

Farmington Area Public Library District
Director's Report
February 21, 2022

Building and Technology: The solar charging poles have arrived and are in a crate until the weather gets a little nicer and we can install them.

Our garbage corral was hit sometime damaging several boards. The shed was also nicked on the corner but no real damage to it. The several boards to the garbage corral will need to be replaced. I did contact Rollie Able with Arrenholz Excavating to discuss that we were fairly certain that it was damaged during snow removal and to caution the staff when they are plowing the lot.

Advertising: The library has reached over 1000 subscribers on our TikTok account! Amanda has done an outstanding job promoting the library through this platform.

Library Business: Submitted annual certification for the library with the state library in January.

Continuing Education & Meetings: Meetings with Rural Directors, Peoria Directors, RSA database meetings and Rails representatives. RSA Day should be coming up in the spring. If they do it in person I would like to close the library that day and take the staff like we have done in the past. I will let you know when there are more definitive details.

Collection and Materials: Added more books to Axis 360 with our advantage membership.

Programming: Science Club will be ending on Feb 28. Rocket Club will be starting March 7 for 3 weeks followed by Explorer's Club through the end of the school year. The rest of the clubs will be ending March 7 and the next 8-week session will be starting on March 14 through the first week of May. We plan to have Lego Club, Harry Potter and Oceanic Club (not sure on name). The homeschool group club will be starting March 1 and go through the month of May. They will meet once a week on Monday mornings. The theme of their club will change. There will be some take and make bags for the adults since Allison will be off for the next couple of months.

The new Bitty Bookworms story time started Feb 8th. We have had new interest by mothers of toddlers, several of which have been outside of our library district.

We did a punch card passive program and gave away gift bags on February 14th to show the love to our patrons. There were 5 winners, adult male, adult female, teen, juvenile and picture book age.

Finances: I will be working on the next portion of E-rate in the next couple of weeks. The meeting with Mid Century Fiber was cancelled because of COVID cases there. We also finally got our numbers from the 2020 Census. The library district lost 95 people which is a -1.36% change. 2010 Population 7,020; 2020 Population 6,925. This number affects our Per Capita Grant and, in some cases, how databases charge us.

Outreach: Anna and Jeanne have been providing outreach to the community members in Farmington and Hanna City.