

From the Director

The Summer Reading Program for all ages continued in July. The annual program encourages participants to read 20 minutes a day for 20 days, as well as try a variety of science explorations, and read across genres with a Bingo card. Participants who complete a Reading Log, Science Log, or a Bingo card get entered into prize drawings at the end of August.

Youth programs were in full swing in July. Toddler and Baby Time were performed at the Stein-Boozier Barn on Tuesday mornings. Youth librarians performed science demonstrations on the patio behind the Children's Room on Wednesdays as "Camp Science". Thursday Fun Shows at the Grove Shelter in Memorial Park featured storyteller Will Hornyak, juggler Curt Carlyle, puppeteer Red Yarn, and the Reptile Man. The Thursday Fun Shows saw an average attendance of 200 people per show, with over 500 attending the Reptile Man. Teen programs included a scavenger hunt, a service project with the Parks Department, a flash fiction writing workshop, and a Bob Ross-style painting event.

Adult programs included a combination of online and in-person events. Dr. Bill Thierfelder returned with an online program about the outer reaches of our galaxy. A docent from Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum presented a Space Talk about the James Webb Space Telescope just days after the first photos were released. Cascadia Wild presented a program on outdoor survival skills. Genealogy Club and First Friday Films met in-person in the library.

As of July 1, all digital book loans now come solely through Hoopla and Overdrive (Libby app). This consolidates all e-book and e-audiobook catalog loans through those vendors, which means less confusion for library users, as well as more downloadable items to read and listen to, including the addition of e-magazines.

Free admission to the Portland Art Museum is now available with the LINCC Cultural Pass. The pass admits two adults to the museum; children ages 17 and under are free. The pass previously required an additional \$5 fee, but that is no longer the case. Special exhibitions, however, may require additional fees.

The architect behind the Library's 2018 renovation visited the library to take photographs for his portfolio.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director