

Library Status Report for February 2021

Books & Materials: I did not process any new/new to us material in February as I had several lengthy meetings/workshops throughout the month and worked from home during the second half of the month after picking up a friend from the airport on 2/14. We did receive our pre-paid Junior Library Guild (JLG) books along with a call from JLG to see if we'd like to renew our subscription. At this time I think we should pause our subscription for one year in order to reassess our needs. Originally the subscription was to refresh & grow our Spanish titles for children. This is the 2nd year of our subscription.

Outreach: Prepared 25 take home activity kits for Little Free Library distribution each week. 2/4 Lunar New Year chocolates in red "ox" envelopes and dragon scratch art, 2/11 DIY Valentines; 2/18 DIY Kaleidoscopes; 2/25 Dr. Seuss themed school supplies. Although I keep a sample of each I only posted pictures of the last two.



Patrons: Although I have not turned anyone away I saw slightly fewer patrons due to my schedule. Side note: A N95 under my cloth masks is not ideal. Limiting contact is much easier.

Hours/Staff: Last year I had posted regular "open by appointment" hours on the door. Once the regional stay at home order was enacted on 12/6/2020 I removed the hours and simply stated we were "open by appointment" only. Once that order was rescinded on 1/25/2021 I did not return to listing regular hours as I was entirely too busy to keep regular hours. On 2/25/2021 it was brought to my attention that a resident was demanding that we reopen per state guidelines. They were mistaken in which guidelines we were to follow. Although it is true that we are able to open at 25% of our prior capacity we do not currently have the actual criteria for the listed guidelines in place. (This was addressed and a plan was enacted on 3/5/21.) I have been working with public works since late July 2020 in order to get the library up and running again. As the pandemic wore on opening the doors continued to be delayed. A secondary issue was staffing. I have been campaigning for Dilia's return since at least September. Due to the budget I was told she would not be able to return until early 2021. She is scheduled to return the week of March 8. We are advertising for a part-time staff member that will be shared with City Hall.

MOBAC/PLP: attended via Zoom 2/19 SPLAMBA meeting, 2/1 and 2/8 "CALL" ALA webinar. KOHA Consortium meetings postponed until further notice (coordinated with Galecia Group). See attached Late Fees White Paper. SPLAMBA "Hubs for Harmony" workshop 3/19/21 is being co-hosted by us via Zoom. A renewal for PLP membership will arrive soon. It is without question something we should continue to fund and actively participate in. In addition to Admin Counsel, ILL and SPLAMBA I believe attending the Tech committee meetings would benefit our Library.

Internet Access: attended via Zoom Rotary of SJB Internet Access Committee on 2/23 – no real progress made. This will be my last report on the Internet Access meetings.

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