**MINUTES**

**Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees**

**January 28, 2020**

PRESENT: Jerry Trittien, Rex Lawler, Jill Stanish, Mary Swartz, Joe Herring, Joan Grothoff

MINUTES were approved. BILLS were approved.

Director’s Report

* The program with Magician Dr. Jack was well attended; younger children did experiements with library staff.
* Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding two programs. The first was Brad Wilkening’s Holocaust program was attended by 30 people with a very favorable response. The second was a program by Chad Lewis. 15 people attended (including one very enthusiastic student).
* Book Club attendance has not been good; alternative ideas are being considered, including a “Book Buddies” program after school.
* Library hosted a successful game day for Tiger Pack on a recent teacher inservice day.
* Moving books to prepare for a teen area is almost complete; library received a $200 donation toward furniture for the new teen area.
* Eldora Library was featured in the Edge newsletter for the technology grant received.
* Library has had supplies out for people to write letters to animals in Australia and to make Valentines for Vets. Library staff will distribute the valentines.
* Library hopes to have a Waffle Day at the library.
* Joan reported that staff have had to keep closer eye on the public restrooms. Light fixture in women’s restroom has been tampered with and some other concerns had been expressed. Staff are hoping to not have to resort to locking restrooms.
* Upcoming events for February include:
  + Feb. 3rd Blind Date with a Book will be returning
  + Feb. 5th Joan and Sarah will participate in World Read Aloud Day at the Elementary
  + Feb. 9th Fundraising Brunch at Dorothy’s (9:30-12:30) for Imagination Library
  + Feb. 14th Valentine & LEGO party for Tiger Pack
  + Feb. 15th will be a Friendship Party at the library from 10-11am
  + Feb. 19th Sarah attends Summer Reading Program conference in Clear Lake

Old Business

* Blake Ritchie has not yet completed the library study room. Joan reported the second room will need an additional coat of paint to completely cover. Blake told Joan he would be in at the end of this week. Joan reported that a ceiling mirror will be mounted to provide staff clear view from the front desk into the study rooms.
* New website is done for the library. Patrons can leave book reviews.
* Joan has received no official word about county decision for library funding.
* Joan will apply for a Barlow Grant for teen furniture. Grant is due in March.
* Boiler inspection was completed with no concerns noted.

New Business

* Annual Subscription rate for the Waterloo Courier went up significantly. Joan is considering cancelling. Board suggested it be cancelled for now and can be renewed at a later time if enough patrons request it.
* Joan will be cutting back on the number of magazine subscriptions.
* Finance Committee cut back $6000 from Maintenance and Repairs. If Courier system continues, library could save on postage for interlibrary loan materials.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00pm.