
LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

08/15/2019

OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS ACTIVITIES

- Juan coordinated a partnership with Columbus Connects, a program that provides pre-employment transition services to individuals with disabilities, ages 14-21, to host a teen intern to work for 50 hours at the library. The young woman has been supervised and coached by staff member Robin R. Bond; they worked on sorting, shelving, retrieving the book drop, putting together bookmarks for early literacy, helping put together prize bags for Lego Contest winners and other activities.
- Also in collaboration with Columbus Connects, Juan met with a High School student who wanted to learn more about librarianship and career options.
- Staff member Stefenee Cook coordinated a partnership with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at the library on July 12, 2019. The response was better than the Red Cross expected, so they asked the library to host another blood drive in October. We believe this is a worthwhile activity that engages the library in community activities that directly benefit the residents of the county as the blood collected is used in local hospitals.
- Juan continues to attend the monthly meetings of the Wasatch Latino Coalition. On July 23rd, Juan and staff member Sally Baird attended the “Noche Latina/Latina Night” Concert in the Park to support the Coalition activities and share library information with folks attending.
- Juan had the opportunity to meet with a resident of Midway who is conducting a project in Tanzania to build a community library and offer professional advice about setting up a library in a place where there is no public library tradition. I believe the Wasatch County Library can donate books to the nonprofit organization working on this project. It will help the organization, the citizens of the community in Tanzania where the collection will be located, and it will help us clear some space in the Friends of the Library room.
- Juan attended the “Grillin’ & Chillin’ BBQ” event in Charleston Park organize by the Wasatch County Senior Center.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Participated in the “Listening Tour” meeting hosted by the State Library. 14 other library directors participated and 7 librarians for different kinds of libraries attended. I had an opportunity to exchange issues and concerns with directors and State Library staff.
- Juan attended the webinar “Library Promotion in the Digital Age: How to Engage Your Patrons in the Library and at Home.” The presentation reaffirmed some of the marketing practices we already have, but it is still a good “refresher.”
- Juan conducted a 3-hour, one-on-one training for the new State Data Coordinator in preparation of the next data collection cycle.
- Juan met with the director of the Grantsville City Library, John Ingersoll. John had been meeting with the library directors in Uintah and Duchesne counties and wanted to tour the Wasatch County Library. We compared practices and brainstormed ideas for staff training.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Juan attended the Bowcutt Room ribbon cutting event. All activities including the music DJ, the donated snow cones, and the games were coordinated and conducted by staff member Sally Baird, assisted by several other staff members.
- Juan attended a library meeting organized and conducted by staff members Sally Baird, Robin R. Bond, and Alice DeFriez with the goal of evaluating our library programs and plan the activities for the period of September 2019 through May 2020. I was very impressed by the candid discussion of what went well, what could be improved, and sharing of ideas for new activities and approaches to library programming. It is clear that library programs are extremely important for the community, so we continue to explore ways in which we can deliver these beyond the library walls. During the next budget preparation, public programming will be a focus area.