MINUTES

Eldora Public Library Board of Trustees

September 29, 2020

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

MINUTES were approved. Bills were approved

Director’s Report

* Elaine hosted an outside Story time and will post a story time online each week.
* A story walk at Memorial Park was a huge success. The next story walk will be around Halloween.
* Fall Bingo challenge was sent out to elementary students. Stem/reading bingo cards were supplied to each library in the county. A traveling trophy to the winning library.
* Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference starts this week.
* We will continue Phase 3 plan through October. Eldora library hours and pandemic policies are similar to other libraries in Hardin county.
* Viewing of the Hubble event in the library parking lot had 15 people in attendance. A short film “Deep Field: The Impossible Magnitude of our Universe” was shown.
* Majority of patrons respect mask wearing and sanitizing.
* Elaine read at the Good Shepard preschool. She plans to reach out to daycares reading and delivering materials.
* Iowa Library Association virtual conference will be October 18th from 9-5.
* Siemans will do a fall check on the heating and cooling system.
* City council will hopefully approve Trick or Treat for evening of October 31. The library Halloween story walk will be from 4-5 pm. followed by Trick or Treat night.
* Librarians have been brainstorming ways to keep kids/teens using the libraries.
* Having books by themes set up on tables in the library, has been very successful

Old Business

* Old copy machine works, but still no buyer.
* Still issues with non-compliant patron. Will be disciplined further if this continues.
* Library is in Phase 3 with small changes to hours open.

New Business

* Friends of the Library are paying around $1,100 for plexiglass for the entire front desk.
* Library is waiting on Trick or Treat approval from the city to have story walk and party on Halloween night.
* Friends of the Libirary have been selling the libraries old computers for $25 each. The library upgraded to new computers recently.
* Library received a new personnel handbook for city employees. The new handbook had very few changes.
* Eldora will hire a new city administrator. A big criteria is someone who would answer daily questions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm.