

October 2018 Driftwood Public Library

Programming

The Dark & Stormy Night author series had a strong showing, with 17-20 attendees for each author talk. The most popular author was John Larison, author of the brand new *Western Whiskey When We're Dry*.

"Beyond Pronouns" and "LGBTQ 101," our two LGBT History Month programs, were very enjoyable and garnered attendance of 17 and 12, respectively. I would have loved to see a bigger crowd, but I was pleased by how enthusiastic those who did attend were. One woman who attended both talks left the following comment on Facebook:

"We had the privilege to have attended both programs this weekend and besides learning a lot, we felt so grateful to the Friends of Driftwood Library for making this opportunity available. We live in a time that it takes tremendous courage to take a stand for something that is a God given right. As was shared over and over, we are all the same, people wanting to love and be loved. We want to be who we truly are!"

Dia de los Muertos was once again enormously successful. Best guess on attendance throughout the evening was around 100 people. The Friends have already volunteered to purchase more food next year, since the catered tamales and tacos from Melo's disappeared in less than half an hour.

The next big event is our annual Solstice celebration on December 21st. This will feature our usual roster of community performers and is always a wonderful time. This year, we have approached the Friends about having the refreshments catered, since the set-up and clean-up from the food has become a very big job. They have agreed, and we are contracting with Side Door Café for nibbles.

In January, the library will be hosting a free workshop from the Society for Financial Awareness. The title is "Social Security Explained," and it will be presented by Robert Jackman at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 8th.

February will bring our annual Legacy series – stay tuned for the author announcements!

Oceanbooks Conference

The Oceanbooks Conference on Friday, October 26th was, I think, a very fruitful and enjoyable meeting for all the libraries involved! We had a nice kick-off from Esther Moberg, the Oregon Library Association president, who discussed successful library

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collaborations around the State. There was ample time for staff members to connect with their counterparts at other libraries, and we even got to tour the Tillamook Bookmobile! The word from the other library directors is that we've set a high bar for next year.

Star Khan Awarded ALSC Equity Fellowship

Outreach Coordinator Star Khan has been awarded the ALSC (Association of Library Service to Children -- a division of the American Library Association) Equity Fellowship. As a fellowship recipient, she will receive funding for two-year ALSC and ALA memberships and one year of conference registrations and travel stipends for ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual. She will also receive mentorship from members of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion within ALSC Task Force. Star was chosen for her demonstrated commitment to outreach to youth in the community and her potential as a library leader. Star has already demonstrated leadership here in Lincoln City and in the Oregon library community through her work with Libros for Oregon and REFORMA Oregon, organizations dedicated to bringing library service to Spanish-speaking and Latinx community members, as well as her work with Teena to increase outreach efforts to children in this community in Lincoln City.

Holiday Closures

The library will have the following schedule changes for the holidays:

Monday, November 12th – Closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 21st – Closing at 6 PM for the Thanksgiving holiday

Thursday, November 22nd – Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23rd – Closed for Thanksgiving Friday

Monday, December 24th – Closed for Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25th – Closed for Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1st – Closed for New Year's Day