

Library Director's Report

January 5, 2021

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December Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of December 2020 will be available at our meeting

Financial Donations: \$100 in memory of Barbara Hunter
\$750 donation

News/Issues:

- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings (We did not meet this month). I also virtually attended Jack's JA (Joint Automation) meeting. Some of the topics discussed included: Equipment ordered to do virtual story times, take and make ideas, Teens Teach Technology (teens helping seniors with technology), starting to plan for summer reading
- We are very excited to have some new books on our shelves that are available for our patrons. These books are being checked out quite often. However, December is a slow month for new books as authors like to get their books out in the fall for purchase at Christmas.
- We continue to keep our patrons informed of new books and library news through the use of the library's Facebook page, our webpage, and our newsletter.
- Curbside service has been running smoothly and patrons have been very appreciative of the fact they can still order and pick up books. As of right now ILL services are also still available.

Looking Ahead:

- With COVID numbers still on the rise in our county we will be working on ways to engage our patrons virtually and hope to use our library windows to showcase our new and popular books.

Programs: All in-person programs are currently on hold.

- We have made available weekly "Take Away" craft bags for the children in our community. All the grab and go craft bags are usually gone by Friday. These have been very popular and we have people asking for them each week now.
- Our December "Take Away" adult craft bags were Window Stars. We gave away 48 of them. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for helping us with the purchase of supplies.
- During December the windows of the library were adorned with an "I Spy" activity that kids and adults were able to enjoy. It was a great interactive activity for our patrons/community and it made the windows of the library pretty and festive during the holidays. We received many compliments on the windows. Great job Karen Hickland!