



## CITY OF STAYTON

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Mayor Quigley and the Stayton City Council

**FROM:** Janna Moser - Library Director

**DATE:** January 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** December Library report

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In December, all Library staff helped open our Wreath Lab, and 108 people of all ages joined us over two sessions to make a holiday wreath of their own. Forty-four people joined Jennifer, Kim, Nicole, and Shelby in December for a special winter-themed storytime at Hiatt Christmas Tree Farm in Sublimity. Stephanie provided hot cider to everyone, and Christian joined us to take pictures. We gave away free books to all children at the event thanks to funding from the Abigail Scott Duniway Chapter of the DAR.

Evie facilitated a teen meetup and volunteer opportunity, and ten of our teen volunteers came to decorate cookies and collaborate on Stephanie's ornament project. Jennifer and Janna provided free books to all children at Stayton Elementary School's caroling event, and Jennifer provided stories as well. Rachel hosted a Dungeons & Dragons session for teens and adults. Rachel and Shelby presented family-friendly Victorian ghost stories, cookies, and cocoa at our Spirits of Christmas program, and Stephanie and Janna hosted a Victorian ornament craft station.

Twenty-six people of all ages joined Stephanie, Shelby, Nicole, and Janna to make string Christmas trees at our DIY Craftshop program. The community helped us create a holiday light map, highlighting houses and neighborhoods with festive lights. It was accessed over 700 times as community members toured through neighborhoods lit for the season.

Evie hosted our Holiday Party, and all Library staff helped celebrate our volunteers, Friends of the Library, Library Board, and Library Foundation board members. One hundred and thirty-one people of all ages came to help us light the Library and the path in the park with lights and lanterns. Operation Re-Home the Gnomes: our Winter Reading Challenge started and will continue through January 31. To participate, people hunt for the gnomes hiding in the Library and complete challenges to earn a prize.

All-Star Preschool brought a class to the Library on a field trip. Jennifer, Evie, Janna, and Kim provided stories and tours. Jennifer represented us at the PYM (Polk, Yamhill, and Marion counties) Children's Services meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Family Storytime: January 16 at 10:30am
- Lego Build-It: January 16-19 (drop-in) – 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Toddler Time: Stay & Play: January 17 at 10:30am
- Family Storytime: January 23 at 10:30am
- Toddler Time: Stay & Play: January 24 at 10:30am
- Adults: Book Discussion – *The Searcher* by Tana French: January 24 at 4:00pm
- Foundation Fundraiser: Withdrawn: A 1920s Murder Mystery: January 27 at 6:30pm (tickets are available for purchase at <https://bit.ly/3NN8JED> or at the Library)
- Family Storytime: January 30 at 10:30am
- Toddler Time: Stay & Play: January 31 at 10:30am
- Teens & Adults: Dungeons & Dragons: February 1 at 5:30pm
- Art Show Opening Reception: February 2 at 6:00pm

2023-2024 Monthly Library Statistics														
	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	2023-24 YTD	2022-2023
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>														
Physical items	13,868	13,677	12,489	11,527	11,469	11,207							74,237	138,168
Digital items (ebooks + downloadable audio)	2,123	2,065	2,090	2,082	2,075	2,080							12,515	22,240
<b>INCOME RECEIVED</b>														
Non-resident cards	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$182.00	\$0.00	\$512.00							\$884.00	\$934.00
Fines: overdue & lost books	\$0.00	\$951.22	\$465.67	\$314.58	\$461.92	\$2,615.19							\$4,808.58	\$7,270.33
												<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,692.58</b>	<b>\$8,204.33</b>
<b>REFERENCE QUESTIONS</b>	552	548	476	480	464	456							2,976	5,957
<b>NEW PATRON CARDS</b>	118	100	82	90	64	55							309	910
<b>INTERNET USE</b>	156	222	179	166	186	169							1,078	1,720
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>														
Children & adults at Children's Programs	1,700	356	395	996	557	412							4,416	8,096
Teens	60	2	2	14	11	13							102	502
Adults	186	60	27	20	56	146							495	1,463
												<b>TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>10,061</b>
<b>OUTREACH BOOKS</b>	586	502	324	425	352	517							2,706	4,521
<b>PATRON VISITS</b>	3,635	3,887	3,375	3,774	3,220	3,214							21,105	38,718
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	121	122	79	92	85	94							592	1,107