

## OWEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Owen County Library Board met in regular session on March 16, 2021. Trustees in attendance were Cobb, Ashcraft, and Petzinger. Trustee Taylor attended via Zoom. Librarian Clifton was also present. Regional Librarian Chris Bischoff attended via Zoom. Trustee Petzinger made the motion to approve the minutes from February, 2021. Trustee Cobb seconded. All voted aye.

There were no public comments.

### FINANCIAL/DISBURSEMENTS

The general operating account and the reconciliation detail were reviewed. The monies from tax revenues are still behind last year, although income is still above expenditures. The credit card account was reviewed. The Library has earned \$250.00 on the cash back feature. The C.D. was renewed. A much lower interest rate was received. Librarian Clifton suggested that the Library should stagger the maturity dates so that one matures every six months. Trustee Petzinger made the motion to accept the reports and Trustee Cobb seconded. All voted aye.

### LIBRARY STATISTICS

The Library was closed for four and half days due to weather. Hoopla and Overdrive are still being utilized. There were 1,239 visits on the website. Patrons using the Library numbered 1,263. There were 5 virtual programs with 549 attendees. There were 201 records added. Outreach delivered 140 items. Fed-Ex had a hiring event in the parking lot. There was a total of 2,587 patrons using all of the services.

### REGIONAL LIBRARIAN REPORT

The KPLA conference will be held virtually on March 24-26. Registration is required by March 22, 2021. The new public library certification regulations have been published and are now effective. Complete information can be found on the certification web page. The summer reading program is animal focused, Tales and Tails. Information can be accessed by contacting AmyOlson@Ky.gov. KDLA has a new Workforce and Adult Services consultant. Welcome Hilary Writt.

### LIBRARIAN REPORT

The Library is seeing more patrons. The one -hour time limit has been eliminated, but all other rules remain. The summer reading program team is making plans. Virtual performances and Grab and Go craft kits with a paperback book are in the plans. A petting zoo in the reading garden will end the summer program.

The appreciation dinner is still on hold.

Our accountant has the proposed draft of the salary schedule. The two legislative proposals relating to libraries are not getting any traction. A new piece of legislation has been introduced but is not considered passable.

## BUSINESS

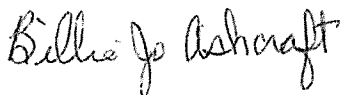
Librarian Clifton presented an example of a reserve fund policy for the Library. This was discussed briefly last month. After more discussion and review, it was decided to table the policy until the end of the Fiscal year. This will allow us to see where the Library is financially.

The next item of business was the proposal to return to in-person programs by May 3, 2021. Librarian Clifton listed restrictions. The Reading Garden would be utilized at the limit of 10 people. The meeting room will remain closed to the public. The activity room would still be unavailable. The study room is available. No action is required by the board, but the trustees agreed to support this action. More details will be shared as the Library opens on a limited basis.

Trustee Taylor signed off at 10:34 A.M. Trustee Petzinger made a motion to adjourn at 10:37 A.M. Trustee Cobb seconded. All voted aye.

The next scheduled meeting is April 20, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billie Jo Ashcraft".

Billie Jo Ashcraft