

Library Director's Report (April 2023)

Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

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April Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of April 2023 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

\$300 reward cards (Redeemed credit card points). We are going to purchase Spanish language books as the books we currently have are being checked out.

\$2,429 - Construction Challenge Grant check

*Donations: \$75 donation

News/Issues:

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings. We are meeting monthly.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Last month we had at least 89 community members take a food item from our pantry (Most likely more as people come and go that we don't see). Every month I have people tell me how much they appreciate the Farm-2-Library program. We have a virtual meeting scheduled for this month so discuss the program---what works and what can be improved.
- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVDs to our shelves that are available for our patrons.

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- 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. A spring newsletter went out in April.
- The fence in the court yard is going up. A huge thank you to the Friends of Bancroft Library for providing the funding for the fence.

Looking Ahead:

- The Annual SALS Trustee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 5:00. Ed and I will be attending.
 - Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training will take place this month for library employees. We will take the training with the Town at the Fire House.
 - Plans are underway for end of the school year classroom visits to the library and for Lunch, Learn and Play programs this summer.

Programs:

- Our April senior citizen Potluck Luncheon was held April 26th. The program was a performance by a musical group from Montreal called E.T.E. It's through a program at Cafee Lena called "On the Road." The wonderful music program was enjoyed by everyone.

Our newest program, "The Bancroft Writing Group," started in April. The group meets twice a month. The group is run by the participants, focusing on writing and critiquing pieces of writing.

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- Our weekly story time, Bancroft Book Buddies, continued in the month of April. Our regular volunteer, Nan Valler, led the group the first part of the month and volunteer, Kathy Payne, stepped in when Nan was out at the end of the month (I also led the program one week). We made the decision to have Story Time continue throughout the summer.
- All of our regular programs continued throughout the month of April-Scrabble Club, Chess Club, Mahjong, Book Club, Kickin' Knitters, Tech Help with Noah and Tri-County Literacy.
- 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. A big thank you to Gayle Shaw who has volunteered to make these crafts for the library.