Deputy Director’s Report

for August 11, 2020 District Board Meeting

* Texas Book Festival Grant—Selection Committees from the Texas Library Association (TLA) and the Texas Book Festival (TBF) were to have met in July, with award announcements to come in late July or early August. No announcements have been made. I will keep everyone posted.
* Summer Reading Program began on Friday, June 19th and ended on Friday, July 31st.
  + On July 30th, Bonzo Crunch performed at the Library, and the performance was livestreamed on Facebook. While he performed, we had 52 views on Facebook. The performance remained posted on Facebook for a few days and was viewed 119 times.
  + We had a total of 27 participants, 11 in the Children’s Program, 4 in the Teens’, and 12 in the Adults’.
  + I am contacting participants about their prizes. The Library will purchase a book for child and teen participants. Four adults will receive a gift card to Josie’s Kitchen. For the remaining adult participants, the Library will purchase a book for the Library in their name.
  + Once all the books have been purchased, I will submit a program expense report for the Board.
* Based on the positive feedback I received for the Adult Summer Reading program, I plan to have an EngagedPatrons fall program for adults starting in September. Details to come.
* I attended a webinar hosted by Central Texas Library System (CTLS) on August 5th, “Discussion—Supporting Educational Needs.” Discussion included Summer Reading Program wrap-ups, supporting educational needs for K-12, GED, college, and assistance with professional licensing during the pandemic.
* Have continued to monitor the CTLS Directors Digest emails to stay abreast of what other Texas libraries are doing to provide service.
* Friends Update: I talked with Jeff Holmes on Saturday. We will have a Zoom meeting on the 19th at 3:00. I will ask Friends Board members to RSVP via email to confirm attendees. Discussion: membership drive, officer nominations, alternative fundraising in lieu of Dinner and a Movie should it be cancelled.