**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 1.11.22**

* **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 150 new books and spent $2.911.13.
* **December Statistics**: I posted the December statistical reports to the shared drive.
* **Book Displays**: MLK Day displays. Three displays in memory of Joan Didion, bell hooks, and E.O. Wilson. Book display later this month to coincide with a meeting at Gem of the Hills for the Master Gardeners and the Master Naturalists that features some books requested by a patron for purchase and display. National Book Awards display.
* **Hotspots**: On December 7, I emailed our T-Mobile for Government contact for a quote to replace the stolen device and add three additional devices. This quote was to include the cost of the four devices as well as the monthly cost for 8 hotspots. After not hearing back, I emailed a coordinator for the contacts, and she scheduled an appointment for me to speak with the original contact on 12.14 at 3:30 PM. This phone call never took place. I waited until after the holidays to follow up, emailing the four recipients included on the invite on 1.5.22. I received out of office auto-replies from two of the recipients, and the primary contact is not back until 1.10.22. I reiterated in my latest email that all we are seeking is the quote I originally requested on 12.7 and explained that unless the devices we have are no longer available for purchase, I did not need to speak with anyone. Perhaps this will result in the quote that I initially requested on 12.7.21. More information to come.
* **Traveling Exhibitions/Programs**: Nancy notified us about a freestanding traveling exhibition from The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum that deals with human trafficking. We can pursue booking this exhibition if we are ready to have an exhibition in the large conference room for a period of 4 to 6 weeks. I would also like to circle back to see what the options are for having exhibitions from Humanities Texas at the library. I researched this last year, and there are some great ones to pick from. The library can rent these outright, or we can apply for in-kind matching grants that would fund a series of these exhibitions (depending on the cost of each, likely two to three). Humanities Texas exhibitions range in cost from $250 to $1,500, but most are between $250 and $500. Something to consider for any of these freestanding exhibitions is their footprints (how much square footage will they occupy) and is it feasible to move them once they are displayed should we need the space for other things, such as our table set up to ensure social distancing for meetings.
* **Winter/Spring Reading Program to come**: I will set up a Winter/Spring reading program for library patrons for different age groups likely for the beginning of February. I will write an article for the paper to advertise it in advance of its start.