

I AM GEORGI SAMUELSON THE COORDINATOR OF THE OAKRIDGE LIBRARY

I AM HERE TO PLEAD FOR THE LIBRARY...NOT THE LIBRARY BUT OUR LIBRARY...OAKRIDGE'S LIBRARY...EVERY YEAR I AM REQUIRED TO REPORT OUR STATISTICS TO THE STATE...HERE ARE A FEW OF THOSE NUMBERS FROM THE LAST "REGULAR " YEAR 2019:

CARD HOLDERS: ARE 700. ALL THEIR PROXYS ALSO USE THEIR CARD

THE PHYSICAL UNITS IN THE LIBRARY INCLUDE PRINT AUDIO AND VIDEO AND NUMBER 1700

LIBRARY2GO: HAS 2800 BOOKS AND DVDS AVAILABLE

WE ARE OPEN : 35HOURS/WEEK 52/WEEKS ALL YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF 1800 HOURS/YEAR

LIBRARY VISITS IN 2019 WERE 14,000

TOTAL CIRCULATION OF ALL MATERIALS IS 15,000 ITEMS

LIB2GO CIRCULATION: 500 ITEMS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ARE SRP AND STORYTIME WITH ATTENDANCE OF 875 KIDS

ADULT PROGRAMS IN 2019: WERE 10

TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT ALL PROGRAMS: WAS 1200 PEOPLE

INTERLIBRARY LOANS ARE 600 BORROWED ITEMS

VOLUNTEERS NUMBER 20

TOTAL VOL HOURS ARE 3,000

OUR VOLS DONATE THEIR TIME WEEK AFTER WEEK YEAR AFTER YEAR. WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER WHO DRIVES TO SPRINGFIELD EVERY WEEK TO PICK-UP AND RETURN INTERLIBRARY LOANS ON HER TIME AND DIME...ALL VOLS DO SPECIAL PROJECTS ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR REGULAR WORK...2 VOLUNTEERS DEDICATE MOST OF THEIR JULY TO THE LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM THAT IS GRANT FUNDED BY THE STATE...I MUST APPLY FOR THAT GRANT EVERY YEAR...EVERY SPRING WE HAVE A SPRING CLEANING DAY. WE CLOSE ON SAT AND CLEAN THE LIBRARY HEAD TO TOE...ALSO JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THE VOLUNTEERS CLEAN THE LIBRARY'S RESTROOMS EVERY DAY....THAT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND! THESE ARE OAKRIDGEANS ~~ARE~~ DEDICATED TO MAKING THE LIBRARY WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY.

LET ME GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR PROGRAMS: BACKYARD CHICKEN KEEPING, BEE KEEPING, A FINNISH FOLK MUSIC DUO, A PROF FROM U OF O ABOUT THE CASCADIA FAULT LURKING OFF OUR COAST, 2 LOCAL AUTHOR EVENINGS, A DESCENDANT OF THE LOST WAGON TRAIN,

LOCAL BIRD WATCHING, HOW TO SAVE SEEDS FOR OUR SEED LIBRARY, A PROF FROM OSU ON THE LOCAL INDIAN TRIBES PRIOR TO CONTACT, A HOLISTIC VETERINARIAN, CHESS CLUB AND CHESS TOURNAMENTS, AND MUSHROOM HUNTING WHICH ~~WAS~~ BY THE WAY WAS THE PRESENTATION WITH THE MOST ATTENDANCE OF 45 POTENTIAL NEW MUSHERS

ALL THIS INFORMATION IS TO SHOW YOU THE COUNCIL THAT WE ARE NOT JUST A QUIET DUSTY CORNER BUT AN ACTIVE INSTITUTION. THE CUTS YOU HAVE MADE ARE DEVASTATING TO THE LIBRARY AND DO ALMOST NOTHING TO ALLAY THE ARREARS THE CITY FACES. MOST DAMAGING IS THE CUT FOR ACQUISTIONS: IN FY2019-20 WE HAD \$1850, IN FY2020-21 WE WERE CUT TO \$1500 AND NOW WE ARE FACING A CUT TO \$700! THE REGISTER GUARD ALONE COST \$350/YEAR (I JUST CANCELLED OUR SUBSCRIPTION). THIS IS THE MOST DEVASTATING CUT OF ALL. THE OTHER CUT W/ MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE LIBRARY IS TO OUR SUPPLIES: THIS WENT FROM \$3500 IN FY2019-20, TO \$2500 THIS PAST YEAR AND IS NOW SLASHED ANOTHER 50% TO \$1200...THE LIBRARY NOT ONLY HAS THE USUAL OFFICE SUPPLIES: INK COPY PAPER PENS ETC AND CLEANING SUPPLIES BUT ALSO SPECIFIC LIBRARY SUPPLIES SUCH AS CARD BLANKS, SCAN LABELS, BOOK REPAIR SUPPLIES, CATALOGING SUPPLIES AND BOOK COVERS ETC. LIBRARY SUPPLIES ARE VERY EXPENSIVE ITEMS.

**AUDIE OUR COUNCIL REP TO THE LIBRARY BOARD ASSURED
ME THAT YOU WOULD LISTEN AND I THANK
YOU...OAKRIDGE'S LIBRARY IS AN INSTITUTION OF WHICH
OAKRIDGE CAN BE PROUD.**