**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 1.12.21**

* **Texas Book Festival Grant 2020—**
	+ We are promoting the Texas Book Festival and its programs to our patrons and in our community as part of the grant fulfillment:
		- The Library website homepage still includes links to the *BCN* article on our website, including a photograph of the books that the paper did not print, a link to the catalog that brings up the Texas Book Festival 2020 booklist (all 144 books), and a link to the TBF website (for general information as well as how to rewatch the festival’s virtual, free programming and contribute to the TBF).
	+ This week, I will launch a TBF reading program via EngagedPatrons.org. This reading program will be similar to the 2020 Summer Reading Programs. The hosting of the program by EngagedPatrons.org is free to our Library. The budget will cover the cost of participant prizes, such as library-approved books to be purchased for the library on behalf of participants, books for participants, gift certificates to a local restaurant, and a grand prize for the person who reads and writes reviews of the most books. Participants must read and write reviews of a certain number of books (2 or 3) by the end of the program to be eligible for a prize. Participants will select their prize option when they register. The reading program will last 8 to 10 weeks. The program will state that though there are no age limits to register, the books in the TBF collection will most likely appeal to adult readers. I will include stats for the program in my report to the Texas Book Festival in March. This program is intended to boost patron interest in the grant books, if they haven’t already been reading them, and increase the overall circulations of the grant books.
		- Budget request: $500 for prizes (if we have enough participants, there may be an additional request to fill the gap).
* **Water Leak/Parking Lot Asphalt Update:** Ben Escobedo completed the work by filling in the hole with asphalt sometime during the week of the last Board meeting.
* **When the Library Is Open to the Public:** I continue to work the desk on the days that we are open to the public. We have been providing copying and faxing services. Since we reopened on July 19:
	+ 62 days of being open for 4 hours; for a total of 245.5 hours (includes -2.5 hours due to the early closing on 11/5)
	+ The door count total is 2,235.
	+ That’s 36.05 people per day, or 9.1 people per hour.
	+ These numbers are about the same as we have had.
* **Collection Picks:** I submitted a list of ten books to Crystal to purchase for the month of January.
* **December Statistics**: I posted the December Statistics to the Shared Drive.
* **Upcoming CTLS Web Discussion**: I registered to attend the next CTLS web discussion on Wednesday, 1/13, featuring Anina Moore from the Texas Commission on the Arts.