

# Librarian's Report

## 8/9/21

- All operations are going well currently, but continued news about the spread of the Delta Variant of COVID are concerning - particularly considering we are a regular site for visitation by children under 12 who are not able to get vaccinated and have staff who have kids in that age range. I continue to follow CDC & State of Colorado dept. of health for guidance and reach out to the local health department for clarifications, and will be adjusting programming and mask regulations accordingly.
- Numerous Grant Applications in the works, including:
  - Up to \$4,000 from IMLS to host "NASA @ Your Library" programs around the launch of the new space telescope this fall and first images in the spring.
  - \$10,000 American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the State Library to support technology and COVID related services (Zoom subscription, Kanopy, eBooks & eAudiobooks, furniture, and many other expenses all can be covered by this grant)
  - \$5,000 - \$10,000 SIPA grant for technology related expenses - priorities will be on an improved security system (cameras) and a digital information kiosk for the lobby.
- Jody has resigned as Tech Manager for personal reasons. I will be hiring someone to fill his position this month, I have had a couple of promising candidates reach out via email in the last couple of weeks.
- The library will hold another silent auction during the half marathon (Oct. 16), please consider donating something to the cause!
- Work on the Outdoor Classroom has been coming along nicely the area has been prepped and Brett has made good progress on the structural portions of the project (probably more since I've been gone!) The Friends had initially approved \$2,000 towards a lot of the prep work, however, the gentleman who did the dirt work decided to donate his time to the library! In addition, the landscaping "cloth", wood chips and staples were given to us at a steep discount so much of that money has not yet been spent. Would the Friends approve that the remainder of the money (probably around \$1500) go to more of the structural work? I will be submitting receipts to Laurie for current expenses when back in the office.
- We have made good progress on building our Gear Lending Library, and our first gear drive was a huge success (in big part thanks to a donation from Open Sky). Still working on getting storage, securing insurance, and soliciting monetary donations. We need about \$5,000 for insurance and additional gear purchases (through Outdoor Empowered Network which will use their connections to get us "pro deals" on many items). Would the Friends be willing to donate \$1,000 to support this project?

- In response to the thread about meetings and room use, I now remember that part of the reason we used to meet at 7:00 was better room availability. If folks would still like to meet earlier (I'm one of those) we could consider a 6:00 meeting near the fireplace or morning meetings?