



**Wilsonville Public Library
Monthly Report to Council
December 2017**

Collaboration with West Linn Public Library to serve the WLWV School District

The West Linn and Wilsonville Libraries continue to work collaboratively to provide services across the West Linn Wilsonville School District. As part of the process to provide equitable services for all students, the West Linn Library is beginning to provide teachers with special library cards that reduce barriers to using public library materials in their classroom. These 'teacher cards' allow many more books to be checked out at one time, allow more holds, and do not incur fines. Wilsonville Library staff have been offering these cards to Wilsonville teachers for several years, and now West Linn staff will be offering them as well. Over time, library staffs will be continuing to build in additional coordinated services district wide.

The West Linn and Wilsonville Libraries are also teaming up to invite former US Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera to provide school and public programs locally in late January. This initiative is still in development.

Library Renovation

The library renovation continues to make progress with contractor 2KG selected to do the work. Library staff will be working with 2KG staff to work out a construction schedule that allows the library to stay open during work. Staff have been locating alternative locations for library programming starting in January. Notably, preschool programming, including Storytime, Toddlertime, and Baby Time, will be taking place in Council Chambers on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Library staff is grateful to Community Development staff for allowing the inevitable disruption on these days. Library staff will be reworking Storytime to reduce noise. Staff are also very appreciative to the Parks and Recreation staff for use of their conference room for programming as well as the ability to use their van when needed.

Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society update

The Historical Society is now meeting at the Tauchman House, and is planning a tour on December 6th. The Historical Society would like to explore the possibility of using the Tauchman House as a local heritage center, with displays focusing on local history and possibly using unused space for storage of historical artifacts and collections.

Cultural Pass options continue to expand

The Library currently provides free passes to local cultural attractions. These attractions are: Portland Art Museum (this is a discount pass), World of Speed, Oregon Historical Society, Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Endo of the Oregon Trail, Gilbert House Children's Museum, Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Oregon Garden, and Pittock Mansion. Soon, the Library will also be adding an Oregon State Parks pass to the list, which will allow free day access to Oregon Parks. LINCC staff are also working to provide online access to the Cultural Passes for library users.

Library staff attending the Guadalajara Book Fair

Outreach Librarian Deborah Gitlitz is attending the Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara. This is one of the largest book fairs in the world, and provides access to thousands of Spanish language publishers. Spanish publishing is limited in the United States, and having Deborah go to the fair allows her to purchase hundreds of high quality books in Spanish that the Library would otherwise not be able to purchase. Deborah is purchasing books for several other libraries in Oregon as well as part of a Library Services and Technology Act grant that allows small libraries to improve their Spanish language collections.

Shanta Claus is coming to town

Each year the Library's Youth Services team ends fall programming with a final Storytime that includes a visit from a certain jolly visitor. Over the years many library volunteers and staff have practiced their hearty laugh to delight young ones. This year, Library Operations Manager Shasta Barnes will take her turn in the red suit on December 12th, 13th, and 14th. Any time of the year, Shasta channels Santa's joy of life and the library is frequently treated to her laugh. Library staff are excited to see her in this new role. Join us.

Next Library Board meeting: January 24th at 6:30pm in the library