

Smithfield Public Library

Board Meeting

August 17th 2022

Attending: Bill Emmett, April Godderidge, Kathy Toolson, Eric Bingham, Todd Durrant, Marilyn Benavidas, Wade Campbell

Welcome and approval of minutes from May 18th, 2022. -- Approved!

Voted not to ban the children's book about different kinds of families, "Families, Families, Families" (doesn't make any moral judgement). Bill will write a letter to the patron explaining why it won't be removed from the shelves.

Had a very successful Summer Reading Program. Statistics were shared. 514 people completed the program.

Currently gathering statistics for library usage for the state.

Exact date for anniversary open house-- September 17th from 2-4 PM (Saturday)

Chad Downs (Eric will contact) will talk about paintings. Jeff Gittins (Todd will contact) will talk to people about the history of the city library.

April will pick up the cake. Library will close at 1:00PM to set up and prepare. Planning for about 125 people.

Talked about how to advertise with flyers. Facebook, radio, city announcement, etc. Bill will make a few flyers.

Library staff wants to send special invitations to trustworthy, long-term patrons, city officials, etc. to make sure that they are invited to the anniversary party.

We will make a time capsule and Marilyn is gathering the items to put in it. People can also write down their thoughts and memories about the library to put into the time capsule. Maybe Jeff Gittins can get the historical society to write a little something to put in the time capsule as well. Possibly get a "book bingo" game for the kids to play while their parents are looking around. April could also get some candy for prize treats.

A couple of staff members resigned. Bill and April did interviews and new hires are doing very well. There may be some more staff adjustments coming.

City doesn't have anything to bring to the board.

August 27th, local children book author from Midway will come at 10am in the park to meet with patrons. Might order pizza for the people who come.