

## Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of October 2019 will be available at our meeting.

### Financial/Donations:

- As the Board is already aware, we have received a check from Salem CSD for our portion of the school district property taxes (amount = \$28,619.00). I have given this check to Kathy Chambers for deposit.
- The amount of the 2019-20 Washington County Home for Aged Women Grant that we have been awarded is \$1500. I have sent in the agreement form, and they will be releasing the check to us reasonably soon. This grant is used to help fund our large print and audio book purchases.

### News/Issues:

- Our new website is up and running. Currently, it is set up such that the web address [www.bancroftlibrary.org](http://www.bancroftlibrary.org) points to [www.slibrary.org](http://www.slibrary.org), which is where the website is housed. This is how the older website was configured, but it will be simplified very soon. We will be eliminating the [slibrary.org](http://www.slibrary.org) address and keeping only the [bancroftlibrary.org](http://www.bancroftlibrary.org) address. In the short-term, as we prepare for this change, there will be a landing page at the [slibrary.org](http://www.slibrary.org) address, directing people to change any bookmarks they might have.
- Through SALS, we are participating in a grant program in aid of early literacy (birth to age 5). We will be responsible for choosing and distributing a selection of books (entirely grant-funded). We are planning to work with the local program Books in Kids' Hands to distribute these books this December, likely during the holiday season.
- The Friends of the Library 26th Annual Wreath Sale is underway. Orders are due by November 16, and pick up is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 from 11 - 1:30.
- Do we want to have a holiday party/cookie exchange this year? In the past, it has been the first Sunday afternoon in December. When would we want to have it? Who would like to plan/organize it?

### Programs:

- As I mentioned last month, I've been coordinating with Amy Maxwell (Ag teacher and FFA leader at Salem CSD) regarding a program called "Dairy Dialogues", which will be a discussion of modern dairy farming, featuring a short documentary film and a Q & A session involving FFA members and other local farmers. This event will be taking place on Thursday evening, November 7th, at 6:30.

- Our 3rd Annual Gingerbread Contest will be taking place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 30), to coordinate with the holiday parade in town. We are planning a gingerbread house decorating program on the Saturday afternoon prior to that (Nov. 23).
- All other regularly scheduled programs are going along as usual.