



Central City Public Library

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To: Merrick County Board of Supervisors

Subject: FY 19-20 Year-End Report

Our library wishes to extend our appreciation for the funding that our library received last year from the county. Currently, our library offers services to 5,047 Merrick County residents at no charge.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- For the 12th year in a row, our library was awarded a star rating from the Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service. This year's rating was a 4 star. This recognition is attributed to the great support from our City and County!
- It was a project over two years in the making. We're very pleased to have finished uploading the remainder of the CCHS historic yearbooks, for your online reading enjoyment. These online CCHS yearbooks range from 1914-2015. They can be found on our website at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/centralcity/> Click on the green button entitled "Yearbooks and Local History Collection." The years 2016-2019 are available at the library, for in-house viewing. A big thanks goes out to Central City High School, for partnering with us on this important project. They were able to fill in a few of the yearbooks that we were missing.
 - v As they age, physical books become susceptible to damage, wear, and loss. Digitizing ensures the preservation of history for future generations.
 - v The glimpses of school history, and the memories that the images invoke, are a great way of providing a snapshot of what the community was like at that time in history.
- Our library has added a vinyl cutter, heat press, sublimation printer, 3D printer, and a 6-in-one press (in the initial stages of adding a permanent makerspace at our facility). We will be adding a lasercutter and all of the furnishings and storage over the next couple of months. This project is being made possible through support by local individuals and businesses, from multiple grants received, and with matching funds from the City of Central City. The 3D printer has been extremely busy throughout the pandemic, by printing various items for organizations and individuals in need.
 - The library was able to ship forty-six 3D-printed face shield pieces to Nebraska Innovation Studio for assembly. Once assembled with clear plastic shields, this created a total of 23 face shields. The face shields were distributed to Nebraska hospitals in need.
 - Our library has made more than one hundred ear guards for area health care providers and area individuals. The ear guards help relieve some of the pressure off of the ears (from wearing surgical masks for long periods of time).
 - John McHargue contacted us, after seeing our previous project (Involving printing face shield parts for medical facilities). After he provided us with the file that we needed, we

were able to print out 10 adapters (over a period of about three days). Each adapter took a little over an hour to print. Each adapter is attached to a snorkeling mask, which is then attached to a filter. The masks were shipped to Dr. Margie Heier (Dr. Marjorie Mellor) at the Chifundo Clinic Hospital in Zambia. Dr. Heier was a physician in Central City during the late 1980s and early 1990s. In researching the topic, Dr. Heier discovered that in some instances snorkeling masks have been successfully adapted with filters to provide protection for medical workers caring for Covid-19 patients.

Please find attached a copy of this year's budget and a copy of our city trust fund. The funds that are received from the county are placed into that trust fund. With your funding, our library has been able to provide numerous best seller books, movies, and audio CD's to Merrick County residents. With your support, our library will continue to be a great asset to the county! Thank-you for your continuing support and contribution!

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