

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the June 18, 2020
York City Council meeting

1. The library implemented Phase I of its re-opening plan on Saturday, May 23. This phase was to offer curbside delivery to patrons who requested items from our collection via their library account through the online catalog or by calling the library and working with staff to identify items they would like to see. Patrons were notified that their items were ready for pickup. When they patrons are in the parking lot they call the library and let us know they are here, we check the items out and deliver them to the parking lot in a crate. The crate is placed next to their car. We confirm they are the correct patron by verifying the last four digits of the phone number on the library account. The patron get out of the car and takes the items. The library staff return the crate to the building for the next delivery. This is a very popular service that will probably continue as a standard service.
2. On Monday, June 8, the library implemented Phase II of the re-opening plan. This phase opens the doors of the building to the public. We are limiting the number of people in the building to twenty-five. All seating, except for computer stations, has been removed to limit the time patrons stay in the building. The meeting rooms are closed and signage announcing our guidelines has been posted. We have a sanitation station with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available for public use. Everyone is thrilled to be back in the library selecting their own reading material! For full details of our Phase II guidelines see our website at <https://libraries.ne.gov/york/your-library-and-coronavirus-covid-19/>.
3. Our Summer Reading program has been scaled back to online activities listed on our website at <https://libraries.ne.gov/york/summer-2020-online-resources/>. We are waiting to hear from the health department on the status of our applications to host two outdoor events in the month of July. Pending their approval we are planning to bring back our popular Brown Bag Storytime on Wednesdays at noon and our Summer Fun at the Library event on July 18 with DJ Connor Mogul playing music while the Friends of the Library serve ice cream sundaes. This event is planned in conjunction with Balloon Days on July 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. We are working closely with the Chamber and will follow the guidelines of the current DHM, if this event is approved by Four Corners Health Department.
4. Through an internship program with the Nebraska Library Commission we have an intern who is creating Virtual Escape Rooms. These online interactive events will be linked from our website for Summer 2020 when they are available. Virtual escape rooms have become very popular during the pandemic. We are excited to offer this type of activity to our patrons.
5. In order to celebrate reading in 2020 we are planning a York READS event where everyone in the county is invited to enter the minutes/pages of reading they complete during the month from June 18 through July 18. We hope the make this a fun activity for readers of all ages.
6. Thanks to the support of the company we have our library management system through, we are now offering an online application that will temporarily give new patrons access to our online library services. Once the library is open these new accounts may be converted to a full library account if the patrons makes the request and completes the full access application process. This has become a very popular service with our patrons! Visit our web site at <https://libraries.ne.gov/york/> for details.

Respectfully submitted by,



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