Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
November 18, 2020

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, Holly Jones, Michelle Thompson, Eric Bingham, and Bill Emmett.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members. Minutes from the October 21, 2020 Library Board Meeting were approved.

Library Hotspots: 10 hotspots are now available for checkout. Instructions are provided inside the carry case. The state will provide the advertisement for the hotspots.

Review of Hotspot Policy and Library Policies: Board members read through the policies. Bill brought up a concern on some wording in the Hotspot Policy. Marilyn and the library staff will look at it again to see if they can make it read clearer.

Food for Fines: This program will run through Saturday. Patrons with overdue books can bring in a food item to donate instead of paying their fine. People who don't owe fines are also donating. All food collected will go to the Smithfield food bank. The radio station KVNU called and interviewed Joi Manning about library happenings. She talked about the Food for Fines, Karen's virtual story times, and the library book club.

Teen and Children's passive activities for November & December: 49 thank you card kits have gone out to teens so far during the month of November. December's kit will have items in it to make DIY Christmas ornaments. The children's activity for December will be a Santa advent calendar.

Library book carts: Two sturdy book carts were ordered from Wayfair using the CARES funding.

Attendance at virtual story time: Karen's virtual story time had attendance over 500 during October.

No Santa visit this December: Due to COVID 19, Santa will not be visiting the library in December.

Misc. There is a little money left over from our book sale last year. It will be used to buy books and matching stuffed animals from Kohl's and given away as prizes to children in December. The window cleaning crew cleaned half the windows last week. They are expected to come back tomorrow to finish. The WIFI will be upgraded, and possibly a new server will be purchased using the CARES funding.

City Council: No news