

Director's Report
March 8, 2021

Library Programming:

Zoom Story Time, Wednesday at 10. In-Person Story Hour at 11 a.m. by appointment only as well as Zoom story time with CW pre-schools and elementary students happen regularly.

Three programs have been scheduled for Summer. I visited with Pastor Derrick at the CUMC, next door, he looks forward to our partnership. I mentioned the possibility of additional meeting space use.

Book Discussion is being resumed. It has been offered out to the community. No meeting.

The Library is scheduled at the County Fair on Wednesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Sheidel Pavillion and on Sat., June 26, in the Featherlite Building 1 to 4 p.m. alongside Genealogy.

Library Day to Day: Staff feel business has been relatively slow since opening our doors, perhaps due to the weather. Computer use has picked up, DVD check out is way down, one fellow wants to sit and read the newspaper, which we have let him.

Re-opening timeline next phase:

I am reviewing what other libraries are doing in relation to sitting and reading the newspaper along with simply setting the papers out for regular access. Use at own risk and use hand sanitizer prior to reading. Spray cloth chair after each use. There have been no issues with the requirement for masks.

City is reviewing their ability to reimburse some level of COVID expenses incurred. \$909.09.

State Library is sending a second tote of COVID supplies, we were winners in a drawing.

Collection project status:

We are assessing space needs regarding specific collection sizes. How can shelving be adjusted to accommodate growth or reduction of each collection. Will be testing some material shifting options.

The Foundation graciously honored my request for support in reimbursement for expenditures of \$1,107.42 for the purchase of bookends to aid in the collection re-set.

I also requested financial assistance with popular book authors/title and audiobook purchases in the Adult and Teen collection. They will be supplying \$1,200 towards the Adult collection and \$400.00 for the Teen. This is to supplement out of the ordinary expenditures due to the collection project and availability issues in the market.

Fundraising: The Foundation will be extending the storage unit rental until August at a cost of \$120.00.

Accreditation: Submitted February 26. St. Library reviews and points out necessary adjustments.

Building topics: (may need further discussion on agenda in continuing business)

Library lighting fixtures (last portion to convert into energy efficient). Done on 2/24.

Telephone system (current contract expires June 30, 2021 with Mediacom): Jim Murphy installed the necessary equipment on January 20. Line 3 will be dropped from Mediacom 7/1/21.

Teen Room Project: On Wednesday, February 24, Teen Librarian, Laura Thomas presented her ideas to the Foundation for updating the space to make it more current, inviting and personal. The Foundation approved \$3,800, which includes painting (March), carpet (April), furnishings, window décor, and signage. An oversized, stuffed, vinyl chair (\$529) has been donated by Billmeyer.