

LYONS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2023

Open Meeting: Amy Shield opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Amy Shield, Meg Hebing, Lyn Medley, Cathy Griswold and Roxy Wilcox were present. Tammy McKim was an excused absence.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes or additions to the Agenda: none

Approval of the September Minutes: Meg motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, and Lyn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Library Updates:

Report- The library continues to send out over 500 holds per month. New patron registrations are about 10 per month with more people registering that live in Mill City or people from Lyons who have let their library account lapse and wish to reestablish service.

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The focus of the Small Libraries meeting was the process for ordering and receiving rental books from our new vendor. The library has a monthly allotment of points to spend equaling six to eight books. Until our collection gets built back up, CCRLS will suspend rotating collections to other libraries.

At the Directors meeting it was mentioned that CCRLS is still exploring how to do a Saturday courier route. This would result in less courier bins on Tuesdays for Lyons and faster delivery of holds to our patrons.

CCRLS is testing 3 different RFID wands to see what is most effective and will then purchase some for shared use among the 18 member libraries. This can help find lost items and control inventory.

The wifi hotspot program provided through a grant is ending in December. While it had high demand, about 1/3 of the devices were not returned. The cooperative is exploring how much it would cost to pay for the hotspots and will see if it fits into next year's budget.

CCRLS is also exploring a way to purchase Cultural Passes and then share them among all the libraries. Using Quipu, a library software verification system, patrons could reserve them and download a QR code to use at the destination rather than coming into the libraries for physical passes. It would be a big cost savings for many libraries.

Old Business:

Weeding/Shifting Project- Weeding is complete excepting the juvenile materials. We re-cataloged and relabeled the holiday books.

Update on Building Plans- The city continues to explore options for a ramp.

Winter Reading- Ideas for the calendars and instructions were shared and possible prizes were discussed. Due to upcoming staffing issues, the Stuffed Animal Sleepover will be postponed until Spring Break.

New Business: none

The next Library Board meeting will be Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m., in person, at the library, or via Zoom.