**Library Director’s Report**

**January 2023**

**By Crystal Spybuck**

* Staff updates:
  + The two new employees have been hired, completed the initial training, and working on a current schedule. Kee and Dorothy have done an excellent job of training our new staff members. We will be updating the schedule after the end of this pay period.
* The freezing weather in December broke the pipe leading to the landscaping. I was able to get Steve the Plumber out to repair it. Blanco Library, Inc. covered the cost of repairs.
* Dash Customs delivered our merchandise and we have started selling our new shirts and bags. Advertising will be developed to promote the materials. The shirts and bags will be sold at $15 each based on the price we determined at the November Board meeting.
* Reading Between the Wines (RBTW) on January 11th had 42 people in attendance and the Library received $27 in donations.
* The next RBTW will be February 5th at Gem of the Hills with Lucy Griffith and Pedernales Cellars.
* I presented a special showing of the movie “Murder on the Orient Express” on December 28th and we had very few people there. My advertising wasn’t as extensive as usual
* I will present a special showing of the movie “Death on the Nile” on January 25th at 3pm.
* I am still working on the paperwork to launch the Dolly Patron Imagination Library program in Blanco County.
* I attended a webinar with updates about the Annual State Report. We will be answering some new questions this year. We should have our portion finished before the end of March so that TSLAC has an opportunity to review it before the final submission in April.
* Diana is working on the dates for this spring’s tax assistance program.
* On January 12th and 13th we had internet connectivity issues. HOT IT is still working on the problem.
* HOT IT is still working on the issue of collecting Wi-Fi stats. We have not been able to collect them since August. On the state report for 2022-2023 we will have to estimate for the months we were unable to collect the information.