**Library Director’s Report**

**February 2024**

**By Crystal Spybuck**

* **IT Updates**:
  + We noticed that PC 13’s thinclient/CPU went missing as well as the power cord for the donation room computer. HOT IT was able to tell us that they were last operational on Jan. 5th around noon.
  + QuickBooks continues to have issues requesting updates before running payroll. Our QB subscription expires in May, we will need to make a migration before then. We will discuss this more in the meeting.
  + IT remotely repaired the Scan computer that kept being stuck in a loop.
* **Weather Closure:**
  + We were closed January 15th and the morning of January 16th for freezing weather.
* **Library Districts Meeting:**
  + I attended the Library Districts semi-annual meeting in Lake Travis on January 26th.
  + Topics of discussion were:
    - Update from Texas State Library and Archives Commission
    - Update from PLAN - Partners Library Action Network
    - Mary Jo Finch (Westbank Library).  What is a library district, what makes us different from other libraries
    - Speaker- Stacey Heckler (CPS HR Consulting) Successful Onboarding
    - Update on Special Purpose District Coalition
  + Based on discussions during this meeting, I inquired about Hdl Companies and investigated if it could help us. We will discuss this more in the meeting.
* **Reading Between the Wines**:
  + The next RBTW event will be March 6th at Gem of the Hills with special guest author Eva Silverfine and beverage sponsor Milam & Greene.
* **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 29 registered users.
* **Solar Eclipse:**
  + We have started advertising the Hunter Williams presentation on February 20th at 10:30am geared towards adults.
  + 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**.**
  + Barbara Dugelby will do an eclipse presentation on animal behavior during a solar eclipse. Date TBD.
* **Free Tax Assistance:**
  + Dates have been announced for Free Tax Assistance again with Diana Blackburn and George Barr.