**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 4.11.23**

* **March Statistics**: I complied and posted the March statistical reports to the shared drive. They are in the “2022-2023 Board Reports” folder. Please let me know if you have any questions.
* **Traveling Exhibition**: Reminder—from April 16, 2023 through May 20, 2023, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum’s traveling exhibition, “Not Alone,” will be at the library in the large conference room, free and open to the public. I have been in touch with a coordinator from the musuem, and he is still working to schedule a driver to ship us the exhibit.
* **Book Displays**: Current book displays: “Arab American Heritage Month,” “National Poetry Month,” “Scottish American Heritage Month,” “Earth Month.”
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:**  For fiscal year 2022-2023, the Board approved a budget of $6,000 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. I have added 210 new books and spent $4,365.22.
* **Storytime:** Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30.
* **Family Days at the Library:** Spring Family Day was held on March 25, and was hosted by Becky Macaluso, Carol Winscott, and myself. Becky Macaluso led a Storytime and singalong to kick things off. Participants planted zinnia and marigold seeds in small terra cotta pots with saucers, made some crafts, and played some games--potato sack and plastic egg relay races. Snacks and drinks were served. This was our last Family Day before the Summer Reading Program begins due to the “Not Alone” exhibit in the large conference room.
* **Summer Reading Program:** Begins June 2 and ends July 28. “Bonzo Crunch” will perform on Tuesday, June 6 at 3:00 PM in the large conference room to kick off the SRP. Readers will track their reading via the ReaderZone app (or online) to be eligible to earn a prize (the past three years we have been buying each participant approximately $20.00 worth of books, of their own choosing and with our approval; adult readers usually select to have us buy a book on their behalf that is added to the library’s collection. Last year, I lowered the amount for the gift card to a local restaurant prize option to $10.00 for the people who still wanted this as their prize, usually to Josie’s Kitchen or the Redbud Café). We’ll have four age groups again in ReaderZone: Pre-K, Child, Teen, and Adult. Wednesday will be an SRP activity day. Friday will be SRP Movie Day. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme for 2023 is “All Together Now,” and we have received all the promotional materials that I ordered from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (bookmarks and posters).