

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
June 17, 2020, 7 pm

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, April Godderidge, Michelle Thompson, Bill Emmett, Holly Jones, Wade Campbell, and Todd Durrant.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members and the minutes from the May 20, 2020 board meeting were approved.

Book purchase: The city gave the ok for Marilyn to purchase some new books. Budgets city wide have been frozen since the shutdown of many businesses in March and April.

Patron donation for science fiction/fantasy section: 35 new science fiction/fantasy books were donated to the library by a very generous patron.

Shields at circulation desks (Cares grant): New shields will be put around the circulation desk. They will be sturdier and protect more of the desk.

Sofas for teen area (Cache Valley Bank donation): The board approved two new sofas for the teen area. They will be made of a sturdy fabric instead of vinyl. They will be purchased from a library supply company in Chicago. Shipping is expensive but the board felt like it was worth the money. For an extra \$50, the shipping company will bring the sofas into the library and get them set up.

Change in internet provider through UEN: In July, Century Link will become the library's new internet provider. It is a more affordable option over Comcast.

Adult Summer Reading prizes: Michelle Thompson and Holly Jones have brought in donations from local businesses for prizes for the adult summer reading program.

Misc.: About 75% of patrons are wearing masks when they come into the library. Social distancing still needs to improve. Books are still being quarantined and disinfected before they are shelved. The city was able to provide more Clorox wipes to the library. Virtual story time has had a good response. About 40 people tuned in the first week and about 75 tuned in the second week. Book club is still going on online. April brought up a rumor she heard from a reliable source that the grassy area around the library was going to be taken out and would be replaced by rocks. Wade Campbell will find out if the rumor is true and email the board more information.

City Council Report: Wade was happy to report that taxes collected during March were better than expected.