

Friends of Red Feather Lakes Community Library

Monthly Board meeting – September 17, 2020

Library Director's Report – Creed Kidd

The State of Library

'We've seen fire and we've seen rain,' to borrow a lyric, and while much of the mountain remains on voluntary evacuation the library continues to provide 7-day-a-week service, pandemic-addressing hours of 1-6 PM.

Courier service has resumed; while the first incoming shipment consisted of ~10 cartons we expect that the level of activity will soon resume the normal 2-3 carton shipments.

Many of the books received were local titles, caught in transit in Aurora when the service shut down in April. Also included was a carton of grant Chromebooks and hotspots intended to assist with aiding 2020 census enrollment.

Monthly hotspot subscriptions (paid for by the grant) expired August 31; the devices were received the first week of September -- making their value (for that intended purpose) moot.

Building and Grounds

Perhaps you've noted the recently installed solar panels installed on the library roof; battery packs have been installed on the exterior north wall of the Stenzel Room and we're awaiting construction and installation of the array component that will span the library cement handicapped parking pads.

Solar project consultant John Parker has been working with Larimer County on an easement allowing for 2 thousand-gallon propane tanks that would fuel a generator backup in the event of an extended area emergency.

Through a state-administered grant, we have purchased 5 air purifiers to combat COVID-19 transmission within the library.

We continue to review options for an external 300-gallon cistern with the intent of upgrading, updating, and improving library water flow during high-use periods.

Library Services

We have an agreement with the Red Feather Historical Society to individually bind, shelve, and circulate the oral histories conducted and transcribed by the RFHS from locals. Expect to see the first of these available soon.

Circulation is averaging 60% of normal now with the reinstitution of open library service, though at the variance limitations of 10-person capacity, social distancing, and 3 public spaces that currently inhabit the Stenzel Room.

September Funding Requests

SRP (Summer reading program) supplement	up to \$175
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August Funding Requests

LocknCharge Joey 30 Device Rack approved	up to \$1000 (Amazon @ \$959).
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Coloradoan newspaper subscription renewal	up to \$200 approved
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July 21, 2020

Cisco enterprise 24-port managed switch

up to \$1000 approved

(Replaces the current Meraki security device which lacks the capacity to utilize our forthcoming bandwidth upgrade).

June 18, 2020

Courier Service, 2020-2021

up to \$750 approved

Adult Materials – books, books on CD, DVDs

up to \$3500 approved

Children's Greening/Christmas Services

up to \$350 modified

Summer Reading Program supplement

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