon Hunt," where staff hid a stuffed dragon in a different spot around the library each week and children searched for it, receiving stickers for prizes. Youth Services staff planned for upcoming fall programs, which will be held in-person in the library starting in mid-September.

Adult programs saw the addition of a new monthly "Walking Book Club," where participants join a librarian for a walk through Memorial Park while discussing books. August programs included an online presentation about Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and in-person programs "Learn Tarot" workshop, a "Reading the Holocaust" discussion, and a presentation by TVF&R about wildfire preparedness. Genealogy Club and First Friday Films met in-person in the library. The American Red Cross held a blood drive in the Oak Room.

The third annual Short Story Contest was held in August. Over twenty writers of all ages submitted stories. A committee of library staff will judge the stories, with winners for each age group announced at the end of September.

Library staff attended a variety of community events in August, including the Heart of the City's Gear4U, the Family Empowerment Center's open house, Charbonneau's "Meet and Greet," Coffee Creek Head Start's annual Teddy Bear Picnic, and the City's annual Block Party.

New Library Operations Manager Lizzie Figueroa was hired and will start in September. A new Library Services Manager is in the process of being hired and will hopefully start in September.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director