

Kilgore Memorial Library  
Director's Report  
Prepared for the September 17, 2020  
York City Council meeting

1. Kilgore Memorial Library is hosting a poster series from the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service. *Votes for Women A Portrait of Persistence* is the title of the exhibit. The posters are displayed in the Bedient Gallery through October. The Baker Display case is filled with teddy bears from library staff personal collections. There is a sign in the case telling patrons how **unbearable** it was at the library without them.
2. The public hours of the library were expanded on September 8 to 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday.
3. We continue to limit seating in the library to encourage social distancing during the new reopening phase set by Governor Ricketts on September 14.
4. Central Community College's Adult Basic Education classes resumed for the fall at the library on August 17. They have several new students enrolled along with the returning students. SECC is considering adding a second instructor to handle the increased number of English Language Learners. This is the four year of this partnership and many residents of York County and the surrounding region have benefitted from this program.
5. After surveying the libraries of the Southeast Library System in Nebraska and learning that no other library is planning in person programs for the fall, we have decided follow them. Carol Baker is planning online story times for October and November. There will also be grab and go craft bags for pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade age patrons in conjunction with the online story hours.
6. Library staff in partnership with Friends of the Library enjoyed an evening of Pin the Tail on the Donkey during the family fun segment of YorkFest on Thursday evening. The Friends purchased bookmarks designed by Courtney Kinnison with animal tails, inviting recipients to check out the "tales" available at the library.
7. We are currently accepting applications to fill two part-time positions created after James Tidei left his full-time position last April. We hope to have these positons filled and ready to start by October 1.

Respectfully submitted by,



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