**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 4.13.21**

* **Texas Book Festival Grant 2020—**
  + On February 27, I submitted the Texas Book Festival 2020 Library Grant Recipient Final Report to the TBF contact, Lucy Velez. The report was due on March 1. Lucy Velez responded on March 9 that the report was received and that they would be in touch if they have any questions. I posted a copy of the final report to the Google shared drive and emailed a copy to the Board members as well (file name: Texas Library Grant Final Report 2020\_Blanco Library). To view the files attached to the final report, you must download the file from the shared drive as a Word doc and open it. The attachments are not viewable when the file is opened on the shared drive itself. Please let me know if you have any questions.
  + On January 20, I launched the TBF reading program via EngagedPatrons.org. The program was originally set to end on March 18; however, due to the lengthy closure of the Library in February, I extended the closing date to March 31. The program is now closed. We had 12 people join the program. Participants read 44 titles for a total of 10,669 pages! Most of these titles were also reviewed by participants. I have contacted participants about their participant prizes. Because we had a relatively low number of participants who reached the 600-page goal, I asked the 6 who did to provide a list of 3 titles they would like the library to purchase instead of 1. I also decided to award two grand prizes because there were two exceptional participants who read much more than the 1200-page goal, one more than double that amount, another more than triple. They will receive gift cards to a place of their choosing.
* **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:
  + There have been 92 days of being open for 4 hours; for a total of 365.5 hours   
    (includes -2.5 hours due to the early closing on 11/5).
  + The door count total is 3,343.
  + On average, we have had 36.37 people per day, or 9.15 people per hour.
  + These numbers are nearly the same as we have been having, though fractionally lower than the previous average excluding March.
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:** In January, the Board approved a budget of $2,500 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. Between January 23 and April 2, I spent $1,291.68, and acquired 70 new books for the Library.
* **Nonfiction Stacks:** I have been shifting the nonfiction books to create more room for the collection, and I will also be weeding this section to make room for new books. This should make the nonfiction stacks more appealing and easier to browse for our patrons.
* **March Statistics**: I posted the March statistics to the shared drive. Notably, in the month of March, we circulated more adult nonfiction than mystery books, 132-127!