

Library Board Meeting
March 22, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Library Meeting Room and ZOOM

Present: Nelson Appell, Lynn Hart, Leon Hove, Gretchen Pettet, Greg Skornia, Diane Lick, Leanne Gisburne, Barbara Volmert and Carolyn Witt. Laura, The Missourian.

Secretary Carolyn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

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

Friends of the Library report: There was no report.

Library Director's Report:

Statistics & Collections: COVI-19 and the library's restrictions continue to affect library usage. Circulation was down 19% from February 2019. Circulation remained consistent from month to month. Library has expended its "Library of Things" to include: (Sponsored by the Friends) *Board Games*. Initial offering included four European-style Board Games. *Fishing Poles* (offered through the Missouri Department of Conservation.) These have inspired a great deal of interest! (on the website!!!) *Thermal Heat Detector*. *Slide/ Film Converter*.

Programs: The Break Monk, Father Dominic, will be returning with a spring program....March 23, on Easter Breads.

Dial-A-Story will continue to be updated monthly. The staff has received positive comments on the program.

The Winter Reading Program finished, using the Beanstack app, available from the library's website. 127 patrons completed the challenges and picked up their gift certificates. The Friends are sponsoring this program, with \$5 Gift Certificates from Downtown Washington for finishers. The library received feedback that this program was very helpful for parents to give their children some reading goals and, if using the online software, instant rewards!

The library gave away 247 Take Home Crafts in February and this program continues to be extremely popular with our patrons!

WPL is planning on entering a Teacher Assistance Program in partnership with Scenic Regional Library. This program will allow teachers to fill out requests for books the library will supply the books. Libraries across the nation offer similar programs.

Staff are planning the summer reading program. There is a great degree of uncertainty about the summer, so staff will be flexible. An online component will be available.

COVID-19: The library's policies remain in place. Masks are still required in City buildings. However, there is no longer a staff member on door duty, counting patrons and offering required masks.

Procedures still in force:

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

One change: no limit of patrons in Library for checkouts/study.

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

Small donations accepted.

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

Evergreen statewide courier and local Scenic courier running normal schedules.

There has been interest in when the meeting rooms would be open to the public. The meeting room was used by AARP for senior tax prep, following COVID restrictions. Leon moved that the library meeting rooms as soon as possible, keeping social distancing and masks must be worn. The motion was seconded by Barb. **After some discussion, there was a role call vote. The count was 4 against, 3 for the motion. The motion failed.**

Technology: The library had an Envisionware upgrade in March, which did result in some complication that we are working through with NOC. Due to this, online self-pay will be pushed back to April. We are experimenting with a Raspberry Pi for our OPAC catalogs. (They are a cheaper technology.) The website went live and the library is sponsoring a virtual Easter Egg Hunt. Children or adults look for eggs hidden on the website and then collect their prize at the library.

Leon moved that the Librarian's Report be accepted. Diane seconded the motion and it carried.

Unfinished Business: HVAC: Library working with the Park's Dept (which manages the building) on the budget for future repairs and keep ahead of demands to keep the system working. It is harder in winter.

New Business: Nelson reviewed the nominees for the Velma Jones Stroetker Award: Traci Siebert and Bill Schwab. Leon moved, seconded by Diane, that these nominees be awarded this honor. Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: April 26, 2021 at the library