

Library Director's Report (March)

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March Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of March 2022 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

Multiple donations have been made in memory of Janet Donoghue. Thank you notes have been sent.

The \$500 check from the Stewart's grant was received during March.

News/Issues:

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings. This month I also participated in a New Director's meeting and attended part of a webinar on book bans/challenges (the webinar was recorded and I was able to watch the rest of it at a later time.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Food delivery continues every week.
- During the month of March the window displays celebrated Women's History Month and the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The miniature displays were provided by Cynthia Whitman. Each month Beverly Kratzert and Randy Dumas help us with our windows.
- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVD's to our shelves that are available for our patrons.
- We continue to keep our patrons informed of new books and library news through the use of the library's Facebook page, our webpage, newspaper

articles, and our newsletter (I will be sending out another newsletter as soon as we can start booking Proudfit Hall again)

Looking Ahead:

- I've been in contact with the Office of the Aging. After the use of Proudfit Hall is approved, they will be offering a lunch to seniors once a month here in Salem. They will also provide a short program after the lunch. Dates for the luncheons have been set for this month and May.
- On Monday I will be having a telephone conference with Chelsey Horner regarding collaboration between the Lunch, Learn, and Play Program and the library this summer.
- April brings "National Library Week." The theme for this year is "Connect With Your Library." A post will be put on Facebook each day reminding people of all the things our library has to offer.
- Invitations are being sent to the elementary teachers and English teachers at school. They will be invited to set up a time to visit the library before the end of the school year.
- In May students at SCS will be participating in a "Day of Service." Some of the students will be helping at the library by working in the court yard.
- The next step in our Story Walk project is for me to attend the next meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Programs:

- Scrabble Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, Book Club meets the beginning of each month, Mah Jong also meets on Wednesdays, and Noah continues to provide tech help every Tuesday. Chess Club is back and meeting every Saturday! Their participation has been great!

- We have made available weekly "Take Away" craft bags for the children in our community. All the grab and go craft bags are usually gone by Friday. These have been very popular and we have people asking for them each week now. We have received a lot of positive feedback.
- Karen Hickland and I have started generating a list of possible programs for the library. We will also be asking the public for ideas and volunteers to help with the programs. With Proudfit Hall opening, we would like to start having a "Story Time" each week.