



## CITY OF STAYTON

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

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

**FROM:** Janna Moser - Library Director

**DATE:** August 16, 2021

**SUBJECT:** July Library report

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Summer Reading continued in July, with participants logging their reading and activities in our online platform that Stephanie developed or in a paper option. Jennifer and Kim provided Storytime weekly on Tuesdays in the Community Center Park and Picnic Picks, where children and families bring lunch, pick a book, and explore music and activities. Jennifer also provided Storytime for a summer school class at Stayton Elementary. We hosted Jeff Evans - Magician Extraordinaire for a virtual magic show, and Rhys Thomas presented Jugglemania! live on Zoom.

The Stayton Library Foundation received a Summer Learning grant from the Oregon Community Foundation that included \$10,000 for the Library to buy books for children and teens to add to the Library collection. In collaboration with the Foundation, we did book giveaways at Stayton Middle School and the Stayton Elementary lunch site. The Stayton Public Library Foundation became a local Dolly Parton Imagination Library affiliate which will connect The Dolly Parton Imagination Library to children from birth to age five who live in the 97383 zip-code. Registered children will receive a free book in the mail each month. Registration can be done at the Library or online.

Take and Make kits went out weekly in an early-bird drive-thru event, with any extras available at the Library throughout the following week. Children made upcycled paper crafts, explored lights and shadows, added some glow to water and cards, and experimented with watercolor paint in their STEAM-to-go kits. This summer, Jennifer developed a take and make option for pre-Kindergarten children to help with early literacy development. Young children practiced shape matching, explored colors with clothespin color wheels, practiced patterns and sequencing with puff balls and built towers with Velcro dot sticks. Teens wrecked journals with art and experimented with bioluminescence. Adults and teens made pollinator watering stations and abstract geometric watercolor art pieces. In addition, we partnered with the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History to provide two sets of activity

kits. Families explored Oregon's Amazing Animals and the adaptations that help them survive in diverse habitats and also the Power of Plants, the natural heroes growing all around us.

Children and families completed the summer reading scavenger hunt for the Red Crayon's missing friends by searching for them in local businesses and working together to unlock the code and solve the mystery. *Little Night* by Yuyi Morales went up as a StoryWalk in Community Center Park right behind the Library, so people enjoying a stroll had a story to read as well.

Stephanie and Jennifer collaborated with Lisa from the Stayton Library Foundation to take the Library to the Farmer's Market two more times. The market proved to be an effective opportunity to reach a different portion of our community and connect them to Library resources and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Library extended its open hours starting July 12 and continued to provide an option for curbside pickup service as well.

Upcoming events:

- Storytime in the Park – Tuesdays at 11:00 and 11:30 starting September 7
- September Take & Make Kit: Tiny Art Show (all ages) – September 14

2021-2022 Monthly Library Statistics														
	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	2021-22 YTD	2020-2021
<b>TOTAL CHECKOUTS</b>														
Physical items	11,136												11,136	72,985
Digital items (ebooks + downloadable audio)	1,847												1,847	22,008
<b>INCOME RECEIVED</b>														
Non-resident cards	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$280.00
Fines: overdue & lost books	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$5,058.74
Room fees	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00
												<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,338.74</b>
<b>REFERENCE QUESTIONS</b>	552												552	5,546
<b>NEW PATRON CARDS</b>	57												57	217
<b>INTERNET USE</b>	98												98	28
<b>PROGRAM ATTENDANCE</b>														
Children & adults at Children's Programs	1,676												1,676	22,668
Teens	181												181	479
Adults	75												75	898
Outreach	0												0	511
												<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>24,556</b>
<b>MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE</b>	0												0	0
<b>PATRON VISITS</b>	2,011												2,011	833
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	55												55	172