**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 9.13.22**

* **August Statistics**: I complied and posted the August 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/upcoming book displays: “Thanks Summer Readers!” “In Memory of David McCullough,” “Fall into Reading,” “Hispanic Heritage Month,” “Banned Book Week.”
* **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 40 new books and spent $880.67.
* **Summer Reading Program Update:** We had 70 participants register in ReaderZone (19 adults, 36 children, 8 pre-K, and 7 teens). Child and Pre-K participants read a total of 25,811 minutes, while Adult and Teen participants read a total of 59,644 pages. These numbers are actually higher because some participants only entered titles of books read and didn’t report pages, probably in cases where they read e-books without pagination. Following is the number of participants in each category who earned a prize: Adults (18), Children (19), Pre-K (4), and Teens (6). This is 47 prizes. Once I have heard from all participants and ordered their prizes, I will submit a final budget. Current prizes expenditures are $699.02, with a potential $170.00 still unclaimed. I emailed Elizabeth Hoff, the Blanco ISD school librarian, the names of Blanco Elementary students who completed our SRP so that they could have their names mentioned on the morning announcements, receive treasure tower coins, and get to pick a free book from their library. She said she would email a group picture of these participants, but so far they school hasn’t begun making morning announcements.
* **Storytime:** Storytime began a two-week hiatus on September 1 and will resume on September 15. Carol Winscott and I will continue to hold Storytime each Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 through the fall.
* **Family Day at the Library (three Saturdays):** I spoke with Carol and Becky about continuing to offer a children’s crafting program once a month, and they have agreed to offer a special children’s program once a month for October (10/15), November (11/12), and December (12/10). I have booked the large conference room for these days from 10:00 to 12:00 and will promote these programs in advance of the dates to boost attendance. Becky and Carol are meeting to plan further, but we have ordered supplies to conduct arts and crafts programs in theme with the holidays for October, November, and December, and we will show three “Peanuts” holiday films, one each time. The programming will be for approximately 1.5 hours.
* **PLAN (Partners Library Action Network) Fall Membership Meeting:** I attended this meeting on Friday, 9/9, at the Buda Public Library. I will provide details at the Board meeting. The presenters included:
  + Daryl Tocker, Executive Director of the Tocker Foundation
  + Gloria Meraz, State Librarian and Director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission
  + Wendy Woodland, Communications Director of the Texas Library Association (reported on the upcoming 88th Texas Legislative Session)
  + Eric Lashley, Executive Director of PLAN
  + David Lankes, UT Information School, on “Becoming a Community Centered Library”
* **Blanco Youth Soccer Association Sponsorship:** We gave Kristi Rice the check for the $200.00 sponsorship. I emailed her the library graphic along with a PDF that includes the graphic with the library’s name. She will let me know if the graphics company has any questions. The shirts should be printed in August. Kristi will share with us the final printed jersey with our logo once they are ready. Depending on the number of sponsors, our logo may appear on a shirt with other sponsors. [Haven’t heard from them how this is going.[
* **Film Screening Opportunity:** (Pending: I still need to view the film) 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; if the film is approved, we could screen it 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*.