



Kenyon Public Library

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Minutes for the Kenyon Public Library Board Meeting July 21, 2020.

Board Members Present: Kevin Anderson, Heidi Haugen, Pat Senjem, Ann Traxler, and librarian Michelle Otte.

Meeting called to order by Chair Traxler at 6:33 p.m.

Motion by Anderson, second by Senjem, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes from the June 16, 2020 board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Haugen, second by Traxler, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

SELCO Executive Board Member Report: No SELCO Board Report. The next SELCO meeting is scheduled for July 28.

Librarian's Report:

- The Summer Learning Program recap:
 - The Summer Learning Program has been reasonably successful, with a good number of participants.
 - The hybrid online/challenge and trivia have been well received.
 - Unfortunately, the STEM learning presented by Barb Bonde on the Facebook page had no submission of the STEM products demonstrated.
- Disappointingly, the Northern Clay Center presentation outside at Depot Park July 2 had only one attendee. Possible reasons for the poor attendance were the hot, humid weather, held right before the Fourth of July weekend.
- Book-a-Lunch has been well attended on Wednesdays at the grassy area across from the Veteran's Memorial. Linda Hellstern has volunteered to help, as needed, with this program. Book-a-Lunch will continue until September 2, 2020.
- The Adult Book Group will continue to meet outside at Depot Park following social distancing protocol.
- The Resource Sharing and Technology Committee met on July 16, 2020. A pilot program that allows patrons of SELCO to download a choice of ten magazine titles has been started at the annual cost of \$7,000. The digital magazines are available through the OverDrive and Libby apps. The other pilot program is developing the Blue Cloud Mobile app which allows patrons access and functionality to patron's accounts and the online catalog. The Blue Cloud Mobile pilot will cost over \$20,000. Both projects are funded with one-time money left over from RLTA funds.
- The Cannon Falls Library Director, Nicole Miller, did the Annual Goodhue County libraries presentation for the county commissioners on July 21, went well. Commissioner Paul Drotos shared concerns about losing library staff during the pandemic and asked



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about the response of patrons during the COVID-19 virus. The county libraries submitted a funding request for \$525,880 for the next fiscal year.

Old Business

- There have been no changes in operations at the library since the implementation of Phase 3.5 of the COVID-19 policy.

New Business

- A Henna Tattoo Workshop, a Legacy Grant Program, will be presented by Jen Anfinson on August 4 at 2 p.m. Participants must register in advance. The event will be held at Depot Park.
- The Annual Book Sale is scheduled for Aug 21 and 22 with the application COVID-19 restrictions.

Dates to Remember: Librarian Michelle Otte will use vacation time July 22-24. Assistant Barb Bonde will off July 28-30 and Aug. 13-17.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kenyon Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kevin Anderson, Library Board secretary