**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 5.9.23**

* **April Statistics**: I complied and posted the April statistical reports to the shared drive. They are in the “2022-2023 Board Reports” folder. Please let me know if you have any questions.
* **Traveling Exhibition**: Now through May 20, 2023, The Bullock Texas State History Museum’s traveling exhibition, “Not Alone,” is at the library in the large conference room. We received the shipment on Monday, April 17. Ron Baker and I put the exhibit up on April 18, and we started displaying it on April 19. I created a sign-in sheet for visitors to initial and date (if they choose) for our report to the museum. The coordinator at the TSHM said the exhibit will be picked up sometime during the week of May 29. I ran a press release announcement in the “Blanco County News” when we started showing the exhibit, created a page on our website for the exhibit with a link from the library’s homepage, and have been posting about it weekly on Facebook. Please spread the word that the exhibit is on display until May 20.
* **Book Displays**: Current book displays: “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,” “Jewish American Heritage Month,” and “Staff Picks” (picked by staff who are not me).
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:**  For fiscal year 2022-2023, the Board approved a budget of $6,000 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. I have added 240 new books and spent $4,978.33.
* **Storytime:** Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30. We have been meeting in the Children’s Area because of the “Not Alone” exhibit. We have scaled down what we offer and have squeezed two large groups (35 and 32 people the first two weeks) into this area. We had a smaller group last week (16 people). Carol has an obligation on May 11, so we are taking a break this week.
* **Summer Reading Program:** Begins June 2 and ends July 28. “Bonzo Crunch” will perform on Tuesday, June 6 at 3:00 PM in the large conference room to kick off the SRP. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme for 2023 is “All Together Now,” and we have received all the promotional materials that I ordered from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (bookmarks and posters). Readers will track their reading via the ReaderZone app (or online) to be eligible to earn a prize (the past three years we have been buying each participant approximately $20.00 worth of books, of their own choosing and with our approval. Adults can choose book for self, book for library collection, or gift card to local restaurant for $10.00). We’ll have four age groups again in ReaderZone: Pre-K, Child, Teen, and Adult. ReaderZone will offer a Spanish version of the app this year, included in the regular subscription cost. I will subscribe to RZ for a three-month period (offered for summer reading programs). Wednesday will be an SRP activity day. Storytime on Thursdays will follow the SRP theme. Friday will be SRP Movie Day.