



April 8, 2021

Vaughn Public Library is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Library Board

Apr 8, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes March 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Discuss implications of lifting of the state-wide mask mandate
5. New Business
 - a. Consider eliminating fines on all materials
 - b. Consider proposal from Orange Boy Opportunity Allignment
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn



Library Use

The circulation of materials continues to creep back toward normal. Comparing 2019 March to 2021 March we are still about 1100 short of average. Quarantine times for materials is now 48 hours which has a positive impact on use as well. Our Northern Waters Library consortium is shopping for some additional online platforms to offer the public. Like Overdrive/Libby, the use of these will not affect our county reimbursement formulas, but streaming and simultaneous use formats like [Hoopla](#) or [Kanopy](#) do speak to the way people consume media.

Fines

Superior and Grantsburg are the two most recent communities in our system to eliminate fines for late materials. We have not charged fines during the COVID pandemic and I believe it is something we should continue as a policy. The revenue we gain from fines in a "regular" year is around \$3500. Our neighboring libraries, Bayfield and Washburn do not charge late fees. Studies show late fees do not have a positive impact on the rate of materials returned. Late fees do have a negative impact on people who use the library. This would not include damaged or lost replacement fees.

Staffing

We are still operating without Lisa, however, she is beginning to come in for about 10 hrs/week to do some desk work. Justin is back full time which means six hours of cleaning in our building. As a staff we discussed opening the Storytime room and all felt like waiting until all staff has both shots of the vaccine, which will be around May 1st. Use of the meeting rooms is sporadic, but on an increase.

Building Project

Seems like there may be some federal funds coming toward libraries and local infrastructure in the next months. The IMLS was given \$200 M to distribute to state agencies to help libraries continue to serve through the pandemic and to stimulate local economies. There is also legislation proposed (not passed yet) specifically to build American libraries. To me, all of this movement indicates a need on our part to develop our renovation plan as specifically as we can, as soon as we can so we are positioned to apply for some of the funding that will be available. Perhaps July is a good target to begin again?

On the Horizon

Summer is getting close and we are making plans for outside programming. Using donation funds, we will hire an intern from Northland College to work alongside Sheva, implementing summer programs. Most programs will be on Saturdays rotating between the Farmer's Market and area parks.

Thanks for reading,
Sarah A.