

City of Bandon

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Bandon by the Sea

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA	DATE: 5/1/2024 ITEM NO: 3.2	
SUBJECT: LIBRARY		

BACKGROUND:

- 1. On April 23rd the Coos County Commissioners voted to approve only transition year one of the Coos Library Board's recommended library allocation revision. They have authorized the City of Coquille to hire an outside consultant to provide a second opinion on the allocation revision. The commissioners will then make a final determination on whether to accept the Coos library Board's current proposal or not in approximately six months.
- 2. The Bandon Library participated in Ocean Crest Elementary School's second annual health fair. Families were provided with library youth program information. We look forward to next year's event!
- 3. Over 50 people attended a special SEA presentation titled "Curious Beasts of the Oregan Coast" by Nancy Treneman of the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology.
- 4. Ongoing programs: Bandon Art Gallery exhibits, Chess Club (all age), Adult Chess Club, BLFF Book Club, preschool storytime, Washed Ashore storytime, Friday Freewriting, open Apple Lab, drop-in board games sponsored by the BLFF, plastic collection, Seed Library, storytelling café, Age Café (new), High School Hangout (new), and Windows Computer Lab (new), 0-5 Open Play (new).
- 5. On May 22nd at 6pm the library will be hosting a "Food and Mood" presentation by OSU Extension Services.
- 6. The next Library Advisory Board meeting: Friday, June 28th at 2:30pm.
- 7. Most checked out book: Circe by Madeline Miller

FISCAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: None

SUBMITTED BY:

Christine Kingsbury, Bandon Library Director

Curious Beasts of the Oregon Coast Presentation



Ocean Crest Elementary Health Fair



BANDON LIBRARY	Mar-24 Fiscal YTD	
Checkouts/Renewals	7503	64336
Items withdrawn	136	1836
Items Added	165	1566
Item Sharing - Coastline		
Borrowed	927	7762
Loaned	1052	8949
Programs	53	374
Program Attendance	609	5182
Library Cards	26	215
Library Visits	4072	34093



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Bandon Library Board

Bandon Library Board Minutes - 2/15/2024 at 11:30am

- 1. Attendance: Sheri Wright, Karen Thomas, Horty Joyce, Randal Hill, James Collins, Christine Kingsbury (Secretary/Library Director), and Cathy Johnston (Coos Library Board member). Absent: none. Meeting called to order at 11:35am by Sheri Wright.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were corrected and unanimously approved.
- 3. Public Comment: None
- 4. Reports:

Library Director's Report: (Christine Kingsbury)

- The BLFF LTMC donated \$13,000 toward library utility costs. This donation is critical to helping with library daily operations costs as the library waits for a new library allocation formula.
- New programming materials have been purchased using the Caselle Grant for teen programs and the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation grant for youth programs. Staff plan to start a new high school hangout time and 0-5 play time in March.
- The library has been selected to receive \$750 toward art supplies/teen art activities from the Coos County Cultural Coalition and \$3000 toward adult storytelling programing from the Oregon Humanities Mini Rural Grant.
- The library received 99 responses from their youth programming survey. Information received will be used to plan grant funded youth programs.
- Ongoing library programs include Bandon Art Gallery exhibits, Chess Club (all age), Adult Chess Club, BLFF Book Club, preschool storytime, Washed Ashore kid's drop-in STEAM club, Washed Ashore storytime, Friday Freewriting, Open Apple Lab, drop-in board games sponsored by the BLFF, plastic collection, storytelling, and board game time.
- In addition to the many ongoing library programs offered, the library added a new monthly storytelling program and board game program. Upcoming programs include a Celtic harp concert sponsored by the BLFF, Shoreline Education Awareness presentations, teen painting class, beginning knitting workshop, and the Native

American Innovation Exhibit. Programs that are in the works include an Age Café, a seed library, a Windows PC lab, teen hangout time, 0-5 open play time, and hopefully a portable planetarium presentation with the local NASA Solar System Ambassadors. Summer reading plans include presentations in dance, reptiles, oceanography, conservation, art, and entertainment.

- The City of Bandon provided a letter to the Coos Library Board addressing our support and concerns regarding the proposed recommended new library allocation formula revision and transition plan. The CLB will be meeting at the end of the month to vote on presenting the recommended plan. If passed, the recommendation will go to the Coos County Commissioners for review. If accepted by the commissioners, the new formula will go into place starting FY24/25 with a 4-year transition. Kingsbury will update the board on the decision.
- Board members discussed brainstorming additional ways to help increase staff by having an additional part-time employee. Adding an additional employee for 10-15 hours a week would aid in the library opening more hours. Kingsbury is looking into possible grant funding that could help temporarily with additional staffing costs. She stated that staff levels continue to be their greatest challenge.
- Thomas suggested adding a Black History Month display in the children's area. Kingsbury stated that staff would create one in the children's area, in addition to the one already in the main library.

Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) Report: (Thomas)

• No new information to report as there have been no meetings since last spring.

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Report: (Thomas/Johnston)

- The BLFF provided information on recent fundraising activities for the library. These
 activities include: 100 Strong grant, LTMC donation of \$13,000 toward library
 utilities, April yard sale, upcoming summer and fall book sales, fall silent auction, and
 never-ending book sale.
- The BLFF would like to form a committee to research and apply for grants.
- The BLFF is in need of new volunteers to help with existing and new fundraising endeavors.
- 5. Action Items: None
- 6. The next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 11:30am in the Logan Room of the Bandon Library. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.