

Library Director's Report

November 2011

Library Restructuring

Beginning November 1, several library services have been restructured to help meet budget reduction targets and maintain key public services. Management's strategic goal is to maintain public services and hours at the Main Library given new budget realities. The following key changes have been made to the library organization:

- Adult Services supervision has been consolidated with the Main Library/Public Services Manager's duties.
- The Everything Entertainment desk has been closed, and the first floor information desk service has been transferred to the Circulation division. Adult Services will be responsible for service on the second and third floors only.
- Collection Development has been consolidated into the Acquisitions and Technical Services division.
- Beginning December 1, library page services at the Main Library will be consolidated into the Circulation division.

I believe these changes will help us maintain key public services with existing resources. However, some adult programming may be reduced over the course of this fiscal year. During the current biennium budget cycle the Library's budget reduction target is \$323,597.

Legislative Reception

Library staff will host a reception for Boise's legislative contingents on November 10, 2011, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The reception provides an opportunity for local legislators to receive information about library policy and services, tour the facility, and meet Library Board Trustees and staff. Please contact Linda Ugrin if you will be attending the reception.

Customer Surveys

During the November meeting you will be receiving a preliminary report on the Community Survey from ORC International. I know you will be pleased with the results and I look forward to reviewing the survey with Library Foundation members and the City Council. Library staff also conducted our semi-annual in-house survey on October 19 and the results will be reviewed in December.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT:

Library Staff Serving Students

Youth Services staff at the Main Library will be presenting Saturday morning ELL (English Language Learning) storytimes at Taft Elementary school starting on October 29. This ten-week program will make use of the ELL story boxes organized by Tobie Garrick using funds from an Idaho Commission for Libraries grant.

The Library! at Hillcrest staff celebrated a successful summer reading partnership with Whitney Elementary school, and staff members are visiting kindergarten students there each month.

Teen Read Week at Collister Branch

The Library! at Collister was very active with Teen Read week. Activities included facilitating a Picture Yourself self collage portrait activity on October 18, offering a make a book program where teens created and bound their own book on October 19, hosting an Independent Filmmaking program on October 20, and finally, hosting Comic & Manga Time with a professional artist. In addition, the Anime/Manga club met on October 27.