Sherman Public Library Board

Regular Meeting

Board of Trustees

April 20, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Sherman Public Library Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Library Director Rachel Kocis and Board members Elizabeth Heubner, Courtney Westlake, John Barrett, Brian Manci and Mike Lang. Julie Horton and Mary Contri were absent.

**Secretary’s Report:** It was moved by Brian Manci and seconded by Courtney Westlake to approve the minutes from the March 2022 regular meeting as submitted by Elizabeth Heubner. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s/Financial Report:** Mike Lang made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and to pay the bills. Elizabeth Heubner seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Librarian’s Report:** For the month of March 2022, 2,526 items were circulated 3,174 times at our library. Patron count was 1,567. Resident borrowing totaled 240 cards for 2,451 checkouts. Reciprocal borrowing included 13 borrowers and 215 checkouts. 3M Cloud Library checkouts included 48 e-books and 23 e-audiobooks.

Overdrive lending for January was 255 e-book checkouts and 134 e-audiobook checkouts. For February, Overdrive lending totaled 255 e-book checkouts and 134 e-audiobook checkouts; and for March, 240 e-book checkouts and 119 e-audiobook checkouts.

**Library Events and Issues:**

-Director Kocis is working with the Illinois State Library to correct district boundary discrepancies on service area map. There are approximately forty properties not counted via GeoMARC technology. The Library is waiting to see if this affects per capita grant next year.

-One FOIA request was received on March 24, 2022 from Johnathan Fagg, data

journalist from ABC7 Chicago, wanting data on any reconsideration forms that challenge

library books since 2018. Library responded to FOIA request on March 25 stating there was nothing to report.

-A patron has requested the library become an affiliate library for FamilySearch.

FamilySearch is a genealogy resource organized by The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints, and is closely connected with the church’s Family History

Department. Becoming an affiliate library would allow access to over 400 million

genealogy records. The library would need to devote one computer to allow access.

-Story-time resumed March 15. 62 people attended during the first three sessions.

-Director Kocis is looking into the FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund Program via US Cellular to fund additional hotspots for the library.

-Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has suspended the pass program

with the library as of March 31, 2022. No one from the organization has informed us on

a replacement program.

-The Library hosted a gold coin treasure hunt in the library for St. Patrick’s Day.

-291 Take n’ Make crafts were handed out in March including St. Patrick’s Day, Dr. Seuss

and many spring-themed take home projects.

-3 people attended the IL Libraries Present Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia and 3

people attended the Illinois Libraries Present conversation with Jenny Lawson on Zoom.

-14 people attended the FOSL book club in March

-The Marbold Historical Group, Quilter’s, Lost Gourd Society, Mom’s morning group, Boy

Scouts and Girl Scouts met in the Meeting Room in March.

-Upcoming Programs: IL Libraries Present Zoom Presentation with

author/musican/actors Jeff Tweedy and Nick Offerman will be held on April 27 at 7 P.M.

**New Business:**

The Board reviewed the Library’s policy for Challenged Materials. Brian Manci made a motion to approve the policy review, Mike Lang seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Continuing Business:**

Director Kocis created a brochure to encourage public input for the Library’s future Strategic Planning. The brochure surveys the community about services used and preferred communication methods about library events and activities, and can be filled out at the Library.

Trustee Officer Elections will be held at the May meeting,

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Brian Manci via a motion by 5:47 p.m. Courtney Westlake seconded the motion.

Next meeting: May 18, 2021