

# Weston Public Library

Annual Library Service Plan Review  
FY 2018-2019



# Our Goals for 2018-2019

- To enhance life for adults in our rural community through library programs and services
- To promote literacy and a love of reading for all ages
- To create a robust environment for digital inclusion in the community

What community needs did our goals meet?

The need for adults to find educational and social opportunities, and to assist them with quality of life issues.

Adult programs 2018-2019...



Wildflowers of  
the Blue  
Mountains

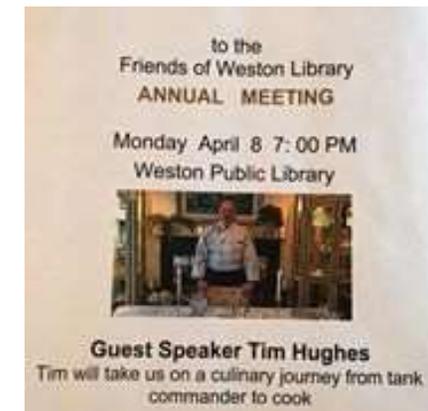


Art on the Shelf



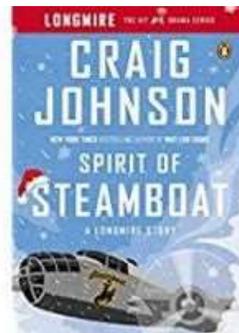
FOWL Pioneer  
Parade Entry

Friends of Weston Library



# The need for citizens of all ages to recognize that reading is a huge aspect of our culture and a key life skill that benefits everyone

Facebook posts...new books!



“Novel Readers” still going strong after 10 years!



498 people attended children’s programs this year!



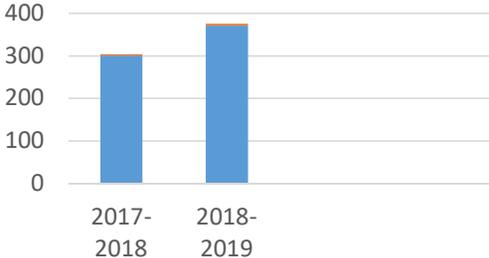
Brainchild of a teen library user!



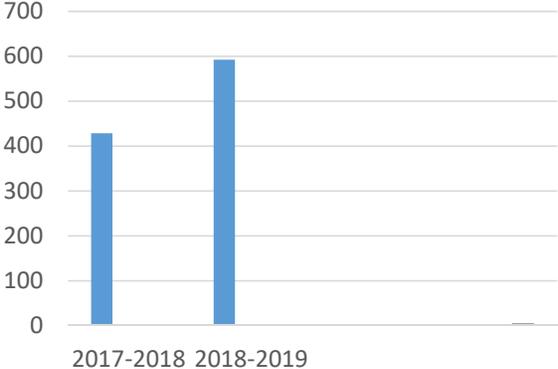
Summer Reading Fun!

# To create a robust environment for digital inclusion in the community

Use of public computers at Weston Public Library



Library2Go Circulation



Thanks to efforts by our City Council to seek out and endorse a new franchise, Weston residents will soon have a faster option for broadband in their homes and businesses.



Residents and travelers have free access to wifi in the library and outside the building.

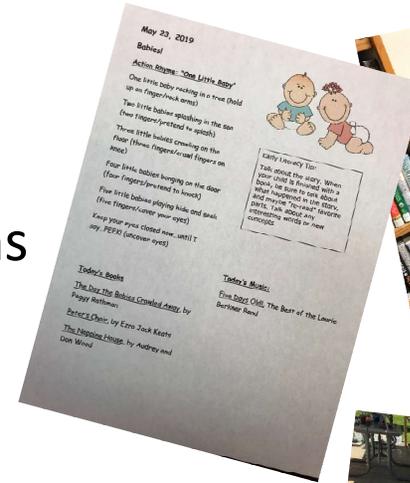
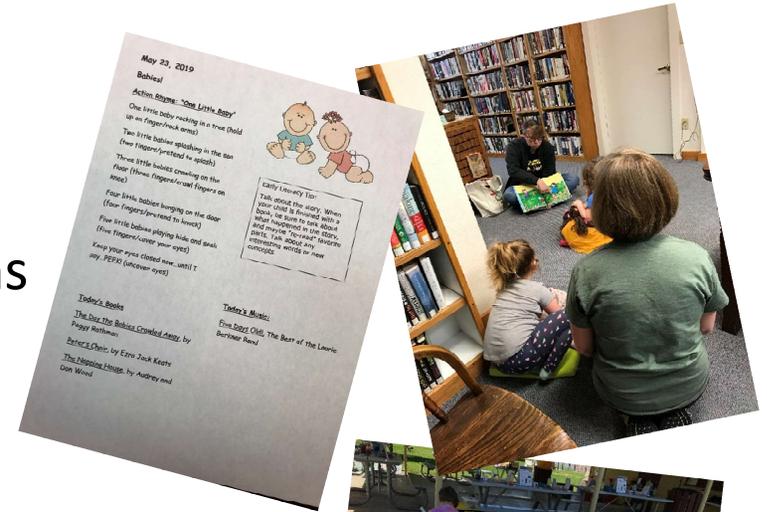
What goals did we  
accomplish in FY 2018-2019?

