

May 2013
Director's report

Statistics:

1. Door counter and circulation, etc.: The foot traffic is 103% of the same time last year. Circulation is 101% of the same month last year.
2. Programming is up in all numbers: children's: 67 more programs, 1112 attendees; ya: 5 more programs, 37 more people; adult: 6 more programs, 211 more people
3. Registrations are down but use of Library2Go is WAY up and the self-check is back to its normal levels after replacing the DVD case lock and allowing DVD checkouts there.
4. We have 571 friends on Facebook (still about 20 less than West Linn) and we are sending our email newsletter to 388 people.

Other

1. April is National Poetry Month. We held our contest and got about 60 entries, mostly from 4th and 5th graders. Next time I will offer money and publication! Still it's enough to award prizes with and the packet went out on May 1 to Paulann Petersen to judge. We also had a poetry event which was attended by about 18 people.
2. April is also the month for National Library Week. To celebrate, we offered half-off of fines for the week. It went over very well.
3. April is also the same month in which the annual conference of the Oregon Library Association is held. This year we met jointly with the Washington Library Association. I moderated two sessions: one on the importance of getting involved in professional activities and one on State Libraries with Rand Simmons of Washington State Library and MaryKay Dahlgreen of the Oregon State Library. I also had duties at the Awards Luncheon. I was going to send my entire staff to this conference, as it was very close in Vancouver. However, the sessions were not that well matched to our needs. I did send 4 staff to pre-conferences, which were on security and storytimes.
4. April also includes National Arbor Day. The City did a celebration which culminated in the presentation of the Tree City USA award. The Library did its part by having a special Arbor Day storytime with the mascot from Friends of Trees, special stories and a special craft.
5. We sent Jennie Chamberlin to a training called Lead the Change, which is a leadership workshop supported by ALA and partially facilitated by local librarians, Eva Calcagno of Washington County and Vailey Oehlke of Multnomah County.
6. Michelle Krause and Judy Corless went to a cashiering best practices training in Salem.
7. 'Read down your fines' started on May 1
8. LINCC participation in the Oregon Library Passport Program started May 1
9. The library successfully made it through the budget process.
10. Plans for the Carnegie Anniversary are proceeding well. The Fire Station has committed to an open house and I have my request in to the bagpipers.

Programs:

April:

- Wii night (8)
- L2Go (2 programs = 1 person, we are going to quit doing these and focus on appointments)
- Third Monday Authors Group, poetry (18)

- You Tube Night (20)
- Preschool Storytime (9 = 195 (includes one school group of 26 attending the Arbor Day special storytime)
- Toddler Storytime (8 = 122)
- Crafts (2= 13)

May:

- May 2: Teen Wii Night; Elevated Readers (The Brave)
- May 4: Teddy Bear Picnic – table for summer reading sign-ups
- May 23: All Ages Board Game Bonanza
- May 30: Rob Campbell from SBDC at CCC