

Friends of Whitman County Library – ZOOM meeting notes July 7, 2020

Zoom attendance: Kristie Kirkpatrick, Sue Hallett, Debi Hergert, Dana Hogan, Nichole Kopp, Sheri Miller, Shirley Cornelius, Laurie Gronning, Catalina Flores

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hallett at 11 a.m.

Sue shared with us that an older table which was previously housed in our library has been donated back. Sue and her husband have arranged to retrieve the table for use again.

Jody Opheim was honored as June's Library Supporter of the Month for her outstanding effort securing grant funds to enhance library services, generous support of Friends of WCL, and active engagement with communities in Whitman County. Dave and Candy Lisenbee of Farmington received the July Supporter of the Month for their generous support of summer reading.

When the state of WA gives the official word libraries may reopen, please expect a 3-10 day period for WCL to meet all of the guidelines in all locations and actually open our doors. Staff will wear masks and those assisting customers will also utilize face shields. Many other processes are still developing. We expect to monitor the number of patrons allowed in the library as well as a possible time limit. Library hours may be trimmed in Colfax. No meetings will be held in The Center but browsing of art or reading for a longer time may be allowed. Masks have arrived for patrons courtesy of the Washington State Dept. of Emergency Management. Curbside service will continue if needed. Countywide staff are offering amazing online programs and curbside giveaways and we expect those to continue.

The Innovia Foundation has provided funding for PPE supplies along with an additional \$10,000 grant called "For the Health of it" to help WCL and partner agencies respond to community needs that arise as a result of the pandemic. That project is expected to commence this fall.

Summer reading programs available include Charles the Clown on ZOOM, Crazy Daze "Grab and Go bags" for all ages, and scavenger hunts. The Fairy Tale Creature Art Show contest was well received with 32 entries. A random drawing of 6 winners will be awarded and all entries will be presented in a slideshow on our website and YouTube.

Upcoming events include a blood drive to be held in The Center on July 15th. Sign up on line if interested.

Shirley shared the financial report for the past two months. Our investments have gained back almost all that was lost. We have received the \$10,000 grant for the Albion remodeling and the \$10,000 grant For the Health of It. Memorials were received for Gene and Margaret Hilty and Tanya Becker. Amazon Smile brought in \$138.19.

The service date will be extended for the Garfield video license. Kanopy Movie Streaming is available for FREE, thanks to the support of an anonymous donor. Kanopy is a wonderful resource which includes "The Great Courses" at a reasonable price.

The next meeting will be held on September 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Hergert