

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
March 17, 2021

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, Holly Jones, Todd Durrant, April Godderidge, Bill Emmett, Wade Campbell, and Michelle Thompson. Eric Bingham was absent.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members. Minutes from the January 20, 2020 Library Board Meeting were approved.

Report on Blind Date with a Book, Children & Teens passive programs for February: Over 50 adults entered the drawing for Blind Date with a Book. Linda Sparrow won the grand prize of dinner at Juniper Inn and a treat from Blue Bird Candy. Books were given away as prizes to 15 other participants.

179 children tuned in virtually for the Read Around the World Day. 90 children participated in the make and take project. 100 necklace make and take project packets have been given out for March.

76 teens participated in the fortune cookie make and take project. Teens will be getting a grow a sunflower make and take kit during March.

Library Grants: The library received the CLEF grant. It also received a \$3000 grant that was used to buy books for the children and teen enhancement programs. Another grant of \$2600 was received and will be used for virtual programs for the summer reading program. A grant of \$2000 will be used to buy books about Utah or books written by Utah authors. 25% of the books need to be non-fiction. This commemorates Utah's 125th birthday.

Patron Library card design: The new card design features a picture of the Smithfield library on it. Each library patron will have their own card with a unique bar code on it.

Controversy over Dr. Seuss Titles: The library only owns two of the six controversial books. It will leave them on the shelf.

Internet (Century Link/Comcast): Century Link is planning to be at the library on March 18, 2021 to switch the library's internet service. The library is hoping to have the city's refurbished server installed soon.

Health Days: Health Days will be held during the first week of June. The library board is planning to hold the used books sale during the parade. Wade Campbell, our city council representative, will okay it with the city.

Library Centennial 100 year celebration: Marilyn wanted the boards opinion on whether to celebrate the library's centennial this year, which is 100 years since the building of the library began, July 23, 1921, or next year, which will be 100 years since the library was dedicated, December 3, 1922. The board felt like we should celebrate next year, 100 years from its dedication.

Misc: Michelle Thompson will be moving out of Smithfield soon and therefore will not be able to serve on the board. She has served one term and has been a wonderful addition to the board. We will miss her and wish her and her husband well!

City Council: Wade encouraged board members and anyone we know who would like to help support the library, to attend the city council's first budget meeting, scheduled for March 24, 2021 and voice our support for increased budget items for the library.