



Director's Report January 2021 Happy New Year!

1. BRIDGES stats for Dec. are 73 checkouts, down from 82 the previous month.
2. Our Library COVID-19 Re-Opening Plan Phase 2 (our current phase level) will need to be extended past Jan. 31, 2021. I'm not comfortable opening up further until the vaccine is more readily available to the public. Curbside and in-town delivery services are still highly recommended.
3. The Omaha World Herald newspaper has been cancelled, and I'm letting the magazine subscriptions expire.
4. Preschool classes and Wednesday morning Brain Breaks are scheduled. Now I'm working on getting the word out about Story Hour and Library Pajama Parties. Story Hour is Wed. mornings from 10-11. There was no response to the Pajama Party on Dec. 22. I will try again the last Thursday of each month. All programs are via Zoom.
5. I am still working on our new website format. I have webinars every Wednesday for the next 3 months for support. Getting most of the information transferred. I'm anticipating for it to "go live" by the end of the month. The difference will be the look of the new format, and is much easier to add material and update!
6. I'm working with Deb Frazee, SW IA STEM coordinator, to host a Virtual STEM Festival at the library. Participants and their families will have to pre-register by Jan. 20 so we can get all the materials packaged for pick-up by Jan. 25. The STEM Festival will run Jan. 25-Feb.19. Each week's kit will contain most of the materials needed to complete the weekly challenges and activities as a family.
7. Our potential Library Trustee candidate declined approval by the City Council on personal grounds. I had two others interested, but they have a rural address. Back to the drawing board...
8. Montgomery County Board of Supervisors presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 at 8:00 am.
9. E-Rate initial form 470 has been filed.
10. Hey, I've started cleaning my office! Shovels and a dumpster were needed. 😊
11. Due to stupid Covid restrictions, my tropical vacation plans have been postponed, but not cancelled. 😊

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