

## **North Logan Library Board Meeting**

September 12, 2024

Those in attendance: Cathy Larsen, Liz Carr, JoAnn DeLange, Jenn Albrecht, Andrea Wachob, Trent Bateman (Library Director)

Board Members not in attendance: Janean Huppi, Cassidy Crockett, Kate Ballard

### **Good News Minute:**

The money patrons have saved has been added to the bottom of checkout receipts. Helping patrons know just how much value the library provides.

The new building is coming along really well.

### **Minutes:**

August minutes were moved to be approved by Liz; Cathy seconded, all approved unanimously.

### **City Council Report:**

No report, city council member absent.

### **Budget Report:**

The budget looks good. Library software maintenance costs come out mostly at the beginning of the fiscal year so about 70% of that category has been used. We have enough left to cover the rest of the year. Also, had to pay for AC repair. Things are working well now.

### **Director's Report:**

Smithfield and Logan libraries do not offer in library video games for kids. Trent suggested getting rid of chat options on video games as they pose unnecessary risk to minors from online predators. The board all agreed that would be the best option. The video games will be kept for the time being, however, and will be phased out with the transition to the new building. Instead of having video games the library has 10 Switches that are all off line and would allow young patrons to continue playing electronic games without the risk of online predators. There is a consistent group of children who come to the library after school to play on the gaming computers.

UEN is trying to get a grant that would offer libraries between \$40,000 and \$60,000 for technology. UEN would be the lead organization for the grant and would distribute the funds. If granted funds would be received at the beginning of 2025. Trent would like to use the money for items such as: new projectors, AWE computers, printers, switches, and a telescope. The grant will also cover the installation labor costs.

Weeding of books has proven to be quite a large task, as it hasn't been kept up on in most sections of the library. Preferably libraries weed/remove books that haven't been checked out in over 5-7 years. So far this year the library has weeded 600 books, most have been placed on a cart offered free to patrons. About half the cart has been taken. The YA librarian weeds that section yearly and usually has to remove only about 100. Unfortunately, the adult fiction section hasn't been weeded in many years and still have some books which haven't been checked out in over 12 years. There are about 800 books which haven't been checked out in the last 7+ years. Trent and Debra are going to begin with weeding out those 800 books. Trent is hoping to weed as many books as possible to have ensure the moving process to the new building is efficient.

Heidi and Seth are doing 12-16 more library programs this September as compared to last September. Some of these programs are story time, book clubs, fiber crafts, Lego club, chess club, paint night, cooking night, Dungeons and Dragons for teens and adults and many others. Some of the classes are being taught for free or at a very low cost.

We will need to decide what we want to have available for patrons during the interim of the building addition/remodel. Most likely next August all library materials will need to be moved to the new portion of the building or stored somewhere, while the old building is being remodeled. The new building will offer limited space. The remodel will hopefully last no more than 6 months, and 9 months at the longest. Logan Library only had a material pick up available during their rebuilding, and offered no interior space of programs for patrons to attend. We would like to still have a place for patrons to browse even if it is in a limited capacity. It would be great to still offer story time, even at another location – possibly the Hansen Sports Center. Should we keep the printers open? The gaming computers will not be available during this time.

**Employee Survey:**

Jenn is planning to attend the September 30th staff meeting and ask all the employees for their feedback on what policies they would like updated and to be trained on.

**Next Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be on October 10 at 6:00.

Cathy motioned to adjourn; JoAnn seconded.