



Vaughn Public Library Board Agenda

2020 April VPL Library Board Meeting
Thu, Apr 9, 2020 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)

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2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes February 20 and March 12, 2020
4. Public Comment
5. Continuing Business
 - a. Update on renewal planning group
 - b. Pandemic Plan for the VPL
 - i. Emergency Work Plan
6. New Business
7. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
8. Adjourn



Library Director's Report

April 9, 2020

Building Renewal

We have pushed the focus group meetings back to April 30 May 1st, but I think that is still too soon. I will check in with Alex regarding timing. Wondering what your opinions are?

Programming / Collections

All quiet here. While the doors have been closed, I have worked through some weeding lists. This is library jargon for culling the collection. The criteria I use is if an item has not been checked out in four years, or with computer/medical info it is more than 5 – 6 years old then it is withdrawn from our collection. It is a spring cleaning for our shelves. Going through the nonfiction section gives me some inspiration to introduce book store categories to our collection. It is just another way to welcome and provide more access, allowing "natural language" categories rather than just Dewey numbers to organize where things are located and how they are labeled. This is a big undertaking and can feel a little radical in the context of traditional public libraries, but something to start talking about.

Pandemic Response

We will be discussing the work plan for library staff over the next few weeks. The biggest question to consider is whether or not staff can come into the building to do work. Other things to think about are what services will be in high demand when we reopen. What can we do to continue to serve but also mitigate any resurgence of the virus or community spread? Should we adjust our hours, staffing levels (not new hire, just scheduling). Will people be looking for jobs? Will we have lost some users to our electronic collection?

Finances

Our budget spending is at 27% currently, which is just 2% over but typically our largest, one-time expenses happen in February, so we should even out over the year. ACT 150 & 420 funding (reimbursements from counties based on circulation) is on a two-year cycle. The impact of being closed in 2020 will be felt in reimbursement levels in 2022. But who knows, maybe we will become busier than ever after re-opening.

Thanks for reading & hope all are well!

Sarah