



Director's Report

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NEW INFORMATION

Our magnifier is getting some good use. The kids that visit us for storytime and just in general, are loving the machine and having a blast magnifying toys, pictures, books - whatever they can. They're having a lot of fun and learning more about how things look and function at a micro level.

Our STEM cart is likewise getting a lot of good use. This cart was given to us by the Friends of the Library. Kids are really digging in and trying out all the kits, sometimes taking up the whole meeting room with various constructions. It's great to see them playing and learning.

The knitting and crocheting club is going very well! We have, on average, about 20 people showing up and the group is made up of a wide range of ages. The group will break for a while and then Candace Kuppel will resume. She also plans on coming back, running another group, improving the class from experience and would like to ask us if there's an amount we could pay her for her time. Since the class is so successful, we are working to come up with a fair deal.

The new book club meets this coming Tuesday and we are excited to see how it goes from here.

We purchased our new computer software that lets us control patron access. Bob was able to install it and get it running. After a bit of learning and troubleshooting, we got it working without trouble. Staff was brought up to speed on the new software and how it works. It's actually a bit easier than our old software and by going with this company/software we have saved a few thousand dollars a year.

We may get another chance with our printer. I've asked someone at the system to come and take one last look at what it might take to fix the machine. They said they can do some repairs and little to no

cost, if it's something they're able. He seemed hopeful it was something that he could handle.

I spoke with Kathy Brinkman about having the friends help us replace our chairs. Apparently my messages were not reaching her email. I spoke with her in person and she promised to get back to us shortly. Hopefully we hear back from her soon.

I sent an email to Lisa Roloff, asking about the library proposition. I indicated that we are interested in pursuing the alteration of our proposition and inquired about timelines, deadlines, procedure and anything else that would be helpful to both our library and on her own side of things. I wasn't sure who was supposed to be making contact so I sent this email just in case it hadn't been made yet.

There seems to be another delay with our books coming in. At this point I'm not sure if it's a supplier issue, an ordering issue or something else. I've contacted Chris Spink at the system to see if she has more information that would help us. But, I've sent in two orders now and haven't received confirmation one way or the other.

Annual report has been fully completed, submitted and finally approved.

VITA tax help was so successful, they extended their original schedule. We have been able to facilitate an additional two weeks and people are still coming in to the library for help in really good numbers.

We've taken out another ½ page ad in the yearbook this year. The ad highlights our services, offerings and where people can find us. The price is \$95.00

Our front door has broken. It was caught in the wind on Friday afternoon and the control arm snapped. I've contacted a repair company to come and fix it for us. They should be in tomorrow.