Library Construction Grant Application
The Board of Aldermen approved our grant application at their meeting on September 20. We are requesting $250,000 through the State Library’s Construction Grant program, with another $250,000 coming from the City’s bonding. The project will completely replace our existing passenger elevator using the existing elevator shaft. The current elevator has a lifespan of about 20 years, and it is now more than 50 years old. Completing the application packet has been a long and complicated process that would not have been possible without Chantal Johnson, Admin 3, who took on the project during my medical leave and kept it moving forward after my return.

Mobile Library
Although we don’t yet have a way to transport the mobile book cases, we have started participating in community events. On Saturday, September 18, Michael Tierney set up a library booth at a housing expo in Fulton Park, distributing library brochures and newsletter, registering new library card holders, and answering questions about the library and its resources.

Staffing and Saturdays
The Civil Service Commission has approved proposed revisions to the Librarian IV job description (last updated in 2004). We are now waiting for the job opening to be posted. We are also still waiting for a list of Librarian II and Admin I candidates.

We resumed Saturday hours on September 11. It was a fairly busy day, with individuals and family groups coming to use the library. The Bunker Hill Branch Library resumed Saturday hours on September 18. Our reduced Monday hours started on September 13, with the library closing at 4:45.
Circulation Division

August Statistical Reports: Main Library
Total Collection Size: 260,936
Total Items Added to Collection: 968
Total Items Circulated: 7,311
Total Circulation In-House: 34
Total Circulated at Other Libraries: 1,520
Total Circulated from Other Libraries: 332
Total Active Patrons: 42,200
Total Expired Patrons: 10
Total Patrons Added: 115

August Statistical Reports: Bunker Hill
Total Collection Size: 11,218
Total Items Added to Collection: 53
Total Items Circulated: 527
Total Circulation In-House: 0
Total Circulated at Other Libraries: 81
Total Circulated from Other Libraries: 294
Total Active Patrons: 1,359
Total Expired Patrons: 0
Total Patrons Added: 4

OverDrive Circulation: August
Audiobooks: 409
Ebooks: 604
Total Checkouts: 1,013

Adult: 827
Teen/YA: 87
Children: 99
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Online Presence

Facebook Followers as of 9/17/2021: 2,556
Facebook Reach August 20 – September 16: 3,789
Facebook Post Engagements August 20 – September 16: 467

Instagram Followers as of 9/17/2021: 954
Bronson Teens Instagram Followers as of 9/17/2021: 290
Twitter Followers as of 9/17/2021: 454

Wowbrary Active Subscriptions as of 8/9/2021: 94
Wowbrary Customized Newsletters as of 8/9/2021: 6
Wowbrary Webpages Viewed August 1 – August 31: 2,068
Wowbrary Clickthroughs to Catalog August 1 – August 31: 141

Website Visitors August 1 – August 31: 1,510
Website Sessions August 1 – August 31: 2,458
Website Pageviews August 1 – August 31: 5,230

Most Visited Website Pages (August 1 – August 31):

- Home Page: 2,559
- Programs: 242
- Program Registration: 128
- Genealogy/Local Hist.: 190
- How to Find Books: 172
- Research: 166
- Museum Passes: 155
- Ask A Librarian: 136
- About Us: 115
- Take Out: 106
- Children’s Division: 102
- Bunker Hill Branch: 93
- Digital: 93
- Newsletters: 81
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