

JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
July/August, 2011

**Staff:**

Lorene Forman, YS Specialist, has been training Patricia Smith, Library Aide, in Travelling Storyteller outreach activities. Patricia is doing quite well, according to Lorene.

Parents and children are continuing to enjoy Lorene's excellent storytelling sessions. Lorene is a natural and talented performer.

Patricia Smith volunteered to serve as Library Stewards Program mentor. Rick Sergeant was selected as the library's first official Steward. He started training on August 13.

Dion Hryciw, Library Assistant, recently installed a computer in the children's section. The children seem to enjoy some of the educational games and like playing with the colorful lighted mouse.

**Programs and Services:**

Dion will be presenting a four-week basic computer class for seniors on Thursdays 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. beginning September 8.

Lorene was very busy with the Summer Reading Program. She recruited many young volunteers for the events. The successful program was officially closed with a Summer Reading Pizza Party held on August 23 at the Rodriguez Annex. Yirah Marrero and Patricia Smith helped make the program a success.

Chavez had seven proctoring sessions this month. Perhaps the district might consider requesting a nominal donation from the college for this service provided to their students.

The flag raising ceremony held on July 26 turned out to be very successful. Board members Stephen Hillis and Bill Vollmer arranged to have the flags provided.

Jefferson County Rotary Club is sponsoring a Gift of Literacy program to be held in spring 2012. The goals of the program are to promote the love of reading in young children at an early age, and to inspire long-term success in school and in life.

To support and celebrate this idea, the project will provide all first-grade students in the Jefferson County School District with their choice of a hardbound book from a collection of six books they will be reading throughout the school year. Deborah Hopkinson, author of Apples to Oregon will be the featured presenter. Lorene will provide some tips on reading to children. Selected volunteers including community leaders will read to children at various times during the eight month program.

**Community and Networking:**

On July 21, Chavez attended a regional library director's meeting at the East Bend Branch Library. Directors shared information on a variety of topics including automation, training, and budget. Todd Dunkleberg, provided an update on next year's OLA conference to be held in Bend.

Camille Wood may be assisting Todd with some of the coordinating functions.

On July 28, Chavez attended a LEO meeting at Wasco County Library to learn about the new World Book Online product just purchased by LEO for member libraries. Chavez will follow up with staff on training and implementation.

Chavez attended Coffee Cuppers and Rotary meetings throughout the month.

**Development:**

Richard Peck, owner of the property on 8<sup>th</sup> Street next to the annex has offered to sell the property. The property would help expand the footprint of the future building project.

The library board met on August 1 to complete the SWOT process. Chavez will present the outcomes in the form of a SWOT Findings and Application Plan document to be presented in October.

Chavez met with Library Foundation on August 4. The Foundation authorized Chavez to make donation deposits to their bank account. They decided not to support the BookEnd Coffee Corner project at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

Gil Chavez