

## **Librarian's Report**

### **For September 13, 2021 Meeting**

#### **1. Change of board meeting dates in October and December**

I am going to be on vacation on October 4 and December 6. Would the board want to change the meeting date from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday for those months?

*For your consideration:* The board needs a motion, discussion, and vote to change the board meeting in October to Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and in December to Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2. Purchase of Hoopla**

Hoopla is a web and mobile library media streaming platform for audio books, comics, e-books, movies, music, and TV. Patrons of libraries that support Hoopla have unlimited access to its collection of digital media. Because so many cars no longer have CD players and our library no longer has RBDigital, I would like to discontinue ordering books on CD from Blackstone and begin offering Hoopla to our patrons. I am including more information on Hoopla as an additional attachment with this report.

*For your consideration:* The board needs a motion, discussion, and vote to subscribe to Hoopla.

#### **3. Updates**

1. Per Capita grant was received in the amount of \$6345.45. This is almost \$1,000 more than the last several years.
2. Project Next Generation grant was awarded in the amount of \$8032.
3. I submitted an Illinois Humanities COVID Emergency Relief and Recovery grant for reimbursement of funds lost due to the pandemic. On September 1, I received word that the library has been awarded \$5,000 from this grant. The award is for operational expenses and has very few restrictions.

4. Summer Reading had a very good turnout for the four programs offered and the Story Walk. Total attendance was 278.
5. The Friends book sale did amazing and brought in a total of \$2099.
6. I submitted a grant application to the Illinois State Library for an “On the Road to Recovery” grant in the amount of \$20,470 to be used for new printers, 4 new patron computers, 2 new staff computers, a children’s computer, reupholstering for task and folding chairs that didn’t get upholstered last year, two-gallon hot water heaters for staff restroom and kitchen, and new children’s area furniture.
7. I submitted an Illinois State Library grant for “Bouncing Back from the Pandemic” grant in the amount of \$19,351 to be used for community workforce training. Materials and supplies include eleven kits that will include laptop, software, WIFI Hotspot, carrying case, Lazerware maintenance and 1 year of unlimited internet usage. It also includes wages for staff to present workshops on basic computer, job searching, email, filling out online job applications, preparing for a job interview, etc.
8. As you know from the email I sent out to you on August 31, the north wall in the meeting room leaked water from the August 30 rain. Thanks to Bob Taylor and Randy Bertetto for bringing shop vacuums and helping to clean up. Corey Rheinecker has been notified.
9. Special thanks to Richard Cavalier and his son and grandson for getting the outside bench painted.