

Broken Bow Public Library Director's Report  
to the City Council

July 11, 2017

## Technology

- Public Access Computer use: In June of 2017, 358 individuals used the five public access computers for a total of 402 hours, indicating that **our public access computers were used nearly 36% of the time they were available**. There were also 157 individuals who brought their own laptops/devices into the library to utilize our wireless service. Last June, 475 individuals used the computers for a total of 574 hours and we had 195 laptop/device users. As I've mentioned before, since the relocation to our temporary building, we are noticing a decrease in the use of the computers.
- According to our circulation program calculator, **Broken Bow Library patrons saved \$39,759 in June 2017** by borrowing non-digital materials from our library! The cost per item is calculated from the purchase amount we list with each item added.

## Programming

### Children

- **"Build a Better World,"** this year's summer reading program ended with the final party on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 90 children and parents attended the party. Kim will have a final report on this year's program by August 1<sup>st</sup> and I will include that report in next month's report.

### Teens

- The **teen summer reading program concludes** on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with the final party here at the library. At that time they will enjoy a "book tasting" and prize winners will be drawn. The teens have enjoyed interesting and educational weekly gatherings during this year's program.

### Adults

- **This year's adult summer program** ends on July 24<sup>th</sup> when we draw for the grand prize of a Kindle. Weekly winners for this year's program include Colleen Weber, Sheree Slagle, Katrina Kusek, Amy Parker, and Jaci Bates. We have one more weekly prize drawing on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Families

- A **book giveaway for children of all ages was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>** here at the library. Nearly 120 children attended and each was able to take one free book. Funds to purchase the giveaway books continue to be made possible from the

2012 Sylvester's Chili Cook-Off and Benefit Auction. One again, thanks Jeanne and Fred!

- The library will host a **portable planetarium from the Edgerton Explorit Center on Monday, August 7th** at the Broken Bow Municipal Building. Right now, shows are scheduled for 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and there is a sign-up sheet available at the library. Reservations are strongly suggested you make a reservation to see the planetarium show because seats will be limited to 25 per show. This planetarium is a great way to gain knowledge about the total solar eclipse that will be occurring in our area on August 21st. Dan Glomski from the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora, Nebraska, will present the programs. Audiences will be able to view the current night sky, travel through the solar system, get a sneak preview of the total solar eclipse, and much more. The inflatable dome has enough room to seat 25 people who enter the dome by walking in. The program is free to those attending and is sponsored by the Broken Bow Library Foundation.

### **Library building project**

- The **capital campaign fundraising for the library renovation/addition now totals nearly \$1,824,189!** Fundraising continues so we have funds for new furniture, equipment and technology needs for the renovated building.
- The **third progress meeting for the library construction** was held on Thursday, July 6th. Monthly meeting attendees include the general contractor, some subcontractors, JEO architects, and the city. At the meeting we heard about construction progress and how within the next month, steel exterior framing will be erected and the additions to the library will be closed in. Also, during that time, work will be done on the interior that will open the walls where the columns will be located. The project is still expected to be completed by the end of December 2017.
- On Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the library submitted an application, floor plan for our renovated building, and 14 letters of support to the Nebraska Library Commission for the **Library Innovation Studios Project**. If selected, our library would have makerspace equipment available to the public for approximately twenty weeks. If our library is chosen to be one of those selected to host this project, we will put together a community action team and trainers.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Birnie, Library Director