

## Library Director's Report December 2018

**Library of things:** LINCC has been working with the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability and Solid Waste to receive grants to start a 'library of things' in 8 LINCC libraries, including Oregon City. An ad hoc committee has been formed to think through all operations, processing, and marketing topics so that how these work is relatively uniform across all libraries, even though the collections will vary from library to library. A survey will be circulating to ask the public what items they'd like to see in a Library of Things at their local library.

**Collection development policy:** recently a bit of a brouhaha erupted in Salem over the Salem Public Library's (SPL) collection development policy and the deselection or 'weeding' it was doing. The former State Librarian, who lives in Salem and whose wife recently retired from SPL, felt that the library was ruining the collection and was on record saying so. The relatively new director went on OPB's *Think Out Loud* to explain their process and criteria. Here are links to both. We will review our Collection Development policy at some point, but I want you to know about this and use this library's experience to inform our own. <https://www.opb.org/radio/programs/thinkoutloud/segment/child-workers-homeless-liaison-officer-library-management/> (bonus: this TOL episode also includes Officer Mike Day, Homeless Liaison from Oregon City Police Department) and the article: <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2018/12/15/salem-public-library-removal-underused-books-halted-january/2209821002/>

**Update on CC work session and Strategic Plan, Library Board update:** the Library Board and the Library Director will have met with the City Commission on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, to provide the annual update of Library Board work, and an overview of the draft strategic plan. The library director will provide an update as needed.

**Building:** the latest and most annoying building problem which has developed recently are the sliding doors and their failure to work properly lately. Both sets have had problems which have required workmen to be called, but of course, they each have had different reasons for not working properly. We are working with Cascade Entry Solutions and Anne Crandall to resolve these issues.

**Programs:** Adult staff is focused on a Community Wide Read for next fall and new technology classes for adults; Youth Services is focused on growing relationships with the schools, which have taken a leap by connecting with the High School/District Librarian Doug Stull.

**Stats:** Statistics look good for this time of the year. In December, we are closed several days, and people keep a holiday schedule. We have a vacation from children's programs. December stats compare well to this time last year. Of note:

- the difference between what we borrow from other libraries and what we loan to other libraries keeps shrinking, surely a sign that our collections continue to improve;
- one of the self-check machines has been out of order for some time and that makes an impact on staff.