

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
September 18, 2019, 7 pm

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

Welcome: Bill Emmett welcomed board members, and the minutes from the June 19, 2019 library board meeting were approved.

Report on Summer Reading and other activities: The summer reading program was very successful this year. 87 adults, 138 tweens/teens, 55 babies, 302 pre-school aged, 229 five – seven years, and 229 eight – ten years signed up. There were many fun activities and prizes for all age groups. Two Kindles were given away as grand prizes for the adults who participated.

New shelving installed in Children's area: The new shelving is installed. It looks and works great. The money to pay for it will come out of money set aside from last year's budget.

Donation of pumpkins for the October activity: Marilyn asked the board to donate pumpkins for the October activity. Any size, shape, or color is great.

Are you an author? Todd Durrant: Todd would like to start a program for local authors who want to share their work with the community. The Smithfield Library would accept spiral bound works of fiction and nonfiction and set aside a space in the library for them. Patrons could check them out and possibly give feedback to the author.

Changes coming to Overdrive in the fiscal year 2020: Next year, libraries will be charged a fee for the use of Overdrive. Marilyn estimates that the cost for our library to participate will be \$3000-4000. Many Smithfield residents use Overdrive. The CLEF grant can be used to help pay for it if necessary, but the library will need more money in the budget to pay for it.

Graphic Novels: It was decided that the graphic novels the board members read in the summer were inappropriate. They will no longer be available for checkout. Some new graphic novel versions of the classics will be added to the library's collection.

City Council Report: No news from the City Council.