

LOWER UMPQUA LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The Library News

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WORK IN PROGRESS

There are so many pieces to this puzzle of transitioning from the City Library to the Lower Umpqua Library District:

- Collaborating with the City on an agreement to ensure we work well together
- With that in place, we will hire a Temporary Director for the short term and select a Permanent Director in 2019
- Tax revenue will not be received until November at the earliest. We are using grant funding for these few months until tax revenue is available
- Ready to adopt lots of operational policies

LOOKING FORWARD

In the coming month we will hope to engage an accountant and legal counsel—2 critical players in our planning.

- We are planning a joint training with the North Douglas Library (Drain) group during August.
- Researching and fact finding about internet, web services, and email services
- Digital Libraries—several options exist at a cost to the library
- Connecting with other libraries is a subject requiring more study: presentations pending
- Applying for a Ready to Read Grant for 2019

STAFF CORNER

A couple of volunteers have returned from travels expanding the ranks. 125 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program—an all time best! The Bursting with Joy program with balloons; face drawing; geodes; and origami were other programs offered on Wednesdays. Sean Grubb was a one man band on 7/18 talking about music as an international language. Thanks to all our presenters and other adults who helped out. End of summer party is 8/15.

MOVING FORWARD

It's been a busy few weeks for the Board of Directors. There is not enough room to tell you about all of our accomplishments but here's a quick look:

- Adopted a budget
- Obtained our Federal EIN for tax purposes
- Joined an association to help us with things like insurance
- Opened a bank account and got checks
- Will keep all fees/fines/charges the same under LULD as they are currently
- The City released \$15,000 in discretionary Library funds to the District for initial costs at the City Council meeting on 8/6/18

LIBRARY LOGO

The Library needs its own logo—something you see and know immediately it represents the Lower Umpqua Library District. The logo should reflect all of the communities and community members so we want your ideas. You can draw or write something—words or phrases. What symbols or words best reflect our library? Materials are available at the Library desk. All ages can participate; all ideas are welcome. There will eventually be a graphic designer who will work with the suggestions you give us. While not all the ideas can be incorporated; all ideas are welcome! You have until September 15 to give your ideas to Jennifer McDuffy at the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library donated \$1000 to the Summer Reading Program earlier this year and those funds have helped create a fun filled summer program. The Friends are also sponsoring the Needle Arts Program during the Summer. You still have a chance to learn something new: Saturdays at the Creative Mercantile, 427 Fir on 8/11; 8/25; and 9/8 from 2-4 pm. Next Friends of the Library meeting will be on Wednesday, 9/5/18 at 10:30 at the Library.