

Library Director's Report
November 2020
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- Staff update: One of the few volunteers we have had coming in tested Covid positive, but they had not been in the library three weeks prior to the diagnosis. Charlie B. started assisting us with our Thursday openings as of October 22nd. We have another staff member who is being tested for Covid and we are waiting for the results. I was off November 5th feeling ill, but was recovered to return to work on the 6th.
- HOT IT came to the library on November 6th to add memory to my laptop, checked the sound system, and we will schedule an annual meeting. The sound system does appear to have a problem with the mixer, but Casey got it temporarily fixed. He will be contacting the original installers to see if the mixer is under warrantee, if not, we will need to replace it. We had ordered a new monitor for the front desk to replace the one that was going black, but the sound on it was not loud enough. I am returning the monitor and worked with Casey to salvage a monitor from our reserves.
- We are currently providing porch pick-up times six days a week and are open to the public 3 days a week for 4 hours at a time.
- We are continuing to quarantine materials for 72 hours and are not charging late fines.
- Our Facebook views for Virtual Storytime posting has decreased to an average of 15 per week, still higher than in-person programing. While I was out for a day, I tried to work remotely with Joni on how she could stream her own program. The streaming software does work better if you have one person at the computer while the other is performing. I need to ask Brian again to work on setting up his social media account so he can help her too and stream other future programs.
- Due to the waterline break, I canceled Storytime and updated our Facebook page to reflect the news.
- I updated Facebook with current information and sent out a newsletter with the updates.
- Demco shipped the sanitizer liquid and I have installed 2 of the 3 devices around the library. I am still working on the best place for the third dispenser.
- Apache Air did their first quarterly system maintenance. Perfect timing because we had to turn on the heat for the first time this year.
- I had arranged to take the 2 additional hotspots reallocated from Llano to Maggie at her library, but we had to cancel because there was a Covid exposure and was waiting for test results.
- After Jackie and I got PayPal updated, I promote the Friends' Membership Drive for 2020.
- The Committee working on the Compensation policy is currently paused and some of the issues will be discussed at this board meeting.
- I hosted the Book Buddies informal book discussion on October 28th. While we had a couple of new people express an interest in joining, no one attended. We will see how the next couple of months go.
- I am helping to host the Zoom meetings for the Blanco Woman's Club and Blanco Book Bunch.
- At the close of October, in our Advantage account we had 22 ebooks (some of these are duplicate copies for the book clubs) and 6 eaudiobooks. We had 33 circulations during the month of October.
- I am working on getting quotes for replacing the front desk area. I had purchased vinyl stickers to brighten the library and brand any online meetings I attended. The first vinyl is not sticking well, so I have requested a return on the largest wall sticker.