

## Director's Report for June 20, 2024

- The construction contracts were all signed and returned. Prep work for the inside work of the dome began the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a short delay for work to start due to permit issues with the city, however, work began in earnest at the end of May. By June 5<sup>th</sup>, the drop ceiling and much of the old plaster and drywall had been removed from the rotunda / dome area.
- Melissa and Hilde organized all the boxes of items (321) that are now stored in the upper level of the old Dutton's building so that we can easily find requested items and put returned items in their proper order.
- I received notice from our insurance company that all our items stored are covered by insurance.
- We had a great turnout for the Summer Learning Kickoff on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Since Summer Rec activities started the same evening, our numbers were lower (we had 158 attend kickoff), but we have had many come in to sign up since the kickoff and all programs have been well attended. Our total of Summer Learning participants as of June 17, is 222.
- I reported the value amount of our collection (\$197,682) that will be stored offsite to our insurance provider along with the address that they require.
- The street project is moving along despite all the rain we have had. We are looking forward to its completion!
- We welcomed Evelyn Lloyd to our staff for the summer. She will help during all the times when others are gone. She is excited to be a "paid" staff member and to learn more about the library.
- The Community Days Parade was great! Our trailer was decorated with an Adventure/Travel theme, and we had our awesome parade throws ready. Thanks to the museum for lending us the suitcases and trunk, and to Miller Motors for the loan of a pickup truck, and to Kevin Tulp for loan of the trailer. Also, thanks to Michael Lloyd for being our driver through the parade once again!
- The city approved the grant request that Hilde presented to them. It will go towards our restoration project and is a total of \$25,000.
- We received funding from the VCBC Library Foundation for purchasing our parade throws and Summer Learning Prizes. Parade throws were ordered and are here and prizes were ordered or purchased. Many of our prizes are gift certificates purchased from local businesses.
- The Times Record has been good about publishing articles about the library. There was one leading up to Summer Learning and an article about the kickoff and Summer Learning program by Chelsey Schaefer afterwards. They also published my article about what is happening.
- Hilde and I spoke at a Lions Club meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They were very interested and asked a lot of great questions. They will be giving us a donation of an amount to be determined at a later date.
- We received a \$200 donation towards Summer Learning from the Kiwanis.
- I received notice on May 28<sup>th</sup> that we reached the Excelling Level this year for the 2023 Public Library Survey. We are only 5 standards away from the next level and have already completed one of those, so we are on our way!
- The Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on the library lawn was a great success this year! It brought in \$1,321.00 for the roof & restoration project. There were at least 45 donated pies and there were only a few for sale as whole pies at the end of the day. Hilde sold \$870 worth of raffle tickets during the social as well! People enjoyed hearing about the project and looking at the scrapbook.
- As of May 31st, the library saved our community \$229,366 in physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 12,461 physical and 7593 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media equals \$369,077.
- We had two requests for mobile/wireless printing during the month of May.