

Library Director's Report for March 2019

Building: one thing that was completed this month was the replacement of the very noisy metal floor transitions with rubber. It is much quieter, much smoother for carts, and they even took one transition strip out completely, replacing it with a length of wood flooring (right at the joining of the Carnegie to the addition). In restroom news, the upstairs bathroom being locked seems to have taken care of 'mess' issues, except that this problem has moved downstairs. No fun for staff; we are trying to catch the culprit. As far as security and the People In Charge (PICs) who are staff responsible for taking care of issues as they arise, we have started meeting every Friday to review how the week has gone. This short 'touch bases' meeting seems to help keep us connected about patrons and handling problems in a consistent, timely fashion.

Staff: In the past we have alluded to changes in the Technical Services area. Now we can tell you that one of our staff ended her employment with us on April 1. We are working on replacing the 40 hours per week position with a 25 hour a week person. That also allowed us to move forward with shifting those remaining hours around. Starting April 21, some of those hours will be applied to three of our 32 hour a week people who will start working 40 hours a week. This is the most inexpensive way to gain hours.

Programs: March was Spring Break month!! That requires a huge amount of work from staff, particularly in the children's area. We had SO many programs this month, but March tends to be that way because of Spring Break. I've included the breakdown below so that you can get a good sense of what staff were doing this month. I'd like to point out our first ever Trivia Night partnering with Danielle Walsh of White Rabbit. It went great and we see a lot more connections with her in the future!

Relationships and partnerships: We discovered a 'workforce' meeting that is taking place monthly, bringing together lots of resources which we can connect people to and which people can connect to us. Gina has started attending that. Also, we are sending three people to the OCBA luncheon in April which focuses on workforce readiness. We sent two people to the OCBA luncheon in March which focused on homelessness work in Oregon City. And for our regular monthly staff meeting we hosted staff from Parrot Creek Residential Program for young men and learned more about how the library can play a role.

April is:

- National Poetry Month: Kate Grey, April 24; Literary Ladies of Oregon City with Karin Morey, April 25
- National Library Week: Food for Fines all over LINCC; staff treats including viewing 'The Public'
- Lake Oswego Reads Art Exhibit

Standards and Statistics:

The State Library sent a new report request in addition to the statistical one libraries provide every fall. This one reports how well the library is meeting the Public Library Standards of the Public Library Division of the Oregon Library Association. The library board reviews these annually (that is actually one of the questions), and when it is time to do that, I will share that report with the Board as we review the Standards together.

Speaking of the State Library, they are in the last stages of selecting a new State Librarian (which may be announced by the time of our meetings. I also attended a meeting of public library directors in Salem and at this meeting we learned that OLA is putting forth legislation to change the definition of 'public library' to require more and to better differentiate recognized public libraries from volunteer libraries.

Our statistics look really good for March; notably this is the first time we have gone over 40,000 in a month other than August.

Programs

If you see **Do You Feel a Draft: 2/17**, for example, that means:

2: Number of times programs occurred in a month/ **17:** total number of attendees for entire month

Adult

Do You Feel a Draft: 2/17

First Friday Film: 40

Dungeon and Dragons: 4/55

Botanical Illustration: 16

Genealogy Group: 18

Kim Stafford: 17

Elevated readers: 15

Let's Get Lit Trivia: 21

Paper Flowers: 16

Oregon Humanities – White Allyship: 15

Coffee and Coloring: 3

Children's and Teens

Teen

TAG meeting: 5

Teen Movie: 0

Tween

Young Teen Code Bracelets: 11

Children's

Where the Wild Things Are Storywalk: 241

Wild Rumpus: 70

Teacher Open House: 22

Author Visit Michelle Nelson-Schmidt: 42

Homeschool Network: 6

Storytimes/Crafts:

- Toddler: 10/314
- Preschool: 4/137
- Music and Movement: 8/308
- Art Lab: 4/260
- LEGO Lab: 65
- Read to the Dogs: 2/34
- Baby Signs: 2/30