

## **Director's Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)**

**DATE:** November 12, 2024

### **Administrative**

I continue to work on purging old files and records in an effort to leave a less cluttered system for the next director. Headquarters staff and I are also in the process of performing some "fall" cleaning in an attempt to tidy up the headquarters building. I posted the announcement for Director's position on the Arkansas Library Association website, the Association for Rural & Small Libraries website, the Arkansas Library listserv, and Indeed.com. The announcement was also sent to the Alabama & Mississippi Library Association.

I attended a three-day Director's Summit presented by the Arkansas State Library. Over 40 library Directors from around the state attended the event. This was the first summit hosted by the State Library and was well executed. Hopefully this event will turn into a platform for new Directors in the State.

### **Technology & Branch Updates**

McGehee Branch has two new computers but is having issues getting the PC Reservation working with them. The technician is still working on it. Our new HVAC computer at Headquarters has been replaced and we are waiting on a new computer for the security cameras so we can install the new software.

The Storywalk equipment for Monticello has been ordered and should be delivered on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping Drew County will assist us with installation. The Star City Library and Star City Mayor have agreed to accept the realtor signs from Monticello and install around the walking trail at the Old Soldier's Park in Star City for a Storywalk. We have ordered new backs and signage.

### **Community Engagement & Outreach**

In September I spoke at the SEARK Reading Council. I gave a brief history of the Region and shared upcoming events around the region as well as talk about our outreach projects such as the Free Little Libraries and Nursing Homes.

I presented a program on Survival Tips for new Library Directors at the Association for Rural & Small Libraries annual conference and at the Arkansas Library Association Conference. Both were very well attended and well received. I also toured five libraries in Connecticut and Massachusetts as well as the Dr. Seuss Museum.

### **Meetings & Workshops Attended**

Arkansas State Library Board Meeting – Little Rock, AR, August 9, 2024

Arkansas Digital Library Consortium – Little Rock, AR, August 9, 2024

Author Event, Jason Pederson- Monticello, AR, August 17, 2024

Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference, Springfield, MA, September 11 – 14, 2024

Arkansas Library Association Conference Committee – via Zoom, September 24, 2024

SEARK Reading Council– Monticello, AR, September 23, 2024

Arkansas State Library Director's Summit- Little Rock, AR, September 25 – 27, 2024