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# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

The Summer Reading Program for all ages kicked off in June. The annual program encourages participants to read 20 minutes a day for 20 days, as well as try a variety of science explorations, and read across genres with a Bingo card. Participants who complete a Reading Log, Science Log, or a Bingo card get entered into prize drawings at the end of August.

Youth programs returned in June. Toddler and Baby Time is now performed at the Stein-Boozier Barn on Tuesday mornings. Youth librarians perform science demonstrations on the patio behind the Children's Room on Wednesdays as "Camp Science". Thursday Fun Shows at the Grove Shelter in Memorial Park featured bilingual comedian and juggler Angel Ocasio as well as Mo Phillips and Band, both were well-attended and livestreamed to YouTube. Teen programs included a drop-in event with games and activities, and a late night astronomy party.

Adult programs included a combination of online and in-person events. Local educator Donna Cohen gave an online presentation about issues related to voting, with an engaged conversation with participants afterwards. Genealogy Club met in-person at the library. Master Naturalist Rebecca Lexa led a Nature Walk through Memorial Park. First Friday Films showed the documentary "Summer of Soul" as part of the City's Juneteenth celebration.

Youth Services staff visited local primary schools and performed a skit to promote the library's Summer Reading Program. The skit brought much laughter and delight from the audience, especially when students were surprised with splashes of water at the end.

In early June, Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) performed a system upgrade to migrate the library catalog software and data to Unicode. The upgrade allows the software to process all text worldwide, so languages with characters that are not in English can be used.

In coordination with SMART, Books on the Bus visited SpringRidge and Autumn Park on June 7. On the stationary bus, residents were able to browse a collection of books and select some to borrow for as long as they like.

The Library Board welcomed their newly appointed member, Dick Spence. Members Natalie McNown and Yasmin Ismail will start their new terms in July.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*

