

Rawlins Municipal Library Board

October 26, 2020

MINUTES

The Rawlins Municipal Library Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the South Dakota Room. Present were Matthew Reitzel, Amy Weller, and Library Director Robin Schrupp. Renae Lehman, Sue Douglas and Commissioner Representative Jim Mehlhaff were absent. Special guest was incoming library trustee Jill Kruger. (Sara Aker arrived a bit later and the board reverted back to approving business items, having now the required quorum.) Chairman Reitzel called the meeting to order. The consent calendar which included the agenda and the September minutes were reviewed & approved with a motion by Weller, seconded by Aker, and approved by all. There were no public comments to address.

General circulation for the month of September was 7,156 (still in Phase 3). A total of 2,026 eBooks were checked out and 202 internet/computer uses were recorded. Physical patron count was 2,095; open 28 days, average of 72/day.

Librarian's Report -. The Library remains in Phase 3 with regular hours in place. Current restrictions include face-masks, social distancing, meeting room and programming limitations, and unattended children are not allowed in the building./ Children's Librarian Ginny Kaus hosted in-person Storytimes this month with a limit of 9 children per session. / Patron usage has increased this month. Curbside service has been reinstated for the time being. / The Library was fortunate enough to acquire several units of wooden shelving from the former Prairie Pages bookstore for the DVD collection. / Sadly, the Rawlins Library was not selected for the Christmas tree display at the Capitol this year.

The Friends of the Library report – The *Friends of Rawlins Library* members is hosting a Used Book Sale (using CoVid restrictions) from October 17-30 in the SD Room. Books were sold in bundles to minimize contact. The annual Clay Pot raffle will be held in the Library from Nov. 14 – Dec. 12. The annual membership meeting of the FOL will be held on Monday, Nov. 16 in the SD Room of the Library.

Summer Reading Program Report - The Summer Reading Program statistics have been finalized with 225 registered participants and 1,750 books read over the summer. The library gave away 175 paperback Scholastic books to children who completed their reading logs as well as pizza certificates and Pierre Pride Dollars. Since the program was virtual with curbside pickup of books this year, the process was unique, but the Library still managed to provide a Summer Reading Program that families enjoyed.

Existing Business – The financial & statistical reports were discussed and approved.

New Business – The Library will be closed to the public on Veterans Day and for Thanksgiving. Matthew Reitzel termed out and Vice Chairperson Amy Weller will take over as President at the November meeting. Jill Kruger will serve as trustee. The board thanked Mr. Reitzel for his many years of dedicated service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, November 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.
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Board President

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Library Director