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MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

What a whirlwind July was!

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) continued. Over two hundred library users across all ages registered accounts with Beanstack, the SRP online app, while many participants chose to submit their completed reading and science logs on paper and via email. The response from participants has been positive, with many thanking the library for continuing to hold the SRP, including one consistent comment: "It's a great time to read!"

Our virtual programs continued with their emphasis on "Imagine Your Story," this summer's SRP theme. "Stories & Science" was live on Zoom and Facebook and featured a science demonstration in addition to stories and songs. Weekly Teen virtual events continued with an added "writing prompt" component each week as part of the SRP theme "Imagine Your Story". For adults, monthly programs Article Club, Book Club, and History Pub continued, and a new virtual biography presentation series by popular instructor Dr. Bill Thierfelder started in July, which focused on Vincent Van Gogh and Bayard Rustin.

As we adapted to re-entry and the requirements for it, we found that we were able to provide some additional services while maintaining the health and safety measures set out by the Oregon Health Authority, the Governor's office, and Wilsonville's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As of July 21, "Book Bundles to Go" became available for patrons to check out. These bundles contain 3-5 books or DVDs on a variety of topics (e.g. "Thrillers," "Fairy Tales for Grown-Ups," and "For the Love of Dogs"), with bundles created specifically for children, teens, and adults.

For citizens who are looking for different topics, we offer a concierge service where library staff will curate and collect items that fit the citizen's request and bring the items for the citizen to check out. These reader's advisory services have proved quite popular, with many citizens complimenting staff on their helpfulness. Additional services will be phased in as soon as we can provide them safely. Curbside hands-free pickup continues on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm.

As an outreach effort and with the support of the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation, the library purchased six Chromebooks for citizens to check out. Three of the Chromebooks will also come with mobile internet hotspots. The Chromebooks are currently being tested and should be available to the public in August.

-Pat Duke, Library Director