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TO: Library Board

FROM: Eric Ikenouye

DATE: April 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Directors Report

Board Members,

The Patron Registration policy is available for your consideration. Most of the changes are housekeeping, with the most significant change reducing the age limit for a patron to obtain their library card without parental consent from 18-year-old to 16-year-old. A teen would still need to present photo identification and proof of address.

Another notable change is moving the expiration on Taxpayer cards from 1 year to 2 years, which matches it to the same expiration as Resident cards.

We have started to see visits to the library increase, as we have had a couple of days recently with patron counts as high as they were pre-pandemic. Storytime attendance has been excellent, with Carnegie's Friday morning storytime being the busiest.

We are no longer offering Curbside pickup to patrons as the use was dwindling. Starting in May we will be open two additional hours on Wednesday evenings, until 6:00 p.m., to make up for this change.

On April 13, 2022, the Council voted 5-1 to remove late fees. The Council received written support for eliminating the fines from the Friends of the Library, Modern Travelers, and one individual (an additional letter of support arrived after the submission deadline). Support on social media has generated double the engagement of a typical library event post.

This month, LaRee Dominguez and Millie Barriger library staff members will be in attendance. LaRee will present on fundraising and the Friends of the Library, while Millie will be presenting on Spanish Language Services and the Spring Family Reading Festival! Día de los niños y libros coming on April 30, 2022.

On April 28, 2022, we will have the ribbon cutting for the Maker Space. We are excited about this celebration of our partnership with the Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub. The Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub has contributed around \$20,000 toward library-related projects. Children's Librarian April Spisak has been integral in keeping these projects moving forward.

At the next board meeting, April will talk about Summer Reading and what it will entail for this year.

Thank you for your time,

Eric

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Number of unique patrons that have checked out a physical library item:

2020 & 2021: 7,449
 2019 & 2020: 11,582
 2018 & 2019: 14,601
 2017 & 2018: 14,731
 2016 & 2017: 15,104
 2015 & 2016: 15,470
 2014 & 2015: 15,952
 2013 & 2014: 16,601

Collection Circulation Pre-Pandemic compared to Current

	YTD 20	YTD 21	YTD 22	comp 20 to 22 YTD March % of "normal"
Circ MN	274846	73822	229533	84%
Circ DT	25677	2328	10960	43%
Circ TOTAL	300523	76150	240493	80%
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Circ MN - child	116276	28111	107217	92%
Circ DT - child	8534	1881	4071	48%
Child TOTAL	124810	29992	111288	89%
Circ MN - YA	17836	4799	17087	96%
Circ DT - YA	906	39	380	42%
YA TOTAL	18742	4838	17467	93%
Circ MN - adult	136630	37926	100759	74%
Circ DT - adult	15738	376	6259	40%
Adult TOTAL	152368	38302	107018	70%
Circ MN - TB	9434	2526	7403	78%
Circ DT - TB	751	19	254	34%
TB TOTAL	10185	2545	7657	75%
Circ MN - video	70105	7757	37775	54%
Circ DT - video	10309	1392	2856	28%
Video TOTAL	80414	9149	40631	51%
Circ MN - periodical	2842	432	2547	90%
Circ DT - periodical	195	10	136	70%
Periodical TOTAL	3037	442	2683	88%