



JUNE 2021

# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) was in full swing in July. This annual program is for all ages, has multiple components: a Reading Log, a Science Exploration Log, and a Summer Activity Challenge (aka Bingo). The Summer Reading Program has been so popular that we have had to print additional Logs and Challenges to keep up with demand.

Children's and teen programs continued, ending on July 29. Youth Services staff performed Toddler/Baby Time online on Tuesday mornings, and the Storytime "Family Stories and Science" on Thursday mornings. One of the Storytimes featured "The Wheels on the Bus," in which our librarians rode a SMART bus and performed the song. Teens held weekly online gaming events with book talks, and decided to start a non-fiction Book Club in the fall. Youth Services staff also gave online presentations for a summer school class at Wood Middle School. Youth fall programs resume in September. Youth Services staff held meetings to discuss potential program changes and the possibility of resuming in-person programs.

Adult programs in July included a presentation by Dr. Bill Thierfelder about Jules Verne and H.G. Wells as part of the "Changing Your Perspective" series. Our regular monthly clubs met online. Article Club discussed "The Disillusionist" by Adam Higginbotham in *The New York Times Magazine*. Book Club discussed *Heart Berries: A Memoir* by Terese Marie Mailhot. The weekly English Class & Conversation Group considered developing a hybrid approach in the fall, with the group meeting at the same time in-person at the library and online for those members who cannot come to the library. Adult Services staff held meetings to discuss ways of implementing in-person programs in the fall.

As of July 1, the library resumed our regular open hours schedule: Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 1pm-6pm. As part of resuming normal operations, the quiet reading area returned with tables and chairs for people to use. New volunteers continue to come on board and receive training—we are delighted to have them back in the building.

The Friends of the Library reopened the Twice Sold Tales bookstore in the library's lobby with a limited open hours schedule. They plan to establish a regular open hours schedule once they have trained enough volunteers.

The Strategic Planning process continues. During July, library managers met with eight focus groups of local citizens online, with the strategic planning consultant leading the meetings. The focus groups provided valuable insights that will help us shape our strategic plan.

*-Pat Duke, Library Director*