Montmorency County Public Libraries Library Board Meeting August 9, 2021

Call to Order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Ellen Klein, Robin Smiley, Diane Tokarski and

Pat West

Board Member Absent: (in alphabetical order): None

County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas - Director

Approval of Agenda

Mary Burek made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Pat West made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of Meeting

Robin Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Ellen Klein accepted. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Lori Haas stated that a there is no need for Culligan to install a water cooler. The water at the Hillman Library has been deemed safe by the state and there is bottled water available if requested.

New Business

We will continue to follow MDPH mask guide lines, there have been no changes. Ellen Klein resigned as secretary and will now serve as Vice President; Pat West will now be the secretary, Ellen and Pat accepted the positions. Robin made a motion to approve these officer changes and Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Directors Report

Lori read a card we received a card from Mrs. Berringer's grandson with a nice donation. Grants that Lori applied for have been received. They will be used as needed. Several applications for the librarian's position have been received and Lori Haas is reviewing them.

The Librarians reports:

Tina from Hillman reports:

Good afternoon,

Stats for the month of July:

Total circulation 1021, curbside pick-ups 2, patrons signed in to choose their own materials 371, laptops checked out 0, inside computer lab users 248, phone calls 161, patrons needed copies/faxes/scans 89, notarizations 1, new library cards 9, items cataloged and added to our collections 62, laminating 3.

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Well the Summer Reading Program was a success! All activities have been picked up. We had a total of 0 children complete the program. During July we had 4 yard games checked out. Our driveway issue has been patched. We have been preparing for our annual book sale. It will be held VJ Day weekend. (8/14 – 8/15).

Stay safe & Have a great day! Tina Mulka

Sheila from Atlanta reports:

Good afternoon.

Our stats for the month of July are as follows:

861 Total Circulation, 21 curbside pick-ups, 452 patrons signed in to choose their own materials (up 24% from last month), no laptops were checked out, 133 inside computer lab users, 255 phone calls, 107 patrons needed copies/faxes etc., 1 notarization, 13 new library cards, 44 items cataloged and added to our collections, 0 items laminated.

The Summer Reading Program went very well this year. We had 43 kids finish the entire program and submit their reading logs in order to earn a t-shirt. All of our projects went out each week and we had none left-over! That's a definite first. We also had a lot of positive feedback for having our projects be something that you could take home. That allowed parents to use the projects during down times or inclement weather. Our summer people were impressed that you could do a portion of the program without having to commit to the entire 6 weeks.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Andrea and Janet for covering for me while I was on vacation. I've come back rested and relaxed and ready to tackle the next of our building projects. Our second new set of shelves is ready to be painted and installed; the cabinets are hung in the children's room and are waiting for me to fill them; and next up will be painting the front entry and by the computer labs.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Sheila

Wendy from Lewiston reports:

Stats for the month of July:

Curbside 3, phone calls 130, fax 24, notary 8, computer check out 0, WiFi 45, copies 32, new cards 20, grab and goes 648, scans 6, computer lab 98, outdoor games 2.

Good afternoon ladies.

July was a very busy month here in Lewiston. SRP ended on a great note, everyone enjoyed the Program. However, we only had 16 students turn in their reading logs. A total of 3 students turned in the folders to win those sticky markers so I ended having 3 winners. I am currently getting ready to have our library sign out front be lit up for the first time ever!! So excited about that! Scotty's electrical will be doing this for us free of charge. I have to get the trench dug out just a short distance. I will be making a call to Miss Dig and then Vince and friend will dig the trench for me. Thank you to FOLL! They also have purchased a new DVD cleaner for us. We clean all branches DVD's when they are in need and have purchased 48 new book ends for us, which are on back order until October. We also have had daily book donations, like up to 4 a day. Our sale room has seen a lot of activity. Nicole and I are still weeding our collection and are currently on large print. We have found people are finding authors they have never read before. The weeding class we took on line was a great resource for me, as I find weeding hard lol. I never know what to keep. Stay well my Friends.

Wendy Rieck

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Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for Sep 13, 2021 at the Lewiston Branch at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

Diane Tokarski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36. Mary Burek seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat West