

From the Director

February was a busy month at the library with celebrations for the library's birthday and our 12th anniversary with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For the library's 42nd birthday on Feb. 14, we offered fine forgiveness up to \$10 per person who visited the library that day, and provided a variety of fun family-friendly activities in the Oak Room that morning.

At the "Thank You, Dolly" events on Feb. 10 and Feb. 13, the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation invited currently enrolled children as well as graduates of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program and their families to the library to celebrate the program and write "thank you" notes to Dolly herself, make crafts to take home, and enjoy some cake.

Youth programs took a week break to focus on outreach. Youth Services staff visited Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to meet with incarcerated parents and share early learning resources with them. Youth Services staff also visited Boeckman Creek, Lowrie, and Boones Ferry Primary Schools, as well as Wood Middle School. Meanwhile, kindergarten classes from the primary schools visited the library for special "Family Nights" where library staff performed a special Storytime, shared information about library resources, and signed up parents and children with library cards. When not on break, Youth programs included the regular line-up as well as a Spanish Storytime, a Saturday Classic Movies and Board Games day, and a special performance by the Pink Pig Puppet Theatre.

A new StoryWalk® went into place at Tivoli Park. Our bilingual winter story is *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper. A presentation with the author/illustrator is scheduled for late June.

Adult programs included a Space Talk about NASA's DAWN spacecraft, an online "Profiles" program about Frederick Douglass, and a First Friday Film showing of *The Miracle Club*. The Beginning and Intermediate ESL classes met weekly. The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Feb. 16 and 29 people donated blood.

The Winter Reading Challenge for all ages wrapped up. Over 80 people participated, with 11 of them submitting "Bingo blackouts" by completing all 25 Bingo squares. Prizes will be awarded to three randomly selected participants from each age category: children, teens, and adults; the prizes are gift cards to Powell's Books.

On Feb. 1, Tiny Art Show kits were made available to all ages. The 200 kits included a 3"x3" canvas, a set of six acrylic paints, two paintbrushes, an entry form, and an artwork sticker label. All of the kits were claimed within three days. Over 100 artists ranging from toddlers through adults submitted tiny artworks to the library, which will be on display in the library lobby in March. The public is invited to view the display and vote for their favorites in each age category. Winners' artworks will be displayed in April.



-Shasta Sasser, Library Director