BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Library Director’s Report
May 2017

CIVIC CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE PROJECT
Work continues this month with the following activities: space and building program review with the Library and Arts and History staff; continued review of site constraints; and the publication of the Stakeholder Vision Report by ArchNexus. Copies will be provided to each Library Board of Trustees in the meeting packet for review. Work also continues with Donor by Design. Chandra Ford and I are working with the consultants to develop some “flash cards” demonstrating specific programs and some potential costs. The study will begin with interviews in mid-May.

LIBRARY! AT BOWN CROSSING
The Bown Crossing project is scheduled to be open on May 18. The “sneak preview” night is scheduled for Friday, May 12, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Staff recruitment is completed and some new staff began working in late April.

SUMMERFEST
The Library’s summer reading program and offerings will begin on June 1. This year, staff is incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) activities in the children’s/family summer reading program. This month’s trends and issues session will cover SummerFest and trends in public library summer reading programming.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

SENIOR SOIREE AT THE LIBRARY! AT COLLISTER
Staff members Danielle Worthy and Julie Hulvey host a monthly program, Senior Soiree, for seniors at the Library! at Collister. These get-togethers focus on the retention of mental agility and include chocolate and coffee for attendees. Library customers attending these events have described them as very “informative,” “excellent,” “educational,” and “fun.”

COMMUNITY HELPER'S MONTH
April was Community Helpers month for preschool storytimes at all Library locations. Each week a different community helper visited the Library starting with the Boise City Fire department bringing a fire truck, Boise City Police department bringing two officers and two different types of police cars, paramedics who brought an ambulance, and ending with the always popular trash truck. Each guest presenter talked about what they did and the kids got to check out the vehicles. All of the programs were well attended and all were great examples of Boise City’s One City, One Team values.

BOWN SHELF-LOADING
The Acquisitions and Technical Services staff spent a week at the Library! at Bown Crossing unloading and shelving 52 pallets of material for the opening day collection. Over 30,000 items are on the shelves awaiting the Grand Opening. These materials will initially not fill holds, so customers visiting the new branch will have as much access as possible to their new branch’s collection.