Hall Library Report February 18th, 2021 Helen Talley

I am scheduling at least one day a week at John and Judy Gay library in preparation for my move after Lisa's retirement. I'm spending time meeting new staff I don't already know and meeting with those who will be my direct reports. In addition I'm spending time with Lisa working on the daily operations and the unique needs at JJGL.

With the lifting of the hiring freeze Jason and his staff are interviewing for 2 part-time assistant positions. Elfi has also hired a 3rd courier which provides us with courier service 7 days a week with at least 5 days of 2 courier runs a day.

The contractor assigned the courtyard project presented a bid significantly higher than what we originally planned. I'm working with Lisa Casey from StudioOutside to adjust the plans to stay within our original budget.

AARP began their tax assistance adopting a different model than previous years. There are no large groups meeting in the Dulaney Room rather AARP are setting up appointments with individuals to drop off their documents then scheduling an appointment for the returns.

I and a number of staff have been volunteering at the city and county's vaccination clinics at McKinney ISD stadium and recently at the Newsome Homes off Highway 5. I'm extremely proud of how many of our staff has volunteered their time to help the city and county with this massive undertaking.