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# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

March was a busy month at the library with our regular programs in addition to special Spring Break programs and city, county, and state agencies holding screenings and meetings.

In youth programs, weekly Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Play Group programs continued until Spring Break. On the two Early Release Days (Mar. 8 and 22), Youth Services staff held “STEAM Stuff,” a program for elementary-age children to drop in for hands-on STEAM activities. Teens met weekly on Wednesdays for “Teen Afterschool Drop-In Activities”.

On Mar. 3, Clackamas Education Service District held free developmental and hearing screenings for children ages birth through 5 years after the Friday morning Play Group. The parents who attended with their children were deeply appreciative of this opportunity.

The library received a \$5000 grant from the State Library to hire a teen intern for this summer. This internship is an exciting opportunity for a teen to gain valuable work experience in the library including designing a project based on the teen’s interests. With support from Youth Program Librarian Brad Clark, the intern will develop and implement a community based project that supports the library’s priorities. We hope to have an intern in place by June.

Adult programs featured a concert of Celtic harp music, an online presentation about Queen Boudica, and a genealogy workshop on deciphering old-style handwriting. Two new classes started in March: “Spanish Beginning 2” and “The Romantic Poets”; both classes saw registrations filled to capacity. The Walking Book Club and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *The Fabelmans*.

Although youth programs were on hiatus during Spring Break, you wouldn’t have known that with the large numbers of families in the library. Youth Services staff gave out Take and Make Kits for children, and a Scavenger Hunt provided fun for families as they searched throughout the library for clues to solve the puzzle.

The State Library held their “Leading with Equity Cohort Meeting” on Mar. 1 at the library. Librarians from around the state, as well as our own library, attended the all day meeting.

The library’s leadership team presented on different aspects of the library including structure, funding, programs, and circulation to the Civics Academy

The Tiny Art Show in our lobby displayed the 3 inch square artworks Wilsonville citizens of all ages created in February. There were so many submissions that we had to switch out the display mid-month to be able to feature everyone’s work. Visitors to the library voted for their favorites in each age category. Winners will be announced in April.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*

