Library Director’s Report
September 2020
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- Volunteer update: Carolyn G. helped with organizing our Sale Section and Eleanor M. helped with the DVD project as Kee is getting it wrapped up.
- Currently we are mainly providing “Grab and Go” service during the 4 hours we are open two days a week. We are currently providing porch pick-up times six days a week. We are averaging about 35 visitors each day we are open.
- We are continuing to quarantine materials for 72 hours per scientific recommendations. A recent study was released that it took the virus to dissipate 6 days when materials were stacked. We are adjusting how we set out the materials.
- We are averaging 44 Facebook views per Virtual Storytime posting.
- We are continuing to register new patrons online and in person. We had 4 online registrations. Dorothy is printing the library cards and mailing them off.
- The sanitation station items from Demco are slowly coming in. We have received the dispensers and stand, but not the sanitation gel yet.
- I am continuing to update paper signs, digital signage, catalog, social media, website, and newspaper about our updates and upcoming events.
- Apache Air did a walk-through on August 18th to get an idea of how they are going to re-zone the A/C. Waiting to hear about a scheduled time.
- Brian and I attended the Library Districts meeting on August 21st.
- Jackie and I attended the CTLS Budget and Service Priorities meeting on August 26th.
- I attended the virtual Blanco City Budget meeting on September 1st.
- At this time the City still has the Library budgeted for $15,000 and the County at $6,000.
- September 1st we got a call from a decedent of James A. and Evelyn Williams about if our library is still known as their memorial library. After discussing the call, Nancy and I installed their paintings by the door. I have ordered plaques for the paintings and I ordered a wooden plaque with their name on it for entering the library.
- The school yearbooks and the property ledger have been returned by OCI. I will review the digitized formats and post them on our website. They will be sending me a quote to have more of the ledgers digitized so we can write a grant for the project.
- We got a call from our security company on September 3rd that one of our sensors went bad. It turns out one of our panic button’s batteries was going bad and the other one had completely died. A tech came out on September 4th and replaced the batteries in both buttons and reconnected them to the system. I also had them replace the receiver battery backup since it was 3 years old.
- I have installed the blinds in the large conference room.
- The Llano Library is giving up their hotspots, 5 of them will be reallocated to us. I will be meeting with the new hotspot rep virtually on September 9th. We need to advertise and get them circulated in the community.