## Priority: Adult Programs

- Offered 12 monthly Novel Readers book group sessions
- Hosted Friends of Weston Library annual meeting
- Hosted a wildflower identification class
- Published and distributed monthly “Library Page” newsletter
- Delivered library materials to the homebound
- Sought public input, and in response made changes to the library schedule of open hours

# Priority: Youth programs

- Presented 29 preschool storytime sessions
- Presented 6 weeks of Summer Reading Activities
- Hosted Santa at the Library



## Priority: Technology



- Provided free public access to internet and wifi
- Provided free access to digital content in the library and remotely
- Promoted subscription databases to the public, i.e. Gale databases and Library2Go
- Provided one on one computer help to patrons
- Provided assistance with access to *Weston Leader*, historical newspaper now available online

# Challenges in meeting the year's goals:

- Wishing for more middle and high school students using the library

- Need for programming space in the library



- Balancing increasing requirements from governing agencies (paperwork) with local needs



- Made little progress toward digital access to Weston Library historical photo collection



Library and Community Partners Include...

## Friends of Weston Library

Friends of Weston Library (FOWL) was formed in 2000 to support Weston Public Library programs and projects. The 7-member board meets every other month to conduct business. Over the past 19 years, FOWL has planned and staffed the annual used book sale, sponsored many library programs, and financed a number of major Weston Library improvements. Each year in April they host their annual membership meeting. Here are the board members in the 2019 Pioneer Picnic Parade, showing off their blue ribbon parade entry!



## City of Weston

Weston City Council and City of Weston staff members are enthusiastic supporters of library service in our community. Because we are a small staff, City employees are called on to help each other with issues of security, maintenance, and other tasks.

The City's financial support is essential to providing library service to Weston area residents. Last fiscal year, the City of Weston contributed 34% of the library budget.



## UCSLD Libraries

Due to our rural location, Umatilla County libraries often employ a staff of one. For this “lone librarian”, advice and assistance can be hard to find. Help from other library staff members is just a phone call away. We are stronger together.



## Athena-Weston Schools

Thanks to a good working relationship with Athena Elementary and Weston Middle School staff, I am able to share information about upcoming library events. Each year in May, I visit the elementary school classes and distribute Summer Reading Calendars. We coordinate our Summer Reading events with the school's summer lunch program. Art on the Shelf often features the creations of local students.



## Weston Food Pantry

This community outreach provides a partnership opportunity for our Food For Fines program. All food donations received during our Food For Fines promotion are passed on to the Weston Food Pantry.



## How did we increase awareness of UCSLD support?

- We participated in the Food For Fines program
- We submitted events to the UCSLD calendar
- Weston Library Board members are invited to attend District training
- Patrons are reminded that interlibrary loan is a function of UCSLD and the Sage Library System
- Patrons are reminded that Library2Go is funded through UCSLD
- Patrons are reminded that we benefit from cooperative purchasing arranged through UCSLD

## How can the UCSLD continue to support district libraries?

- By providing a platform for public awareness of library service in Umatilla County
- By providing local training opportunities
- By helping finance conference attendance for staff if funding allows
- By advocating for library service in our communities, i.e. attending city council meetings or budget proceedings when applicable
- By lobbying to bring a conference (such as OLA) to Eastern Oregon
- By avoiding reduction of funding to any District library as a result of evaluating the tax distribution formula