

Weston Public Library

Annual Library Service Plan Review FY 2019-2020



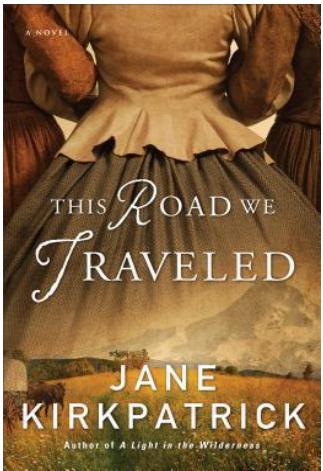
Our Goals for 2019-2020

- 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 2019-2020...



“Novel Readers”
Meeting monthly since
2010



Art on the Shelf



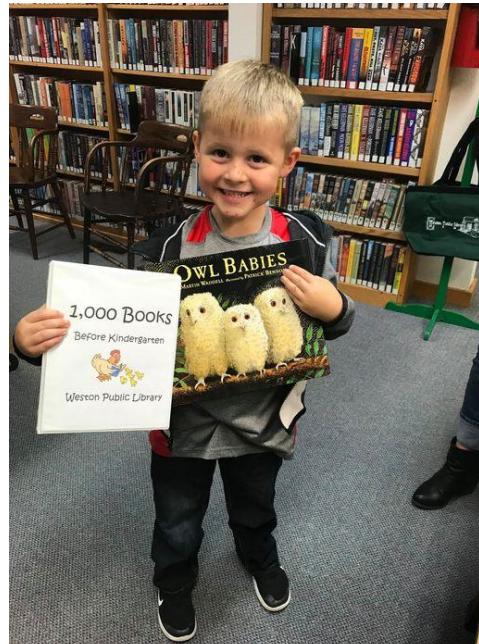
Helping our
community respond to
the 2020 Census



Friends of Weston Library
project: New shelving!

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

New ways to deliver services were discovered!



Preschoolers continued to read **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** at home during school closures



Summer Reading was different this year!



To create a robust environment for digital inclusion in the community

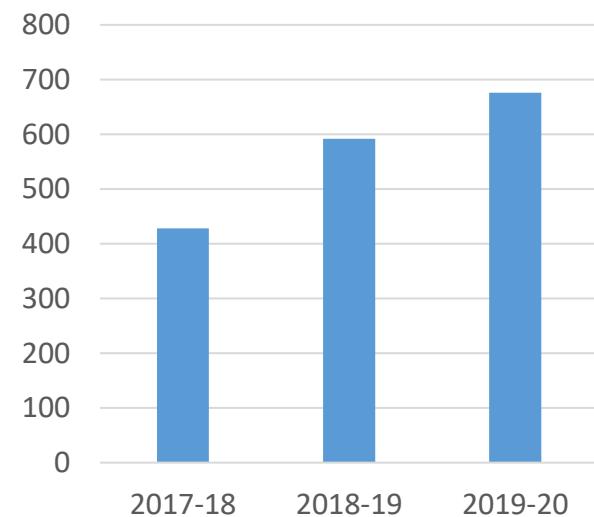


Weston City Council endorsed a new franchise, and we now have a faster option for broadband at home and in the Library. This was accomplished in March, just in time for the stay at home order.



Weston Public Library's historic photo archive became available for online viewing. Our goal was for everyone to have the freedom to enjoy these photos, and thanks to grants from AWERE and Umatilla County Cultural Coalition this has become a reality.

WPL Library2Go Circulation



Weston residents had reliable access to wifi 24/7 outside the library. This was particularly relevant during the pandemic.

What goals did we
accomplish in FY 2019-2020?

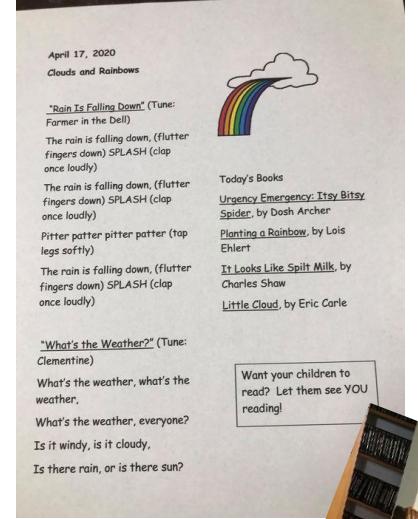
Priority: Adult Programs

- Offered 10 monthly Novel Readers book group sessions
- Provided “fence” delivery of library materials during Covid-19 shutdown; will continue to offer this service going forward
- Published and distributed monthly “Library Page” newsletter
- Delivered library materials to the homebound; will continue to offer this service
- Published regular Facebook posts promoting new materials and services



Priority: Youth programs

- Conducted 20 preschool storytime sessions
- Presented virtual and take-home Summer Reading activities
- Offered after school art activities
- Hosted Santa at the Library
- Provided materials to support home school



Priority: Technology

- Provided free public access to internet and wifi, essential during library and school closures
- 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
- Accomplished the goal of creating Weston Public Library photo archive online

Challenges in meeting the year's goals:

- The Pandemic!
 - Library closed for eight weeks
 - Limited patron access during opening stages
 - Managing decontamination and cleaning tasks
 - Cancelled programs
 - No in person training opportunities
 - Future budget concerns
- Need more middle and high school students in the library!
- Increasing demands from the state level!

Library and Community Partners Include...

Friends of Weston Library

Friends of Weston Library (FOWL) was formed in January 2000, which made 2020 a milestone anniversary. A couple of special events were planned around the annual meeting and parade entry for Pioneer Picnic. Then the pandemic hit, and the rest is history. FOWL is carefully planning for their used book sale, which has been reinvented as a sidewalk sale.

