

Library Director's Report

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June monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of June 2020 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

- Application for the Washington County Home for Aged Women Grant, to fund the purchase of Large Type books and Audiobooks, is just about ready for submission.

News/Issues:

- SALS Joint Automation announced the end of support for certain computer models coming in 2021.
 - 4 public computers will no longer be supported after June 30, 2021
 - 3 public computers + circulation computer will no longer be supported after December 30, 2021
 - We are not required to stop using these computers in our library, but we will not receive any help with them if they have a problem.
 - JA will not be doing their regularly scheduled June/July bulk order, due to a backlog from the previous bulk order.
 - I'd suggest we consider purchasing 2 computers in each of the next 4 bulk orders to spread the cost and keep the machines in full support of JA.
- Dave Culver built our board game cabinet. Filling the cabinet with games may wait until the return of lingering patrons and programming is imminent, or as time allows.
- I have been participating in weekly virtual Directors' Council meetings to keep up with what's happening across the library system. The meetings are moving to an every-other-week schedule after the June 24 meeting.
- A large number of new materials from our time closed have been ordered. Due to a backlog at Baker & Taylor, we are still waiting for most of them to arrive.
- Newly hired director, Lori Stokem, has come in several days prior to her start date to begin learning the ropes.
- Curbside pickup seems to be picking up momentum and people who have used it have been pleased and expressed gratitude for the service.

Programs:

- All in-person programs are on hold currently.
- The information on the "Leaving our Fingerprints" project and the READsquared program remain on our website and available to visitors.