

**May 22, 2024 – June 9, 2024
Activities Report**

Public Operations (Laura)

Programming

2023-2024 School Year Reflections

1. Successes
 - a. Talk-Abouts – requests for speakers came primarily from the community instead of having to find speakers
 - b. Spanish Book Club – continues to gain new members and has a loyal following
 - c. Taller Cultural – immediate and sustained interest
 - d. Spanish Workshops – each workshop came from outside sources, and the library facilitated
 - e. Storytime – maintained the status quo with no changes and the literacy focus was well accepted. Bilingual storytime is the most popular with the highest attendance throughout the year. Special guests have become popular, and asking the community for volunteers is productive.
 - f. Book Buddy – a new program in 2023-2024 with perfect middle-of-the-road attendance so as not to overwhelm the volunteer dog, Rylie.
 - g. 21st Century STEM – dedicated and excited kids. The library now has a resident scientist who connects with the kids. Warm Springs wants all library programming to continue into next year.
 - h. Oregon Dino-story – the Museum of Natural and Cultural History traveling exhibits are popular; we will repeat this program in 2024-2025.
 - i. Afterschool STEM – Lizzy is back, and the number of attendees increased significantly!
 - j. Field Trip Fridays – Ryan Dempsey, 509j District Librarian, helped encourage and coordinate schools to schedule trips to the library. These field trips introduce young people to the library’s services, programs, and print and digital collections. I often see children return to the library with their families. One parent reported that their child came home from a library field trip, and that was all he talked about.
 - k. Oregon Battle of the Books – JCLD became a significant staffing resource for the competition by providing support, judges, books, timers, and scorekeepers. The local school districts and teams express their gratitude for the support and have asked for the support to continue.
 - l. Lunch Time Craft – Maintained an average of 25 youth to each event. Library services were offered and explained.
 - m. Springboard to Inquiry – librarians, teachers, and principals love the program. There is increasing interest, and participating schools have requested its return for the 2024-2025 academic year.
 - n. Early Literacy Kits – about 800 kits were shared with county children. This is the first time community partnerships donated supplies; the school district offered teen volunteers and space to assemble the kits; a local donor provided funds for the program.
 - o. Outreach services – continue improving. Lizzy Wienert is the new Outreach Storyteller, and Star Todd has embraced her new role as the Outreach Coordinator. We provided consistent services to preschools, daycares, and area elementary schools (Madra, Metolius, Culver). Maintained a monthly lunchtime presence at the Community Center Services.

Star, our outreach coordinator, gathered gathering community input and is generating interest for the expansion project. We have been making regular visits to the Community Center at lunchtime, visiting Chinook Place to “read to seniors”, and coordinating the library presence at community events.

2. Challenges

- a. Talk-about – cancellations and controversy.
- b. Spanish Book Club – non-Spanish speaking community members requested the library provide a book club even after highlighting book clubs already in the county.
- c. Taller Cultural – has the same problem as the Spanish Book Club
- d. Storytime – tried changing Bilingual storytime to reduce the number of storytimes. Patrons stopped attending and complained about the change.
- e. Book Buddy lacks proper advertising because of the short notification time from the owner.
- f. 21st Century STEM – felt like babysitting tired, grouchy kids.
- g. Museum of Natural and Cultural History exhibits – large and lack of display and storage space. Staff availability for delivery and pick-up.
- h. Afternoon STEM – participants lost interest without Lizzy, and numbers declined until she returned.
- i. Field Trip Fridays – Frantic scrambles to book a time slot with the library at the end of the year, which schedules multiple field trips in one day.
- j. Oregon Battle of the Books – Lack of clarity and direction from Ryan Dempsey.
- k. Lunchtime craft – unknown
- l. Springboard to Inquiry – AD was away from the library too often. More demand throughout the school years.
- m. Early literacy kits – need more community support for planning, funding, assembling, and delivering.
- n. Outreach services – more demand for library participation in the community and the lack of staff to provide adequate help

