MINUTES

Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees

October 27th 2020

PRESENT: Jerry Trittien, Kristin Gehrke, Mary Swartz, Emily Stoulil, Jackie Winters, Rex Lawler, and Joan Grothoff

MINUTES were approved. Bills were approved

Director’s Report

* Elaine will move Story Time inside as the weather gets colder. Story time is Wednesday mornings from 10:00 -10:30 am. Elaine will offer stories and crafts making at this time. The sessions are recorded and can be seen on Facebook.
* Friends are donating candy for the for the story walk and party on Halloween from 4 – 6 pm. on the 31st at the Library. Trick or Treat for the city of Eldora will be from 4 -6 pm on October 31.
* Fall Bingo/ book & stem challenge wasn’t successful. This was competition between the Hardin county libraries. The Challenge will be tried again at a future date.
* Siemen’s fall check is done. The heat or cooling will be turned up at 8 am and lowered at 5 pm.
* Theme tables have been popular was increased book usage.
* Juvenile biographies and Who is, Who was, What is, and What was books were moved to the north wall for more visability. Book circulation increased immediately.
* Rotary is assembling bags for k-2 elementary students for their Halloween parade. The library sent bookmarks, markers, and candy to Rotary for the bags.
* No Santa in the library this December because of Covid.
* Library will present a Winter story on the square during the November 29th Christmas festival. The Christmas party at the library in December is cancelled due to Covid.
* Library is closed for veterans day , November 11th. November 26th and 27th the library will be closed for Thanksgiving.
* Joan is working on a grant for making the Story time more permanent for outside activities.

Old Business

* Person from Boone may buy the old copy machine.
* Chris Davison was suspended from the library for two weeks. Chris will be required to meet with Joan after the suspension. Library behavior policies will be discussed before Chris’s library privileges are restored.
* Library is continuing in Phase 3
* Possibility of library receiving money from the Covid Relief grant.
* Friends of the library sold eight computers at $25 each for a total of $200.

New Business

* Hardin county is in red status for Covid numbers. A mask mandate for library patrons will start immediately. Patrons five years or older will be required to wear a mask in the library. If you forget your mask, the first one will be provided free. If you forget your mask a second time, you will be charged. Joan will use her discretion on the charge for not wearing a mask.
* Library was awarded $1,000 from the Pilcrow grant for books.
* Library may receive some money from the Covid Relief grant.
* The library will offer books to the Senior Living Complex located by the Community Garden. Occupants will be loaned books for a two week time period.
* Leaves outside the library need to be cleaned up. Possibility of getting students to help.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm.