John and Judy Gay Library Public Services Board Report

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Staffing

When I reported to the Board last June, we were in a great situation of being fully or nearly fully staffed. Since then, we've had a lot of staff promotions, made possible through one new librarian position, and one librarian moving to California. Trevor Naughton was promoted to a new Librarian I position, and Revathi Vaidyanathan was promoted to his full-time Library Tech position. Kaci Falcon was promoted to Librarian I when Sarah Campagna left for California, and Hall Library's Magan Favre was promoted to Kaci's full-time Library Tech position at JJGL. John Hummel, Librarian I, took advantage of a Librarian opening in the Tech Services department at the Hall Library, and did a lateral move from JJGL to Hall. Part-time library assistant Dawn Davis will be promoted into Revathi's part-time Library Tech position. Tamara Biggio was promoted into John's Librarian I position at JJGL, and soon we will be interviewing to fill her position as well as Dawn's position. We have a lot of movement, but everyone is helping out to make sure that duties are covered as we go through temporary vacancies.

Library programming

We are in the middle of our spring programming. We have been using staff from the various programming teams, adult, youth, teen, display, and outreach to add new programs and to staff programs that might otherwise have been led by staff who were out on leave of one kind or another. JJGL staff new to programming have been leading many of the Tuesday Toddler story times at the Hall Library, as well as some of the So You Think You can Draw programs and Let's Make Music at JJGL. I am doing the Mother-Daughter story times at JJGL until the usual leader of this program returns later this spring. This is all with the goal of adding new, quality programming with the help of everyone on the staff.

Community services

With construction due to begin in the middle of tax season, JJGL is not currently hosting the AARP tax volunteers. They have found an interim home at McKinney's Fire Station # 7 for their Monday work, and continue at the Hall Library on Friday and Saturdays. We look forward to housing this service again, hopefully next year. With construction planned to begin in March, we will not be hosting any spring elections.

What's new on the floor?

The Hall Library received some new furniture this spring, and JJGL was fortunate to be the recipient of some of the chairs and loveseats that Hall no longer needed. Many of our comfortable chairs were coming apart at the seams, and we were happy to have the pick of Hall's out-going furniture.

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