

Board of Library Trustees Minutes
August 25, 2020
Ashland Public Library-Zoom Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Roll call was taken, and minutes of July 21, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees: Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Kab Rabinowitz, Carol Ambacher; Library Director Paula Bonetti; Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe

Limited reopening began August 4 and curbside pickup will continue at least another month (last half of July – 565 pickups). While curbside is the preferred option of patrons, the library is averaging about 20-35 patrons inside with no lines backed up and checkout working smoothly. Patrons have been very cooperative with the changes that had to be made and understand the continued 72 hour quarantine of material.

Children's programs continue to be virtual with 108 members in the Story Time group on Facebook and 8 sessions averaging 45 views and multiple kits made available in the prior month. All who participated in the Summer Reading Program will receive Murphy's Ice cream coupons.

In addition to the many physical changes which had to be made to reopen, new thermostats were installed to allow for remote access. We are grateful to the Ashland Garden Club for maintaining the property outside.

With the loss of staff recently, the following changes are being made to accommodate a short term and longer term view of the team needed to cover day, evening and weekend hours and added coverage at the circulation desk. The 37 hour clerical position will be reduced to 25 hours (-12 hours). The remaining hours will be added to existing positions:

- The 11 hour evening clerical position will increase to 16 hours (+5 hours).
- The 20 hour technical services position will increase to 25 hours (+5 hours).
- The 12 hour clerical position will increase to 25 hours (+13 hours).
- The remaining 14 hours will be filled at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. The next Board meeting is September 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ambacher
Secretary