

The Milford Library Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Board Members Rick Kilts, Elaine Franklin, Denny Dotson, Shelly Berning, Jeff Cookinham, Joann Gano, Deb Johnson, Director Gillian Anderson and Assistant Director Paige Stearns.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the Covid19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Rick.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Shelly moved to accept the March minutes as presented, Jeff seconded, Board approved

Bills: The bills were emailed to each member for viewing before the meeting, Elaine moved to pay the bills and any other bills that may come in, Denny seconded, Board approved.

Director's Report:

- The circulation and monthly program reports were shared. The library closed on March 18th due to the pandemic which affected the number of people crossing the door counter. But downloads were still holding their own. The number of books checked out before the doors closed on the 18th was higher than the month before.
- Read Across America-March 1-17 attended
- Public Playdate-March 7-5 attended
- Building Bookworms-Miss Iowa-March 9-60 attended
- YA Program-Crayon Art-March 10-6 attended
- Afterschool Activity-Iron on Beads-March 12-5 attended
- Adult Book Club-Where the Crawdads Sing-March 17-cancelled
- Adult Craft Series-Hoop Wreath-March 18-cancelled
- Public Playdate-March 18-cancelled
- Clover Kids-Bubbles-March 19-cancelled
- MML Coloring Contest-March 23-cancelled
- Spring Egg Hunt-March 23-cancelled
- Paint Night-March 25-cancelled
- Building Bookworms-Yoga with Kenzie Liechti-March 30-cancelled

Upcoming events:

- Nothing is planned for April due to the pandemic restrictions

Discussion of upcoming topics:

- Deb Johnson was introduced as the new board member
- A discussion was held how the library is handling the Coronavirus situation.
- Curb side delivery of books and printing materials for people were discussed. The board felt that the safety and well-being of the staff was of the utmost importance and therefore the staff was not going to be required to provide either service.

- If people who do not have library cards want one, they can email the information to the library and a card will be provided. This information has been put on the library website and other social media platforms.
- The library wants to be connected to the community through this time and are looking for activities to do keep the connection going such as online story time and activities outside of the 4 walls of the library.
- The staff has been asked how they are feeling with everyone in the same building at the same time and as of now they are comfortable. But they are looking at having alternate shifts so everyone is not together if they feel this is necessary.
Promotion of the online resources continues through the library web page.

Denny moved to adjourn; Jeff seconded

Joann Gano
Secretary