

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the April 16, 2020
York City Council meeting

1. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic Kilgore Memorial Library closed its doors to the public at 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This historic event is unprecedented and there are no best practices to follow. In an effort to keep the public safe and at home, we elected to not offer curbside pickup or any other regular library services.
2. The library staff requested that we bring the Little Libraries from various locations in York to the library. A news release was written and published in the York News-Times announcing the location of these stands to visit and select donated reading material. We asked the public to place donations into the book return and we have been overwhelmed at the amount and quality of the donations. We plan to run this service as long as we can during the pandemic.
3. Our education outreach coordinator, Carol Baker, along with her husband John from York College's Theater department have developed a series of four Online Storytimes that are recorded using Facebook Live each Friday in April. These events have been very popular. With the York College partnership we have had visitors from Japan and France and many other states where former students are located.
4. Local artist, Courtney Kinnison, offered to record short craft project demonstrations using items most families should have on hand. These recordings are uploaded to the library's Facebook page each Thursday morning.
5. Our public service coordinator, James Tidei, offered his April Trivia Night via Zoom. Several participants enjoyed the event and requested this event continue.
6. While the library is closed all staff are involved in much needed deep cleaning in the building. This includes removing every item from the shelves and wiping down the shelving, dusting the books and returning them in shelf order. We have located a few lost items during this project and hope to find many more.
7. The first Friday the 13th Book Club was enjoyed by several participants who forged out on an icy evening at the cusp of the historic COVID-19 pandemic. The next event for this group will be in November of this year.
8. James Tidei has resigned from his position at Kilgore Memorial Library. He has accepted a similar position at the Kearney Public Library. James will be missed. A search for our next public service coordinator will be conducted when we are able to conduct interviews.
9. As of Monday, April 13 there will be two library staff and the director working at the library. With James' resignation being final on Friday the 10 and all part time staff temporarily laid off beginning April 12.

Respectfully submitted by,



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