

Friends of the Library

November 28, 2023

Present: Kirsten Badger, Diana Parsons, Tom Shrider, Shannon Moon, Sigrid Johnson, Karylanne Crown, Jen Albright, Kathy Peterson & Perry Stokes

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report : Shannon gave our treasure's report. As of November 28th we have \$24,209.27.

Library Director's Report:

1. Online Survey Open about NDNW Needle Disposal. The library currently has an online community survey open about a partnership between the library and New Directions NW for offering a sharps drop box bin on library grounds.
2. Budget Revenue Projection – Shortfall. Baker County Assessor assessed the growth rate of Total Valuation of county property to less than %1. The drop is primarily due to \$43 million decrease in “centrally assessed” lands value.
2022-23 Statistics Report. The annual statistics report was submitted to the State Library of Oregon in October. Compared to prior years, data shows moderate recovery of library usage from pandemic lows, led by number of visits, programs, program attendance, computer use, and circulation of youth materials. These reports are available on library website.
3. Ingram iCurate inclusive Collection Diversity Audit. Overall, the share of “inclusive” (categories -Indigenous, Neurodiverse, Latine, Black, Asian) in BCLD collections is at or above the average for public libraries. This report is posted on the library website.

4. New Resource. – LOTE4Kids. (LOTE=Languages Other than English) features online storytimes of books read aloud in world languages and sign language from different countries. Patrons can access the resource through the library website or by installing an app. A BCLD card number is required.
5. Record Courier bound volumes moved to Reference Room. They will be available for public access by request.
6. New Resource – Life Story Kits. Life Story Kits contain conversation prompt cards to guide a conversation with elder family members about their life experiences. They are stored with the Memory Care Kits.
7. Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Renewed partnership now operated by EasterSeals Goodwill. Hired a new intern Marilyn Duncan, for 25 hrs/week, wages paid through federal program to support seniors developing skills to return to the workforce.
8. Handrails in stalled for the inclined sidewalk approach at the northwest corner of the Baker branch

Old Business

1. It was decided to abandon participating in the Farmers Market.
2. The Murder Mystery Game which was based on the Clue board game and played at the library was quite successful. The participants were of all ages. The staff put a lot of work developing the game but felt it was worth it and fun.

New Business

1. Winter Book starts on Friday, February 2nd. Whether we end it on Saturday 2/10 or Sunday 2/11 will be decided after Jen consults Diane. The consensus was we will try selling all books for 25c on the last day rather than having a bag sale.

Date of next meeting – March 14, 2024 rather than February because of book sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Peterson, Pro Tem Secretary