Middlesex Library Board Meeting

Thursday June, 1, 2022

**Present:**

Rebecca Parshall

Win Harper

Beth Garlock

Joylette Aaron

Dawn Kane

Absent: Sabra Dunton

Meeting called to order at 4:35

**Future renovations**-

-Paperwork must be completed and in by June 16th to begin. That is not possible at this time

-Beth will contact Brian Hildreth about the charter and future renovations (no update on charter progress)

-Look into opening up or reconfiguring rooms, possibly adding a second exit, contacting engineers and bidding for contracts.

-Beth will talk to Brian to see if it is possible to work with our own municipal contractors.

-Per Dawn there is approval to paint under the remediation contract

**Social Media**

-A link for the library has been added to the town Facebook page -a - -A link is supposed to be added to the MWCSD webpage as well.

-QR code has been made as a link to the library website. Beth has been putting them at different places in the area.

**Discards**

-books have been removed from the shelves by Beth and Rebecca

-the discarded book were outdated medical, tech and financial texts

-some of the discarded books were put on a cart at the roast beef dinner for patrons to take

-No new tech books will be ordered, as they are not taken out.

-A few medical books may be ordered. Beth will consult with other librarians to see what is borrowed from their libraries.

**Art Camp**

-Miranda Dunton will be planning a second summer art camp based on a book. Beth will let us know when a book has been decided on.

**Volunteers**

-Volunteer sign up sheet will be left in library for patrons to sign up. -Volunteer ideas: arts and crafts, Mommy and Me, reading to kids.

-Volunteer days will be the 4th Friday of Saturday.

**Patrons**

-Patron numbers have remained steady.

-While in person loans remain low a shipment of books is sent out every week.

-No electronics will be recommended once the library is chartered.

**New Business**-

**Themed tote bags for children**

- each bag is decorated and filled with books, coloring books and crayons, activities. Children take entire bag

**Adult nights**

- paint and sip based on book, speaker from Cornell to discuss gardening, community read, author night.

**Shelving**

-discussed rearranging shelves in main room as many patrons do not go to far side of the shelves. Turning them sideways or creating an opening to walk through were possible ideas

Meeting adjourned at 5:08