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MONTHLY REPORT

From the Director

April saw the library come into its own as we increased services and programs online, bolstered our collections, and developed plans for moving forward.

Our “Library @home” has expanded to include more programs and services for all ages:

- In addition to Storytime “Stories to Go”, Youth Services staff added a weekly live Toddler Time as well as a weekly Babytime “Baby Rhyme Time”.
- Teen Advisory Board held weekly meetings and online live Teen events, including an Escape Room and varied gaming options.
- For adults, “Article Club” invited citizens to read a designated article available through LINCC and then discuss the article through videoconferencing. Our Book Club held its first online meeting.
- Citizens can get “Personal Book Recommendations” from librarians through our “What to Read Next?” service. Youth and Adult librarians receive completed online forms from users, and respond with several book recommendations within three days.

Meanwhile in the building, staff have been busy conducting an inventory of all library shelves and finding items that were not checked in, or that even belong to other libraries. The parcel delivery issues from March have been resolved, and shipments of new books and audiobooks has resumed, which means after a quarantine of the boxes, the new items then go through our usual processing.

In addition to print and A/V materials, we have added more items to our digital e-book and e-audiobook collections, as well as contracted with RB Digital to provide online videos and magazines.

A committee of staff from each department are considering the different ways we could adjust the library layout to provide a safe space for library users to use the library at assorted stages of library service levels when we reopen

Due to the library closure, Summer Reading Program plans are undergoing massive changes. Staff are developing a program that will appeal to all with an ‘all ages’ reading log. New this summer will be an online component for participants to track their reading.

Progress continues with the furniture plan, with delivery anticipated by the end of June.

-Pat Duke, Library Director