3. Ideas of Improvement

- a. Talk-about -
- b. Spanish Book Club – Members begin facilitating and leading the Bookclubs
- c. Spanish workshops – bring costs down.
- d. Storytime – No Family times on Saturday during the month of May and continuing until September
- e. Book Buddy – Make a schedule and just cancel dates if she cannot.
- f. 21st Century STEM – Lizzy is managing the STEM programming.
- g. Oregon Dino-Story – Partner with surrounding Central Oregon libraries to cut the cost
- h. Field Trip Fridays – Create a Field Trip schedule. Schools will need to book on a first-come, first-served basis. No more than 2 per Friday.
- i. Oregon Battle of the Books – Work closely with Dempsey to clarify expectations and the commitments of library staff. Record the 1st chapter of each book and share it with the school media specialist and OBOB coaches.
- j. Springboard to Inquiry – Lizzy and Gena will provide additional support for the program in 2024-2025. Use a train-the-trainer approach to engage school media specialists and have them continue the program throughout the week.
- k. Lunchtime craft - ?
- l. Early Literacy Kits – Ask the county businesses and public government for annual sponsorships and ask other participating organizations to donate bags.
- m. Outreach services – to ease the staff from attending community events, we ask that the JCLD board and JCLA participate with community events. Services return to Camp Sherman.

Based on the level of programming activity in 2023-2024, many staff members are dealing with fatigue and burnout. We are not adding any NEW programs for 2024-2025 and will focus on maintaining, improving, and streamlining existing programs.

See linked video presentation: [2024 yearbook.mp4](#)

Circulation

Laura is revising the circulation schedule to address summer programs. Front desk clerks are fielding Libby transition calls and problems with Bibliocommons. Jane Ellen has been corresponding with DPL about a solution to the problem created by Sierra notifications automatically linking to Bibliocommons, and then JCLD and CCL patrons cannot log in to view holds or renew items. Please see Gabby's explanation below. One of our pagers has left to prepare for college. Kate will be missed. Elise, another pager, will be leaving for college in September. Pagers will shift from four to two.

Technical Operations (Gabby)

On Saturday, June 1, JCLD patrons were blocked from accessing the Deschutes Public Library Libby catalog Bibliocommons. Blocking the DPL Libby catalog identified all the patrons who were unaware of the ebook library/catalog change. In hindsight, because Saturday is a low-staffing day, it wasn't the best day to field the incoming calls of patrons who needed help making the transition. Gena and I fielded 17 Libby-related questions on the first day. A follow-up email was sent to all Libby users with email addresses. We stayed open until 5:00 pm (instead of the usual 3:00 pm Saturday closing time) to offer more support to patrons. By the end of the day on Saturday, June 1, 270 JCLD patrons had changed to the Oregon Digital Library Consortium/Libraries of Eastern Oregon (ODLC/LEO) Libby catalog.

The following Monday, we were also short on staff. Swan, Madison, and I fielded 25 Libby or Bibliocommons questions, and by the end of the day, 295 JCLD patrons had moved to the ODL/LEO Libby catalog. On Saturday, June 8, 331 JCLD patrons joined the ODL/LEO Libby Library. These are most of our regular Libby users. Additional questions will continue coming in as the more occasional users realize the need for Libby content providers.

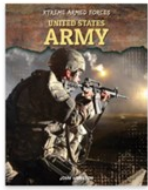
Initially, we were not concerned about our patrons losing access of Bibliocommons. Bibliocommons is the catalog program offered by Deschutes Public Library to Deschutes patrons. JCLD patrons should not use Bibliocommons since we do not pay for that service. We never noticed emails and texts sent to our patrons when a physical item was ready for pick-up or overdue, including only a link to log into Bibliocommons. Because of this, JCLD patrons have been using Bibliocommons more than we realized.

We have fielded many questions from patrons about losing access to Bibliocommons. Some patrons have commented that it is a nicer platform. We will see if Deschutes can change the format of notifications to our patrons to exclude the Bibliocommons link and include our catalog link. I am currently getting pricing on a Vega Discovery program to replace our current Encore catalog. Having Vega as our catalog platform means we will have complete control over our platform, a platform branded for us. Below are a few examples of Vega catalog pages.

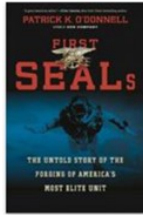
With complete control on the back end, staff could build lists, such as Staff Picks, and new additions to the collection would automatically be added to the "new" section. With complete control on the a to receive all the cataloging data to inform patrons about an item, such as where it falls within a series.

Salute to Service: Military Appreciation Month

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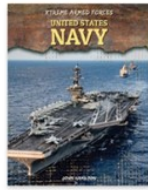
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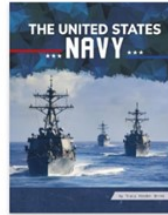
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Johnson, Carol...



