

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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OVERVIEW

- Further improvements are being made to the outdoor area through the GRT Grant
 - o A mud kitchen has been purchased to be installed along with other small improvements
 - o A fence/barricade is also planned in a couple of areas to dissuade people from traversing in areas they shouldn't be in
- We currently have over 40 patrons signed up for Summer Reading with the majority being children 12 and under
- The State Library has contacted me regarding funding assistance for tele-health supplementary materials for our community
 - o Both meeting space and/or take-home kits were discussed; I believe a kit could be useful, but I worry a dedicated space may take away from already patrons using our meeting spaces
 - o More information will be acquired before any decisions are made
- Our annual fundraiser, The Cowboy Half Marathon, is currently scheduled for October 14
 - o This is also the same morning we have planned events for the annual solar eclipse, so we're expecting the library to be very busy

UPDATES

- Our Open House event was a success with about 70 attendees of all ages
 - o The current plan is to hold a similar event next year at a less busy time for the community (ie. not the last day of school / Memorial Day Weekend)
- The Little Free Library has been painted and stained and is now complete
- Ryan and I are working on a Scope of Work document to accompany our RFP (Request for Proposal) for the HVAC project

TECHNOLOGY

- Our online catalog now features an option to sign up for a library card virtually
 - o This will allow limited access to some of our online features, but the patron will have to come to the library to obtain a full-service library card
 - o We are hoping to utilize this feature to allow mass card sign-ups through the school