**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 5.10.22**

* **April Statistics**: I complied and posted the April statistical reports to the shared drive. 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.
* **“Beginning of Spring” Reading Program**: There are two participants who still need to pick up their Josie’s Kitchen Gift Cards. I will present a final budget for this program at the June meeting.
* **Book Displays**: The May book displays will be “Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,” “Jewish American Heritage Month,” and “Get Caught Reading Month.” I will begin posting pictures of these book displays on FaceBook to advertise and spread the word.
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:**  For fiscal year 2021-2022, the Board approved a budget of $6,000 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. I have added 260 new books and spent $5,032.73
* **New Story Time Beginning:** Volunteer Carol Winscott and I have been meeting to plan for her to host a new Story Time at the Library. She will be leaving her afternoon slot at the front desk from 2-6 on Thursdays to offer a Story Time from 10:30 to 11:30 on Thursdays. Her Story Time will feature book readings along with light physical movements and craft activities. Carol has agreed to offer her Story Time from June 2 to August 25 (and then we will reassess moving forward). Carol will be stepping away from front desk duties since she will also be helping me with Summer Reading Program activities on Saturday mornings. Carol will also be incorporating into her Story Time content related to this year’s CSLP them, “Oceans of Possibilities.” I will advertise her Story Time on Facebook, in the BCN, and on our website.
* **Summer Reading Program Update:** I will be using ReaderZone again to host and organize the reading and logging portion of the SRP, with prizes earned and awarded at the end of the program as I have done for the past two years with programs. The program lasts eight weeks, begins on June 14 and ends on August 9, one week before the first day of school. In addition to ReaderZone, the library will also have in-person programming. Along with content featured in Story Time, we will have an SRP movie day on Friday with screenings featuring ocean-themed films beginning at 3:00; these screenings will last eight weeks. Carol will also be helping me to have a Saturday morning SRP craft activity for families who work during the week. Kee, Carol, and I discussed how this will work Saturday mornings, and I will most likely be looking for volunteer helpers to assist Carol or help with desk duties. I plan to reach out to Becky Macaluso, but if you know anyone who would like to volunteer, please let me know. I have reserved the Large Conference Room for all the dates affected by Story Time and SRP activities, and there were no conflicts.
* **Community Outreach:** I am meeting with Elizabeth Hoff, the Blanco ISD Librarian, at the High School on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:00 PM to discuss community outreach and future collaboration opportunities between the Blanco Library and Blanco ISD. I will be sharing with her any flyers I develop for SRP before the last day of school on May 26. And I will also contact Mindy Lay, the counselor at Blanco Elementary, to see if she can help distribute flyers for SRP.
* **Children’s Classics Project:** Last fall the Board approved a budget of $1,000 to buy new copies of children’s classic books that have aged. On March 11, library volunteer Becky Macaluso resigned from working the front desk, but I approached her about helping us identify children’s classics that need to be replaced and/or purchased anew. She agreed to help with this effort and has done a lot of work identifying classics, which ones we have and don’t, and which we might want to acquire if not replacing. Becky has been communicating with me and Kee about this project, and I plan to complete all ordering by the end of May so that all books are catalogued by the end of the fiscal year. Joni will also supply a list of books that she used during Story Time which deserve replacing. I recommend assessing where we stand with this effort after the $1,000 are spent and consider creating an additional budget for this effort next fiscal year as needed.
* **Agenda Item**: Get Blanco Kickin’—Blanco Youth Soccer Association Needs Sponsors: Team Sponsorship is $200.00/team for names on backs of player shirts. Community Donation is $100.00. This could be an opportunity for us to advertise, especially since it is a youth organization. We could use our existing logo/design from the tote bag. Anywhere from 3 to 7 kids per team, depending on their ages. The organizer of the association said she could provide more details once she gets them from the graphics company who will print the shirts.
* **Potential Author Talk:** J.R. Knoll, who is a local author, was in the library on Friday and said he would like to do an author talk at the library. He also mentioned that he is friends with Peter Beagle, the author of *The Last Unicorn*, and said that if Beagle were to come to Texas, he could probably get Beagle come to the library to give an author talk. Mark Standley, a coordinator with Reading Between the Wines series, was also in the library on Saturday, and I mentioned to him that J.R. Knoll may also be a potential author for their series, so perhaps Knoll could be a featured author at the library for that event. I will try to get them in touch with each other.
* **Film Screening Opportunity:** The owner of the Swiss Lodge, Rick Garza, was involved in the production of a recent film (he is also an actor in it). He has given me an access code to screen the film through Vimeo, but if approved, we could screen the film at the library this summer, and he would be available to talk about the film either before or after the screening. The film is called *Adventures in Game Chasing* and is related to a television series called *The Game Chasers*.
* **Columnar Book Display:** The product I found is called “Edge Single Post Focal Display—8 shelves.” Please see PDF in email and on the shared drive. The base is 15”X20” and there are 71.5” between the shelves where the DVDs face the Fiction stacks.