**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 3.14.23**

* **February Statistics**: I complied and posted the February statistical reports to the shared drive. They are in the “2022-2023 Board Reports” folder. Please let me know if you have any questions.
* **Traveling Exhibition**: Reminder—from April 16, 2023 through May 20, 2023, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum’s traveling exhibition, “Not Alone,” will be at the library in the large conference room, free and open to the public.
* **Book Displays**: Current book displays: “Women’s History Month,” “Cinematic Takes,” “Irish American Heritage Month.”
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:**  For fiscal year 2022-2023, the Board approved a budget of $6,000 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. I have added 190 new books and spent $3,958.02.
* **Storytime:** Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30. On February 23, Carol took a photo of the kids wearing felt animal masks that she had purchased. I wrote a caption for the photo and sent them to editor of the “Blanco County News.” They were published in the March 8 edition of the paper on page six.
* **Family Days at the Library:** Our next Family Day will be on March 25. For Spring Family Day, Becky Macaluso will lead a Storytime and singalong to kick things off. Participants will plant zinnia and marigold seeds in small terra cotta pots with saucers (outside), and there will be two crafts on hand, along with potato sack and plastic egg relay races, and a parachute game (depending on attendance). Snacks and drinks will be served. This will be our last Family Day before the Summer Reading Program due to the “Not Alone” exhibit in the large conference room.
* **CoATP Wellness Fair:** Amber Corder from Blanco ISD reached out to the Library to invite us to be a vendor at the Wellness Fair at Blanco High School on Wednesday, March 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. I attended the fair and had a table for the Blanco Library. I handed out forms for people to register for library cards, along with informational bookmarks about the library. I spoke to people about the library and its services and had a dish with chocolates that were very popular. There was a good turnout for the fair, with an estimated 175 attendees (245 including vendors).
* **Summer Reading Program:** Begins June 2 and ends July 28. “Bonzo Crunch” will perform on Tuesday, June 6 at 3:00 PM in the large conference room to kick off the SRP. Readers will track their reading via the ReaderZone app (or online) to be eligible to earn a prize (the past three years we have been buying each participant approximately $20.00 worth of books, of their own choosing and with our approval; adult readers usually select to have us buy a book on their behalf that is added to the library’s collection. Last year, I lowered the amount for the gift card to a local restaurant prize option to $10.00 for the people who still wanted this as their prize, usually to Josie’s Kitchen or the Redbud Café). We’ll have four age groups again in ReaderZone: Pre-K, Child, Teen, and Adult. Wednesday will likely be an SRP activity day. Friday will likely be SRP Movie Day. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme for 2023 is “All Together Now.”