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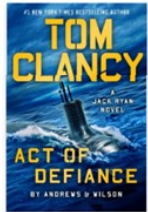
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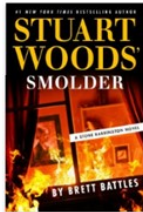
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Gernano, Kate, 1973

New Adult Titles

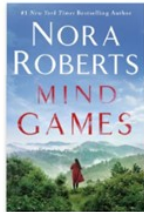
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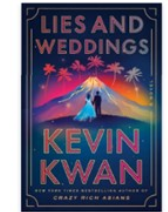
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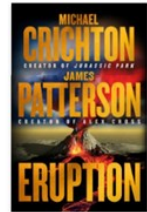
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Spangler, Jessica



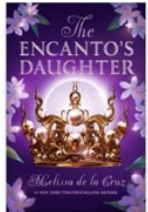
Lies and Weddings
Kwan, Kevin



Eruption : Following Jurassic Par...
Crichton, Micha...

New Teen Books

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The Encanto's daughter
De la Cruz, Mel...



My fair Brady
Kennedy, Brian D



Heartless Hunter
Ciccarelli, Kristen



Promchanted
Matson, Morgan



Snowglobe
Park, Soyoung



Under this red rock
McGinnis, Mindy

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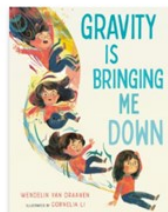
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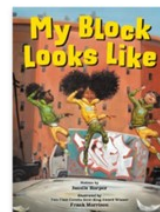
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Smith, Kim, 1986-



The blue pickup
Tippert, Natasha



Gravity is bringing me down
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My block looks like
Harper, Janelle



Jump for Joy
Ruelle, Karen Gray

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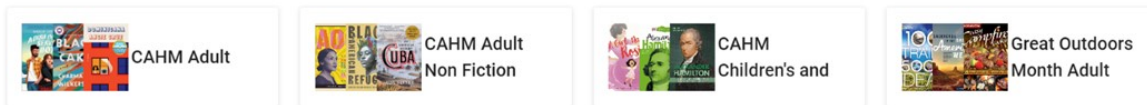
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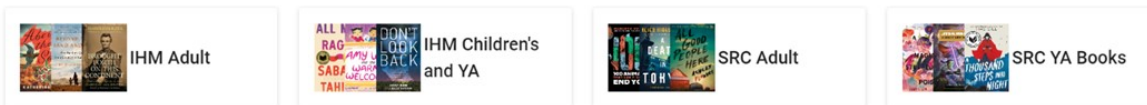
June Staff Picks - LGBTQIA Pride Month



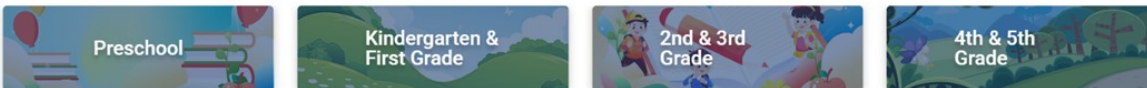
June Staff Picks - National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, Great Outdoors Month, and Juneteenth

