

Etna Library Trustee Meeting

Aug. 11, 2020, 3PM

Present: Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg, Barbara Prince, Liz Marshall

The meeting was held using Zoom because of the governor's emergency COVID-19 plan.

The July minutes were accepted with one small revision.

Librarian's Report

Circulation and programs for July were reviewed. Circulation is slightly less than at this time last year, probably because people cannot browse the shelves. Programs are going strong, however. The library has continued holding 2 story times each week and attendance has been good. A children's program on watercolors was very well received. Other children's programs included a book reading by Spanish teacher Sylvia Holman and a demonstration of snack making by Lindsay Smith from the Co-Op. Math club continues to do well. Programs on Spanish games and virtual trips to Peru (one for children and one for adults) were all very popular. The book group continues to meet using Zoom but the knitting group has had a couple of meetings at a member's house. The genealogy program and Bob Keene's program on ACTS Honduras were both very well attended.

Old Business

Phased Restoration of Services

Patrons are continuing to pick up materials without going into the library. The hours are posted on the website and on the door and in the emails that go to patrons. Because Sara can work an extra hour, the pickup hours are now more consistent.

Mugs

We will order 72 mugs from DiscountMugs, an online vendor. Offering the mugs to the volunteers will help build community during this time when they cannot help at the library.

New Business

Upcoming programs

The library will host an Eric Carle program where each child gets a book. There will be a program on Indian sand art: Rangoli. Another children's program will focus on architecture. The possibility of holding an outdoor story time is being investigated. Families would have to sit socially distanced on the lawn behind the fire station.

Building and Grounds

A pop-up tent could be set up outside the library for people wanting to use the wireless. After some discussion, it was decided that the trustees could put together a table, umbrella and chairs for the lawn area behind the building. This will be Etna's first Internet Café.

The plaques on the Adirondack chairs are in need of repair or replacement, even though the chairs are in perfectly good shape. The possibility of buying new plaques was discussed. The magnolia bush just off the porch has a nest of yellowjacket wasps. We will keep an eye of them and not take any action just yet.

Next meeting: Sept. 15 at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Marshall, secretary