MINUTES

Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees

November 24, 2020

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

MINUTES were approved. Bills were approved

Director’s Report

* Winter Story walk is currently displayed on the courthouse square. The story is “Llama Llama Holiday Drama”
* Library is remaining open to the public. With high Covid numbers patrons are limited to 15 minutes browsing for books and reading newspapers. Thirty minutes is allowed on the computers.
* Joan attended a Focus Group webinar with State Library of Iowa. As a digital resource, Joan suggested National online newspapers be available at the Eldora library to be read online.
* Library will email the Hardin County Supervisors the changes the library has made during Covid.
* Joan has started a “tween/middle grade” section reader section. This is for readers above Juvenile level, but not quite ready for Young Adult books.
* Adult “in library” bingo game is being put on hold because of limited time in the library.
* Winter Story Walk will be displayed in the library or possibly a local business.
* Christmas book bundles and holiday craft kits will be available at the library. “The Twelve Days of December Challenge” for children and adults doing 12 fun activities is coming to the library!
* Letters to Santa will be put on the Wishing tree. Hopefully the library can have a zoom with Santa.

Old Business

* Old copy machine has been sold for $300.
* Non- compliant patron has met with Joan after two-week suspension from the library. Patron is now allowed to use the library.
* Library will receive new hardcover children’s books from the Pilcrow Foundation. Friends of the Library raised $400, matching grant is $1,000. Library will receive $1,400 worth of books.
* Library will receive some money from the Covid Relief Grant.
* Senior living complex book lending from the library is being put on hold because of Covid.

New Business

* Covid Closure policy for the library is somewhat variable with changes possible.
* American Library Association grant is finished. Will know at a later date if the grant is accepted.
* Library will apply for a HCCEF grant for 2021. Getting Iowa State Extension backpacks with STEM books for children in Kindergarden to third grade, is one idea for the grant. Backpacks would have lesson plans for the parents to teach.
* Annual library volunteer luncheon will not be held this year because of Covid.
* We welcome newborn Lincoln Michael Stoulil. Parents are Emily and Zach Stoulil.
* Former library director,Dan Gehring, is moving to Iowa City.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm.