

**Librarian's Report**  
**For October 11, 2021 Meeting**

**1. Donations in memory of Dot Stephenson**

Including a donation from the Roscoe Misselhorn Museum of \$50.00, the total donations are \$555.00.

**2. Check received for \$5,000 from the Illinois Humanities 2021 COVID-19 Emergency & Relief Grant**

We received the check on September 28. A portion of it will be used for the purchase of Hoopla, as was agreed to by the board at September's board meeting.

**3. Per Capita Grant application requirements**

The Per Capita Grant application is due Jan. 15, 2022. Because there is quite a lot of reviewing to do, we should begin the process today and continue in November, December and January.

The Public Library Per Capita Grant was established to assist public libraries to improve and increase library services within their service areas. Grant amounts of up to \$1.475 per person served are available, on an annual basis, to all Illinois local public libraries.

To be eligible for a per capita grant, a public library shall show that it will either meet or show progress toward meeting the Illinois library standards as most recently adopted by the Illinois Library Association (75 ILCS 10/8.1).

The Library Director and the Board of Trustees shall review the entirety of Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries. To complete this application, refer to the checklist at the conclusion of each chapter.

#### **4. Library Crawl**

From September 27 through October 17 our library, as well as 84 other libraries in the Illinois Heartland Library System are taking part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual library crawl. Patrons from participating libraries visit other libraries and get their “passport” stamped. Patrons of the Sparta Public Library are eligible to enter their name in a drawing if they visit 5 or more libraries. The prize is a beautifully decorated lantern put together by Sue Pirtle.