

Library Board Meeting
October 25, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Library Meeting Room

Present: Nelson Appell, Dough Holdmeyer, Susan Wehmueller, Diane Lick, Barbara Volmert, Leanne Gisburn, Greg Skornia, Lynn Hart, The Missourian

Diane called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Greg moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Leanne and the motion passed. Greg also moved the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Lynn seconded the motion, which passed.

FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: No one from Friends was in attendance. Nelson reported the Mary Emke is the new president and Patty is the new vice president. He also reported that the Friends would like to increase their membership.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics & Collections:

- The total statistics from this month are similar to October 2020 numbers.
- Passport: The processing time for passports has decreased from 18 weeks to 12 weeks.
- Meeting Rooms: The interest and usage is trending up. Lately, the library has been hosting several Girl Scout troop meetings because of lack of meeting space in schools due to Covid protocols.
- State statistics report is due in November; Nelson will also be presenting an annual report to the Board by the end of the year.

HR Everyone is back to work from any quarantines or injuries.

Programs:

Storytimes, writer's group, movie club, and book clubs are currently meeting in the library. Nelson plans to expand the storytime schedule in 2022.

The Community Read committee has chosen *Frankenstein* as its Spring book. Programs are being developed around the themes of the book.

November Programs:

Lego club (3rd Tuesday) and Wagging Tales (2nd Monday) will be added to the November programming.

November 18th Richard Steckel will present Amelia Earhart: An Investigation.

Covid-19: No changes in the mask requirements for the library. Masks are optional and there are no limits on the numbers in the building. Curbside pickup/printing assistance is available. Meeting rooms are open.

Scenic Regional Library(SRL) & Washington Public Library (WPL)

Re-integration within Evergreen Catalog

WPL has found an alternate solution within Evergreen's settings that removes the need for re-integration of the catalogs. SRL and WPL can share their special collections while blocking other Evergreen libraries. Long term hotspots could also be used for longer loan periods. This is important because SRL received \$250,000 grant for computers and hotspots to share in their three counties amounting to around 300 laptops. 20 to 30 of these could potentially be shareable with WPL.

Grants

- Ruth has submitted the Summer Reading Program Grant request through the United Way. In the past, the children's program has received \$5000 from this Grant.
- Nelson submitted the State Mini-Tech Grant through the State Library. He wishes to replace the AWE early-literacy machines in the children's library and add projectors for checkout. Inquiries about Projectors for check-out have increased.

Trainings:

- MPLD – in-person resumes in December 2021
- Effective Library Boards – This webinar series continues with the following dates:
Tues., Nov. 9, 2021, 7-8 p.m.
Tues, Jan. 11, 2022, 7-8 p.m.

Leanne moved that the Library Director's report be approved. Greg seconded the motion, which carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HVAC: Repair completed on the Mother Board and an overhead coil was fixed in the meeting room. An engineer from the original consulting firm will be completing an overall inspection of the system to offer his opinion on why the system is not working as desired. No timeline was given.

Policy Manual Review ongoing

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Next Meeting: November 22, 2021 at the library.