**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 2.8.22**

* **January Statistics**: I complied and posted the January statistical reports to the shared drive. Please let me know if you have any questions.
* **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 was not supposed to be back until 1.10.22. I reiterated in my January 5 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. On 2.1.22, I emailed this same group of four people, and I have not heard from anyone. I will try to call T-Mobile on 2.8.22 to see if we can be reassigned to a different T-Mobile for Government representative or find out how we might otherwise purchase equipment and services from them. We continue to circulate all four of our hotspots with several patrons waiting in the queue.
* **Traveling Exhibitions/Programs**: Nancy notified us about a freestanding traveling exhibition from The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum that deals with human trafficking, called *Not Alone*. On Friday February 4, I signed a venue agreement contract with TSHM for the library to exhibit *Not Alone* for five weeks from April 16, 2023 through May 20, 2023. This is the soonest we could book the exhibit. I am also looking at exhibitions to rent from Humanities Texas. Humanities Texas exhibitions range in cost from $250 to $1,500, but most are between $250 and $500. More information about these exhibits to come.
* **Winter/Spring Reading Program to come**: I will launch a Winter/Spring reading program via ReaderZone on Wednesday, February 16 for patrons of all ages. I will write an article for the BCN to announce the program and also announce it on our library webpage and Facebook page. The program will be like the one we had this past year for the Summer Reading Program.
* **Book Displays**: Black History Month displays for the month of February. Four in memoriam displays for authors Joan Didion, bell hooks, E.O. Wilson, and Thich Nhat Hanh. Book display that promoted a January 30 film screening of *Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home* and presentation at Gem of the Hills for the Master Gardeners and the Master Naturalists that featured some new books requested by a patron along with additional related books from the library’s collection.
* **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 170 new books and spent $2,726.29.