

Library Advisory Board Director's Report March 2021

Budget preparation in process:

- Draft library budget pages have been submitted
- Preparations for the Library Budget Presentation underway. Presentations will be recorded again. Limited to 12 min and 10 slides.
 - Summary of services/programs/staffing
 - Proposed Budget Summary
 - FY21 Prior Year Accomplishments
 - FY22 initiatives/significant changes
 - FY23-26 Future Year Considerations
- Carrie & I meet with Budget committee on March 10 to discuss pages and presentation
- Budget Committee Meetings scheduled for Tuesdays at 5:30 April 27, May, 4, 11, 18
 - The May 4 conflicts with our Board meeting. I am required to attend the Budget meeting. Board can decide to change the date or not meet. Board members have attended Budget meeting in past years.
- The City is still looking for Budget Committee volunteers and very interested in diversifying the committee by recruiting BIPOC community members. Volunteers are needed from ward 3 & 4. The City Manager, Nancy Newton is very willing to help people with the process if they have questions or concerns. Here is the link to the information (includes the ward map) and application. Please share it with people you know who may be interested:
<http://www.springfield-or.gov/applicants-sought-for-city-budget-committee-5/>

Service changes:

- 24 hour quarantine period implemented
- Increased available computer appointment slots back to 6 per hour. We went down to 4/hr with the "extreme risk" rating. Now that the county is downgraded to "high risk" we are adding the two appointments back starting March 1.

Grant Received!

- We received a \$5000 grant from the American Library Association American Dream Literacy Initiative. This is in collaboration with Centro Latino Americano. Kristen Cure, our Latino Liaison will be the project lead and will work with CLA to visit virtual ESL classes and talk about the Library. The project includes the creation of video tutorials on how to use the library catalog and library databases, a virtual library tour and the purchase of materials for the Spanish language collection. The grant was written in response to the fact that the circulation of the Spanish language collection has dropped significantly during COVID and the assumption is that this is partially due to a lack of understanding of how to use the online resources.

Library Legislative week March 1-5, 2021 (or after)

- The Oregon Library Association typically has a Legislative Day each year. With COVID that has turned into a week, since appointments will be done by Zoom or phone versus all in one day of visits. I have contacted Senator Buyers, but haven't heard back yet. Representative Lively has a booked schedule next week, so I have a visit scheduled with him on Friday March 12 at 10am to Here are links to what we are advocating for:
- Issue Brief: **Support Ready to Read funding as included in proposed State Library budget (HB 5017)**
- Issue Brief: **Support information literacy and library media program standards (SB 552)**
- Issue Brief: **Support on-time adoption of course materials for higher-education students (HB 2919)**
- If anyone is interested in attending one or both of the meetings please let me know. It is always great for the representatives to meet Board members. It won't be quite as fun as going to Salem, but it is a good experience to meet with the representatives.

Friends Annual Book sale is online!

The normal sale date would have March 12th and 13th, so this sale will encompass that, running from March 8th - March 15th.

- There will be special discounts offered during the sale.
- Currently, they have just over 1,200 books and DVDs available for sale. (.There are 1,700 items online if you count the Museum items as well).
- There will be a Facebook event created, and boosted, with a budget of around \$30 (to \$50).
- There will be some simple, fun advertising features happening.
- Flyers will be printed and hopefully a few Downtown Springfield businesses would be willing to put them in their windows.
- Flyers can be printed for hand out during the library's curbside service
- The Friends will also try to get the sale in the Eugene Weekly, and have Facebook pages like Discover Downtown Springfield and the City page to share the event.

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