

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Christine Taylor

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

- 2022 Summer Reading Challenge Update
- Strategic Plan Update
- Library Storage Unit
- 2022 Tall Texan, Rebecca Ivey

BACKGROUND:

This year's Summer Reading Challenge had 2,809 participants. 1,256 read at least 5 hours, earning one prize book. 799 read at least 10 hours, earning a second prize book and additional entries into the prize drawings. Participants read 1,462,448 minutes. The program ended with a 44.7% completion rate (participants reading at least 5 hours). In 2021, the program ended with 2,371 participants, 1,194,185 minutes read, and 749 people reading at least 5 hours which is a 31.6% completion rate. Summer Reading Challenge ended with an End of Summer Celebration event on July 30 featuring crafts, snacks, and a performance by Brave Combo.

The Library Strategic Plan process is being finalized. The Library Leadership Team met last week July to discuss a process like the process used in 2018. It would include staff input sessions, a leadership team input session, focus group input sessions with the Library Board, Friends of the Libraries, Emily Fowler Library Foundation Trustees, Teen Advisory Board, and possible focus groups for seniors, and three general community input session. Staff, focus group, and community input sessions would be scheduled throughout September, and October. An online survey to the public will also be offered September 1-30. Analysis of the input will be conducted in November and the library hopes to present a draft of the Strategic Plan to the Library Board in December. The Library Board input session will be part of the September 12, 2022 Library Board meeting.

The Library currently rents a 10x20 storage unit to hold extra shelving components. The materials in the unit are semi-organized, making it difficult to get to shelving parts. The shelf units are leaning against the side walls with no bracing, which could create a dangerous situation. Metal book stops were stored in plastic transit bins that have collapsed under the weight of the contents. Staff are looking for opportunities to move the items to a City of Denton property and reorganize the shelving components with safe and easy to access industrial storage bins and shelving. If there is no opportunity to move the shelving to City property, the library will coordinate to have movers pull out the shelving and key staff and community service volunteers will organize items by type in bins and shelving for easy and safe access.

Rebecca Ivey, Youth Services Librarian at South Branch Library, was selected to participate in the Texas Library Association 2022 TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute. Rebecca is one of only 30 library professionals selected from public, academic, school, and special libraries across Texas to participate in TALL Texans this year. The three-day program helps participants learn and embrace their potential to take new initiatives for their institutions, profession, and stakeholders. Curriculum topics such as leadership principle and practices, interpersonal communication in leadership roles, organizational risk taking, conflict negotiation, appreciative inquiry, and diversity and inclusion help participants grow professionally and improve libraries and communities in Texas.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1—Agenda Information Sheet

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