

Librarian's Report

For April 4, 2022 Meeting

1. Lighting Issues

Hall Electric replaced the switch plate for the lights in the library's main room. They also replaced the can lights that had gone out, the emergency EXIT lights, the emergency flood lights and the outdoor light over the back steps in front. I've asked them to replace the bulbs in the lights on the front of the library building with brighter and uniform bulbs.

I've called Ameren about replacing the light on the power pole in the southwest corner of the parking lot. They came on March 25 and installed a new light.

2. Job Applicants

I have conducted 5 interviews, had one no-show, had three that I feel won't work, three that rescinded their applications and two that are good possibilities. I will be meeting with the personnel committee at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, before the board meeting to discuss the candidates.

3. PNG and Bouncing Back Grant Monitoring Visit

Rita Stephens from the Illinois State Library will visit our library on Thursday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. She will be monitoring both grants. She will be discussing with Lynette, Linda and I the progress on the project activities, whether they correlate with the approved application and if the projects are on target to complete.

Another item that Rita reports are that the Illinois State Library has talked about, *but she emphasized is not definite* is a grant called a "Dream Grant". She has asked me to make a report on what would be a dream grant for our library. ISL is also discussing a "Trends & Needs" grant. I would like input from the

board for ideas on these grant possibilities. The staff and I have discussed a few ideas.

4. Project Next Generation FY 2022-2023 grant application has been submitted.

5. The Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

I will begin work on this extensive report after our fiscal year ends on March 31. The report is due by May 30.

6. Project Next Generation activities

Lynette and Linda are happy that PNG activities are having great participation. Participation had been rather slow, so this has boosted everyone's enthusiasm.

7. Upcoming events:

April 1: Lynette will meet with the principal of Sparta Lincoln to discuss Project Next Generation.

April 2: GLITTER!

April 4: Board Meeting - 6:00 pm

April 4: Excel Class – Bouncing Back Grant – 5:00 pm

April 5: PNG – Snap Circuitry – 4:00 pm

April 7: Excel Class - Bouncing Back – 1:00 pm

April 7: PNG – Culinary Arts 200 – 4:00 pm

April 11: Bouncing Back Grant – Excel – 5:00 pm

April 13: Bouncing Back Grant – Powerpoint – 11 am

April 15: Good Friday – Library Closed

April 21: PNG & Bouncing Back Grant monitoring visit from Rita Stephens – 10:30 am