

September Vaughn Library Board Meeting
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1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes August 13, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
5. New Business
 - a. Consider 2021 Budget proposal
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn



September is Library Card Sign Up month! We are doing a little social media campaign. It is always a challenge to reach non-users. If you know anyone who does not have a library card, let them know a library card gives you super powers!



The librarians have been putting some creative effort into providing more readers' advisory. Sheva created a curated section of the [website](#) where each librarian has a genre &/or topic writes a bit and provides some titles for suggestion. Our librarian emojis are also around the library with space under each face for a monthly recommendation. Kathy's working on a "take-out" menu with different topics to choose from and then the entrée's will be collected in a bag or box for easy to go access. There's a tough topics poster in the restroom which lists some of life's heavier issues (depression, sexual identity, divorce...) and where they are located in the library.

Schools are open and thus far it has not impacted our use or traffic within the library significantly. I am sending a letter to the district, just letting families know we are open, but things are a little different. We do have a few kids who come afterschool. Also, we have some middle school teachers who would like to do a walking fieldtrip to the library. I will work with the teachers to make a visit safe, fun and informative for students. I am still working on digital library cards for all students. SORA is used at AMS, but it seems a bit limited as far as number of titles available.

Looking at our use statistics and projecting to the end of the year, we will be down by about 30,000 circulations. This will impact our reimbursement for 2022. But, there are worse things and we can plan for it. Comparing our use numbers to other libraries in the system, being open for browsing has a very positive impact on usage. Every library makes decisions about service based on the community, library employees and the library board. We are fortunate in all three areas and it makes a meaningful difference in the service we provide and our users lives.

Thanks for reading,
Sarah A.