

Library Board Meeting
January 25, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Library Meeting Room and ZOOM

Present: Nelson Appell, Lynn Hart, Jeff Holtmeier, Leon Hove, Gretchen Pettet, Greg Skornia, Katie Schonaerts, Diane Lick, Patti Frick and Carolyn Witt. Kristen, The Missourian.

Not Present: Leane Gisburne, Barbara Volmert.

President Jeff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Leon moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Katie and the motion passed. Leon then moved the minutes of the December meeting be approved. Gretchen seconded the motion, which passed.

Friends of the Library Report: Patti reported that the group was finalizing the letter to go out to friends to renew for the new membership year. Diane moved the report be accepted, Leon seconded and the motion passed.

Library Director's Report:

Statistics & Collections: COVID-19 and the library's restrictions continue to affect library usage. December 2020 circulations increased by 8% compared to December 2019. WPL materials sent to other Evergreen libraries (ILL's) increased 25% in the same period. Foot traffic entering WPL decreased 45% and public computer use decreased 60%. This was a result of rising COVID numbers during that time.

Programs: Online programming is currently offered for two book clubs and the writer's group, plus some special programs. The Father Dominic Garramone Bread Monk program "Baking Your Way Through the Holidays" was very popular. The Friends group is exploring more programs with him.

Take home crafts kits continue to be very popular with both children and adults. The library gave away 881 (!) craft kits in December! Lots of positive feedback and library visits have resulted from these programs. Dial a Story received a nice article in the Missourian. (Thank you, Kristen) Stories will continue to be updated monthly. The library is conducting a Winter Reading Program. Patrons can use paper logs or enroll online using the Beanstack app, available from the library's website. The Friends are sponsoring the program with \$5 Gift Certificates from Downtown Washington for finishers! Great Decisions begins February 3rd and will run for 8 Wednesdays, hosted by Bill Schwabe.

COVID-19: In regard to discussions last month about library hours, Nelson spoke with the staff and the overwhelming opinion was to continue regular hours. All staff supported this. Despite recent City policy changes, the library's policies remain in place as we already reflect the changes by the City.

Procedures still in force:

Masks are required; we offer cloth, reusable masks for those who do not have them.

Limit of 20 patrons in Library for checkouts/study, 5 for computers.

Limit time to 1 -2 hours, if possible. Library may be used for studying, but not in groups.

Library remains an official warming shelter during the cold days of this winter.

Small donations accepted.

Books are quarantined 2 days. (change reflects Scenic Regional's policy)

Evergreen statewide courier and local Scenic courier running normal schedules.

New Electronic Resources, provided through agreement with Scenic Regional Library:

Creativebug provides on-demand access to over 1,000 high-definition arts and crafts instructional videos for kids, teens and adults. Subjects include drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily. Creativebug also has an app available for iOS and Android. This should be live by February.

Kanopy is an on-demand streaming service with a collection of more than 30,000 films, including feature films, documentaries, foreign language films, kids' movies, kids' TV shows, classes from sources like the Great Courses and training videos. Kanopy Kids includes the Sesame Street catalog and animated versions of popular storybooks. Over 60% of the content is only available on Kanopy. Kanopy adds 300-500 newly released films every month. Films may be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform downloading the Kanopy app (iOS or Android) Apple TV, Chromecast or Roku. This service will advertised in February.

Facilities: HVAC (also under old business): Minor repairs were made in mid-January. The vendor adjusted the temperature at that time. Plumbing: There will be jackhammering cement in the cataloguing area to reach the outgoing pipes and replace a T connector with a Y connector to hopefully solve an ongoing blockage issue.

Advocacy: Virtual efforts will continue in the Winter/Spring of 2021 as representatives from MLA will set up training and meetings for staff to attend.

Website: Work on the website transition has begun in earnest.

Leon moved that the Library Director's Report be accepted. Gretchen seconded the motion, which passed.

Unfinished Business: HVAC and Hours, see above.

New Business: None.

There being no further business, Leon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn seconded the motion, which passed.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2021 (George Washington's birthday!)