

Librarian's Report
For March 1, 2021 Meeting

1. List of submitted reports

- a. ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey: for the collection, comparison, and analysis of statewide interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing statistical data. (How many items our library has borrowed from other libraries and how many items of ours we've loaned out.)
- b. Annual Certification: In compliance with Illinois statutes and administrative rules, annual certification is required of all library system members in order to retain system membership and eligibility for grants administered by the Illinois State Library.
- c. Per Capita Grant and Expenditures Reports: The Public Library Per Capita Grant was established to assist public libraries to improve and increase library services within their service areas. Expenditures Report: Financial reports of expenditures must be attached as separate documents and submitted with the application. (What the library used 2019's Per Capita grant to purchase.) Our library used the funds to purchase adult, children and young adult materials, namely books.
- d. Back to Books Grant Post-Project Report and Activity Reports

2. Meetings attended via Zoom

- a. Southern Illinois Legislative Meet-Up
- b. Webinar: Rural and Small Libraries Services
- c. RBDigital Users Group: This meeting was hosted by IHLS. It was learned that RBDigital was purchased by Overdrive. This purchase has caused issues with all the libraries, ours included, as Overdrive is not going to recognize the consortium that was formed using RBDigital. The consortium was formed to make e-books affordable to many libraries that wouldn't be able to afford them on their own. IHLS is working on a solution that will be

acceptable to as many libraries as possible at a cost that will also be affordable to as many as possible. None of our patrons will have access to RBDigital after March 15 or March 30. As of this writing, both dates have been discussed. Our library WILL still have access to e-books through Cloud Library. Unfortunately, Cloud Library is limited in supply of books and has no e-magazines.

3. Homebound Services

The staff & I have discussed offering Homebound Services to our patrons who may be unable or uneasy visiting the library themselves. Other libraries that offer this service have found it to be a well-received community service. A list of criteria and rules (included in your board packet) would be made. Kyle, Linda, Jenny & Lynette have all offered to make deliveries and pick-ups of materials using their own vehicles.

For your consideration: The board needs to present a motion, discussion and vote to allow Homebound Services through our library.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Colbert on 3/1/21