



SEPTEMBER 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

In-person programming is back! The youth services staff began a new hybrid model where select programs are livestreamed to the library's YouTube channel in addition to an in-person option. Toddler and Baby Time has two sessions on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and 11:15am, and has seen an average of 40 attendees for each session. Family Storytime is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30am. New this fall is "STEAM Stuff," a program for elementary school students held on Early Release Days, featuring activities related to science, technology, engineering, arts, and/or math. Teen Drop-In Activity afternoons continue weekly on Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm, with snacks, movies, games, and other activities for students in grades 6-12.

The library celebrates Banned Book Month in September, and featured programs and displays in support of the theme. Dr. Bill Thierfelder gave an online presentation about poet Allen Ginsberg, and the Walking Book Club discussed banned and challenged books on their walk through Memorial Park. John Jennings, a docent at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, gave a presentation about the development of the Saturn V rocket. Genealogy Club met in-person. New to the program lineup were "How to e-Book" to teach patrons how to access digital library books, "Mushroom Hunting for Beginners", and a creative writing class. September also saw the return of the Book Notes Concerts; local singer/songwriter Steve Hale performed to a full house in the library's central area.

Judging commenced for the 3rd annual Short Story Contest—a local favorite. A committee of library staff will judge the thirty-nine stories, with winners for each age group announced in October.

A new Cultural Pass to the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University in Salem is now available for LINCC (Libraries in Clackamas County) library card holders. Reservations can be made online through the library website. The Hallie Ford Museum of Art joins the eleven other existing local venues available to library patrons through the Cultural Pass Express service.

New Library Operations Manager Lizzie Figueroa started in September. Sarah Roller was hired as the new Library Services manager, and will start in October.

Outreach Librarian Deborah Gitlitz resigned from the library to spend more time with her family. We will miss her expertise, enthusiasm, and adventurous spirit.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director