

FROM YOUR **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

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Dear library friends and neighbors,

When I reflect on the past few months, our library staff, support boards, and community fill me with immense gratitude. While there are ongoing challenges facing all libraries, including ours, the people who work at the library and in every city department, offer exceptional assistance, services, and resources to our patrons every day. I appreciate the commitment of all library and city staff to create welcoming spaces and offering important services our community needs.

There is so much wonderful work happening at our library. We are gearing up for our annual Summer Reading program, which starts on June 2nd, and will be open to all ages! Our *Friends of the Library* organization will also be having two events in June to help raise funds for library programming, including their annual Summer Book Sale in the plaza on June 14th from 10am to 2pm and a Backyard & Patio Tour (tickets on sale now at the library) on June 21st from 11am-2pm.

The city's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget process is under way. The financial forecast for the city shows some challenges ahead, for all city departments. As prices increase and inflation soars for materials and services, some cuts will need to be made. The library has a small staff group providing service 50 hours per week. It is absolutely vital that Canby community members answer our online survey so we know what services are valuable and necessary for you, your family, and your neighbors.

Lastly, I want to let you know about our **Canby Career Center** ([COMING SOON](#)), which will be 100% grant funded through next fiscal year! The **Canby Career Center** will have dedicated technology, printing, free supplies, free resources, workshops (on building resumes, interview prep, job searching etc.), and its own collection of materials for checkout. We are thrilled to bring this new and necessary addition to our library.

This newsletter only represents a fraction of the meaningful work taking place in our library. Every single day, our small but mighty library team is working on ways to better serve you and our community. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we wade through these times together. It is my sincere hope that you continue to lean on our library whenever you need to, because that is why we are here.

Marisa Ely
Library Director