

## Director's Report for April 20, 2023

- We were notified that City County Health is getting a new generator so it may be necessary to move our library drop box. This may only be a few feet yet will come with a cost of maybe \$100-\$125 if we hire it done.
- The water leaking through the roof and ceiling seems more severe, so I have been busy contacting contractors to give us proposals on the roof repairs. I'm not sure if I will have any replies before the meeting yet I am making this a priority so we can get the roof fixed before we have major damage to the library.
- Melissa and I met with Danico Angeles about the demo in the middle room and he will be starting that in another week or so. The middle room is cleaned out and ready for that process to begin! We are looking forward to having it completed before Summer Learning begins.
- National Library week is April 23-29, so we have been planning a few things for our patrons to take part in. We will be giving out some library swag and highlighting all the services our library provides to reflect this year's theme of "There's More to the Story."
- We put a notice in the paper and on our Facebook page about the Library Board Member opening and received two complete applications.
- We received an updated quote from Connect Interiors for furnishing the Middle Room with the budget discussed at the last meeting of \$15,000. We should receive a quote from Home Design Center by Monday of next week.
- Planning for Summer Learning is in full force. Time is going fast and there are many things to do yet.
- Travis is back to work, and we are looking forward to Sara coming back at the end of the month! Whew! It has been quite a scheduling nightmare for the last 6 weeks!
- Our "Read Before They Are Gone" displays have been very popular, and people have been asking questions about the legislation. They are concerned and are expressing their support for our library and our staff.
- A patron came in on a Saturday when I was working and became hostile while accusing the library and staff of having an adult bookstore available to children, promoting propaganda, and of getting rid of 1000's of books. This is not the first time this patron has expressed this behavior, so I documented his behavior and gathered statements from witnesses and advised staff to do the same and to call the police if he refuses to quit or leave. I also advised them not to hesitate to call the police if they feel threatened in any way.
- We were closed for three days during the last storm, April 4-6. We received several questions from patrons, but we explained that it is our policy to close when schools close to keep both staff and patrons safe. I came and checked on the library when possible and found the toilet in the men's room running. Something was leaking from the pressurized unit inside the tank. I turned the water off to it and we have been turning it on during library hours and off again at night. I contacted a plumber and hopefully, it will be fixed by the time you read this.
- Melissa and I put together a fiscal report concerning the cost of bills SB 2360 and HB 1205 as requested by State Librarian Mary Soucie.
- I finally reached the City Building Inspector and applied for a building permit for the remodel.