**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 2.9.21**

* **Texas Book Festival Grant 2020—**
  + On January 20, I launched the TBF reading program via EngagedPatrons.org. The hosting of the program by EngagedPatrons.org is free to our Library. The program, which ends on March 18, lasts 8 weeks. Last month, the Board approved a $500 budget to fund participant prizes. Participants must read at least 600 pages from the grant books by the end of the program to be eligible for a participant prize. To be eligible for the grand prize drawing, participants must read at least 1,200 pages from the grant books. Participants select their prize option when they register. Participants are encouraged to write short reviews of the books they read but are not required to do so to be eligible to receive a prize. I will include stats for the program in my report to the Texas Book Festival on March 1. This program is intended to boost patron interest in the grant books and increase the books’ circulations. So far, we have 9 participants in the program.

* **When the Library Is Open to the Public:** I continue to work the desk on the days that we are open to the public. Since we reopened on June 19:
  + 74 days of being open for 4 hours; for a total of 293.5 hours (includes -2.5 hours due to the early closing on 11/5)
  + The door count total is 2,661.
  + That is 35.96 people per day, or 9.07 people per hour.
  + These numbers are about the same as we have had.
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:** Last month, the Board approved a budget of $2,500 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. In January, I purchased 20 books for the Library and spent $395.74.
* **January Statistics**: I posted the January Statistics to the Shared Drive.