This year FOWL provided the fiscal management for our online photo archive, and financed new shelving for the YA collection and interior painting throughout. They are a great source of support, inspiration and advice. What would we do without our FOWL folks?



City of Weston

Weston City Council and City of Weston staff members continue to be faithful supporters of library service in our community.

The City of Weston has historically provided generous financial support to its library. For FY 2019-2020 the City contributed about 30% of the Weston Library budget.



UCSLD

- ✓ *Tax distribution*
- ✓ *Courier services*
- ✓ *Take-Off Program*
- ✓ *Training opportunities*
- ✓ *Sage membership*
- ✓ *Library2Go membership*



Athena-Weston Schools

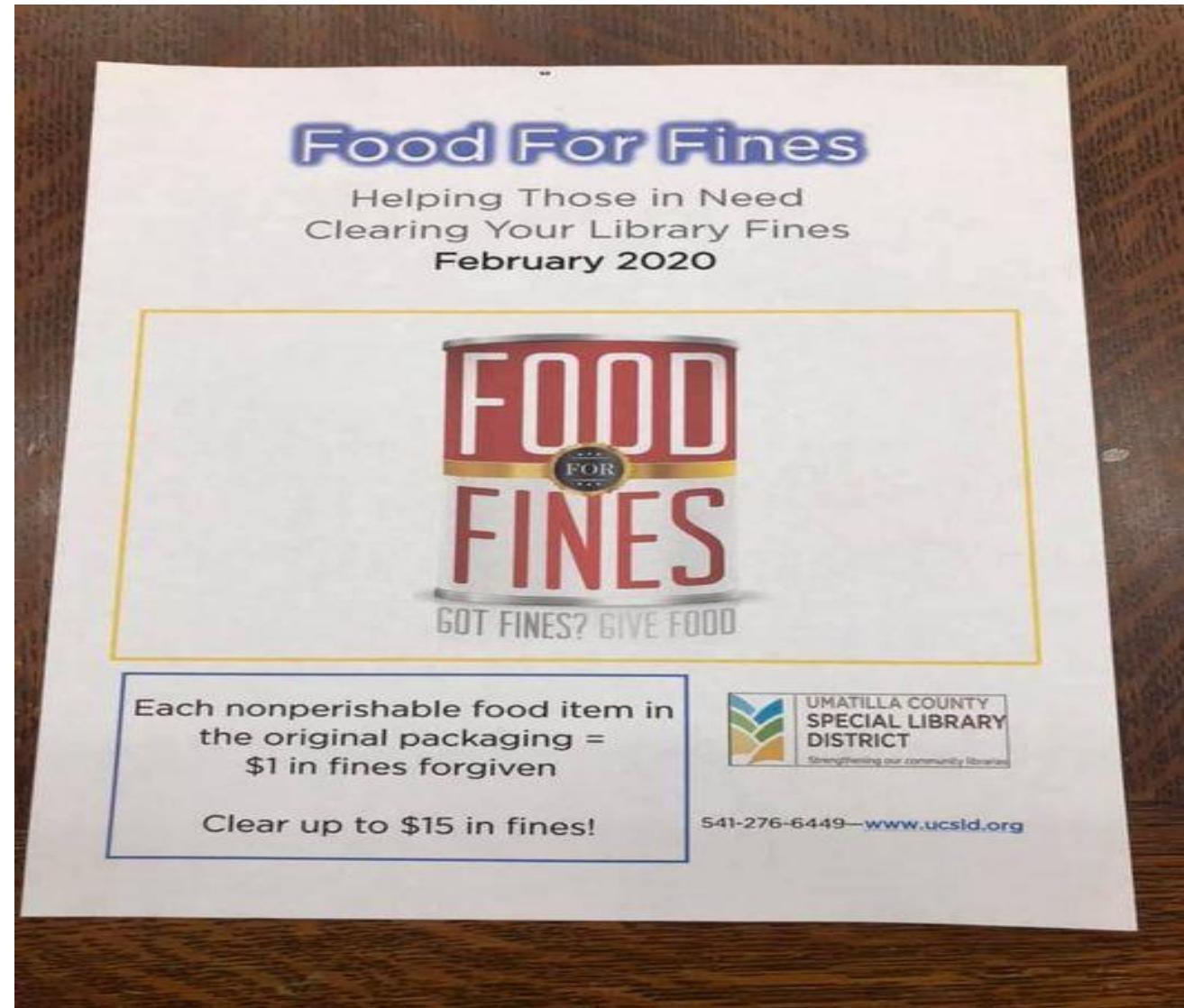
We arranged a successful collaboration between the Athena and Weston Public Libraries and the school food delivery program during the pandemic. Using Ready to Read funds, book bags containing several give-away books were delivered to 295 students.



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.

The Food Pantry also allowed the library to distribute Summer Reading materials to local families during the pandemic.



How did we increase awareness of UCSLD support?

- We reminded City and Library officials of the benefits of membership
- We participated in the Food For Fines program
- We submitted events to the UCSLD calendar
- We applied the UCSLD logo where appropriate!



How can the UCSLD continue to support district libraries?

- By continuing to provide a platform for communication between staff (Zoom)
- By providing local training opportunities
- By advocating for library service in our communities, i.e. attending city council meetings or budget proceedings when applicable
- By maintaining adequate funding (at least the current level) to all District libraries
- By continuing to keep up the good work...District staff and board are doing a great job