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Director's Report to the Board of Directors For the July 8th, 2009 Meeting

Administrative

With a late June board meeting and an early July meeting, there has been little time between meetings. The focus for all staff during this time has been on the Summer Reading Program, from a well-attended launch to the continued planning and the service execution that is required to make this a successful event.

Staff evaluations are almost complete. Review meetings with staff will begin after the 4th of July weekend.

Youth and Teen Services

Please see Youth Services/Volunteer Coordinator Katie Kane's report.

Community Programs and Outreach

Lauren Kessler, author of the 2009 Oregon Reads title *Stubborn Twig* discussed her book in the Konnie Room on Thursday, June 25th at 7pm. Attendance was light as the WLN failed to include a notice of the event in the weekly paper.

I was the invited lunch speaker at the Kiwanis meeting on June 16th. I outlined the plans for Summer Reading Programming and discussed the progress of *Renovate '08*. The Kiwanis club donated \$300 toward the Summer Reading Program.

Facility/Equipment

I will begin soliciting bids for the painting of the building, and hope to have this work completed in August or September, depending on the availability of the painters.

Youth Service/Volunteer Coordinator Katie Kane made several changes to the children's area to open up more space for programming. The backpack kits are now hung on the wall instead of on a free-standing display, and the computers in the youth area have been moved to a smaller table.

Foundation

I attended a Foundation meeting Wed, July 1st. This meeting saw the close of the *Renovate '08* campaign, which brought in approximately \$170,000. The Foundation will take time off from meetings in July and attend the August 12th library board meeting to discuss the renovation plans.

Friends

The coordinator of the book sale stepped down after a year of very strong book sales. His efforts will be missed by the Friends and by library staff.

FriendFEST plans continue to move forward and the library will be ready to host a great celebration in August.

Materials

Statistics – Unavailable as of this writing (see Use Statistics).

Acquisitions- Varied projects and events at the library have taken my attention from selection and purchasing, but the library continues to bring in a broad selection of new fiction and non-fiction. Spending on youth books was a bit over budget for the fiscal year, but this was balanced by the final numbers for the adult materials. We continue to see an increase in donations from the community, and these go a long way toward filling in gaps in the collection and providing the Friends book sale with fresh product.

Weeding- No major weeding projects are in process during Summer Reading Program.

Patron Services

Staff is currently working to ensure that we provide solid, consistent service at the circulation desk. We have had a few issues with materials that have been shelved without being 'checked-in' and this creates a real problem for patrons as fines accrue and access is affected. Such blips are inevitable within any system, but we have seen too many instances of late.

Staff Recognition

The frog cup remains with Youth Services/Volunteer Coordinator Katie K. as there have been no staff meetings since the late June board meeting.

Use Statistics

Due to the holiday weekend and the early date of July meeting, the June 2009 Statistics report is not available as of this writing, and will be disturbed during the board meeting.