**Library Director’s Report**

**January 2024**

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* **IT Updates**:
  + Cybrarian has been in operation for about 6 weeks. It is working fast and well, but we occasionally some of the computers try to revert to printing using an old route.
  + The Bookkeeper laptop is having problems off and on connecting to QB on the new computer that replaced the server. Some other QB issues may be due to our desktop software expiring soon. I will get a quote for moving to online QB for next meeting.
  + Staff are still learning how to use the new copier.
* **Friends Annual Membership Drive:**
  + The Friends Drive wrapped up early November and hosted a mixer. The mixer was well attended.
* **Reading Between the Wines**:
  + The RBTW on January 3rd had 29 attendees and we received $25 in donations.
  + The next RBTW event will be March 6th at Gem of the Hills with special guest author Eva Silverfine and beverage sponsor Milam & Greene.
* **BWC Pecan Sales:**
  + The BWC pecan sales have slowed down, but we have about 5 boxes left to sell.
* **Kanopy:**
  + The Friends of the Blanco Library voted to pay for one year for this online streaming service. We launched it January 2nd and so far we have 7 registered users.
* **Solar Eclipse:**
  + We have started advertising the Hunter Williams presentation on February 20th at 10:30am
  + Barbara Dugelby will do an eclipse presentation on animal behavior during a solar eclipse. Date TBD.
  + Maggie Goodman will do a presentation on March 19th at 10:30am. An explanation about the eclipse scientifically and mythological as well as an experiment**.**
* **Free Tax Assistance:**
  + Dates have been announced for Free Tax Assistance again with Diana Blackburn and George Barr.