

## **Librarian's Report**

### **For September 9, 2024 Meeting**

#### **1. Grant News – Live & Learn Mini-Construction Grant**

- A plaque has been installed to acknowledge Live & Learn Mini-grant funds were used for renovations.
- Seating is in place for the Young Adult area.
- The quarterly report for this grant was submitted July 15

#### **2. Project Next Generation**

- Quarterly reports for the PNG grant were submitted July 15.
- The Final Report for the PNG FY2024 grant was submitted August 5.
- The library is receiving a FY2025 PNG grant in the amount of \$13,911.00. The PNG grant for this coming year is titled "*Project Next Generation: Crazy for Coding*".

#### **3. Per Capita Grant**

- The library received the Per Capita Grant on July 1 in the amount of \$6081.08.

#### **4. Per Capita Grant Requirements for FY2025**

The Public Library Per Capita Grant assists public libraries in providing library services that meet or show progress toward meeting Illinois library standards. Grant amounts of up to \$1.475 per person, based on the population of the library's service area, are awarded annually to qualified Illinois public libraries.

The requirement for the board and director will be the same as it has been in the past several years which is going over the standards outlined in *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries* © Illinois Library Association, 2019.

#### **5. Technology Grant**

The library has received a \$12,500 Technology Grant awarded from the Illinois State Library. The primary purpose and intent for its use is to improve the library's technological infrastructure. There were only 31 libraries in Illinois that was awarded this grant which was based on economic need. In the board packet is a list of proposed purchases, some suggested by Lazerware.

#### **6. E-rate**

The funding commitment letter from USAC concerning e-rate was received in June. Commitment to Lazerware for internal connections and managed broadband services was \$2851.29 and \$3840.00 to Delta Communications (Clearwave) for internet access.

#### **7. Summer Reading Update**

The program was a success with 145 children and 56 adults attending. Sue Pirtle and Linda Wiley did a great job putting everything together for this 4-week summertime event.

#### **8. Illinet Interlibrary Loan & Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement**

This agreement that states that the library will continue to offer non-residents a library card for \$63.00/year that the board voted on in June has been submitted.

#### **9. Website Requirements for 2025**

On April 24, 2024, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) issued a final rule revising Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The rule requires state and local governments to make their websites and mobile applications accessible for people with disabilities. Deadline to do this is April 2026.

#### **10. Outdoor bench**

I emailed Corey Rheinecker about the possibility of replacing the current outdoor bench by the library's front entrance. He said that he could have one of the city's workers look to see what the city has in storage. If we wanted something different he could order one if we let him know color and size.

#### **11. Aspen Discovery**

“Aspen Discovery is a fully-featured, open source discovery system, which provides comprehensive access to your library's resources. It gives patrons a single search box and smart search results that group all formats of a title together, allowing the patron to easily get access to their preferred version.

Aspen Discovery integrates with your ILS and with a wide range of econtent providers including Hoopla, and cloudLibrary.

## **12. Upcoming Events**

Sept 2 Library Closed

Sept 5: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts

Sept 9: Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Sept 12: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts

Sept 16: Lynette's Sewing Class – Bowl Cozy, 4:30-6:30 pm

Sept 19: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts

Sept 24: Comwell program, 12:30-1:45 pm

Sept 26: Popcorn Thursday, All Day while it lasts

**Respectfully submitted by Susan Colbert on September 9, 2024**