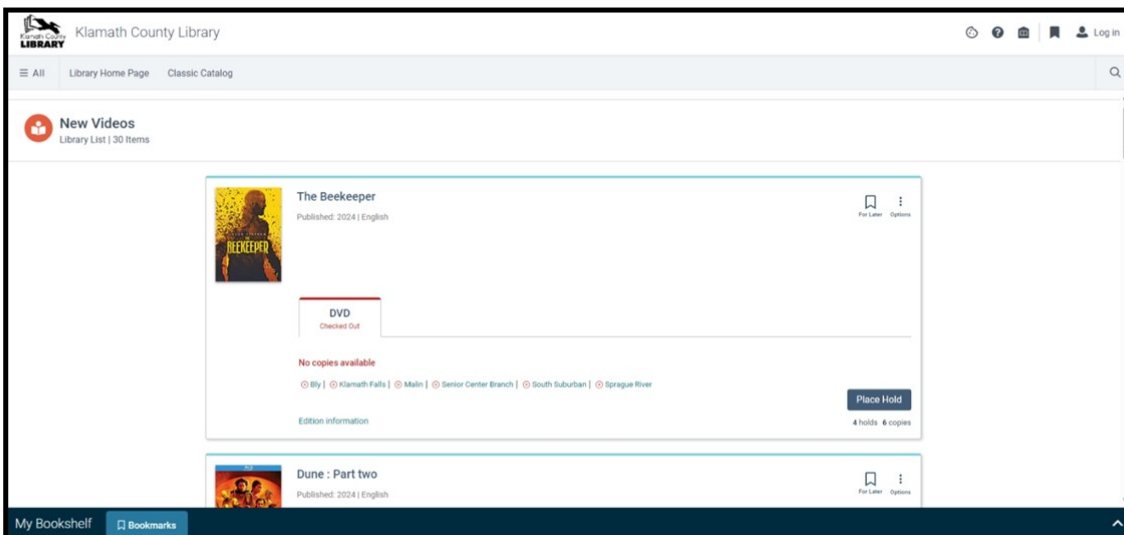
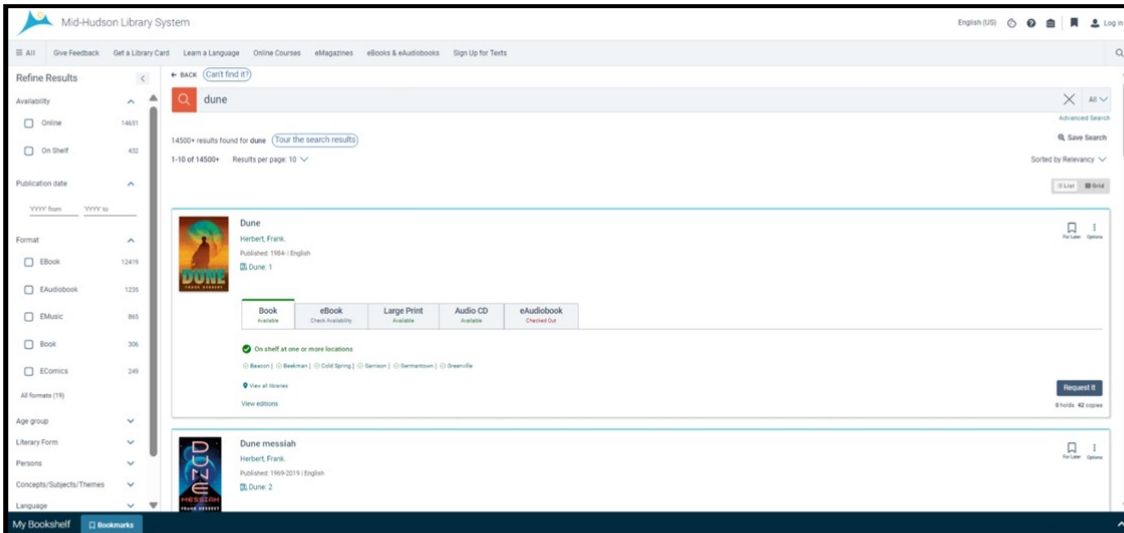


June Staff Picks - Immigration Heritage Month, Summer Reads, Father's Day, and National Zoo & Aquarium Month



Recommended Reading Lists for Preschool to 12th Grade





Safety (Gabby)

There are no new incident reports since the last meeting. SDAO came to review our Risk Assessment from a year ago. We were able to report that all staff were trained in Mandatory Reporting. I learned that SDAO can provide staff with free CPR/First Aid/AED Training. That’s scheduled for the end of June.

Administrative/Finance/Public Relations/Expansion (Jane/Kristin/Star)

After the June 1 tax transfer, our Jefferson County tax revenue for 2023-2024 is around \$822,000.

LB-1 published in the paper.

Organizing year-end documents for the audit.

The library will open on Fridays beginning September 6.

Events/Meetings

Date	Event
May 20	SDAO Risk Assessment Checking (GB)
May 21	Outreach visit to COCC Warm Springs GED class (ST)
May 22	County Commissioner Meeting (JE) Lunch at the Community Center (JE)
May 31	Coffee Cuppers – Juniper Community Church (ST)
May 22	MACRD Budget Committee meeting (JE)
May May 25, 27	Paws for Cause Adoption Event (JE)
May 28	Building update to Rotary (JE SS)
May 29	Fire EMS Budget Committee Meeting (ST)
June 1	Madras Airport Day (Multiple staff)
June 4	Reading at East Cascade (ST)
June 5	JeffCo Fair Board
June 6	First Thursday: Flowers and Fairies– Madras Downtown Association
June 7	Coffee Cuppers – Dreams Realty (ST)
June 10	High Desert ESD End of Year Party (ST, LW) Buff Elementary Family Engagement Night (ST + 1)
June 11	Building update to Chamber (JE)

Upcoming

June 14	Coffee Cuppers at Sunbelt Rentals
June 15	Madras Saturday Market