

**Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
July 21, 2021**

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, Holly Jones, April Godderidge, Bill Emmett, Kathy Toolson, Eric Bingham, Curtis Wall. Wade Campbell was excused.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members. Minutes from the May 19, 2021, library board meeting were approved.

Welcome new board member Kathy Toolson: The board welcomed our new board member Kathy Toolson. We look forward to working with her in the future.

Library recertification 2021-2022: Each year the library needs to recertify. Being certified allows the library to apply for grants.

Virtual Summer Programs: Children - There is a weekly zoom field trip to the Hogle Zoo. About 40 kids participate each week. They can interact and ask questions. Story Time in the Park moved from Mack Park to the north lawn of the library. There are a total of eight take and make crafts that go along with the weekly virtual programs. Each child that participates in the summer reading program will receive a free book. **Teens** – Teens have read over 400 hours since the beginning of June. All who participated will be entered into a drawing. The prizes are a \$50 gift card and two \$10 Amazon gift cards. Between 13-16 teens participate in a weekly Dungeons and Dragons activity. **Adults** – There is not as much adult participation as previous years. Those who did participate will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle. Other prizes will also be given out. There was a painting activity with a virtual teacher. 20 art kits were available, and they were all handed out within an hour. A supply list was made available for anyone who wanted to participate but didn't get a kit. The virtual instruction is still available for everyone. A cake decorating class was also a big hit. 29 people participated in that class. 25 cake decorating kits were made available. The summer programs and kits were funded through the CARES grant.

Three Year Library Strategic Plan: Marilyn asked Bill to put together a small committee of board members to go over the plan and revise and update it.

Patron conduct policy: There have been a few instances of adults coming into the library without shoes or shirts. Marilyn wants the board to consider making it part of the conduct policy to require shirts and shoes when using the library.

Library Cameras: The city would like to install security cameras in and around the library. Vandalism is on the rise in Smithfield, and this would be a good way to deter and identify those responsible.

Library Grants: Curtis Wall suggested hiring someone to apply for and work on the library grants. They would be paid a commission from the grants they are able to obtain.

City Council: Curtis Wall brought up some good suggestions to help our library expand and grow. He suggested longer library hours, saving the expense of professional cleaner

s, and having the library staff clean, utilizing the Smithfield Youth Council and Smithfield Royalty for service projects or other things, and more diverse library programs.