

# COLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

## MAY 25, 2021

PRESENT: Cathy Boggs, Greg Cotton, Deb George, Tracey Louwagie, Diana Corcoran, Bob Meeker, Amy White-Lisbon Public Library Director.

I. The meeting was called to order by president Deb George at 8:45 a.m. in Room 108.

II. The minutes were approved.

III. REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT: Introduced Amy White of Lisbon Library to talk about pros and cons of Hoopla, a digital resource that Cole Library may wish to purchase. Amy is a fan of the service but was not promoting it. Hoopla provides instant digital access for books, magazines, music, audio books, etc. Items can be checked out for three weeks. Hoopla may not have everything a person might want.

The library has to pay per borrow but can set a usage limit.

A concern for libraries is anticipating the yearly cost which is not a set cost but dependent on usage.

Greg will send board members a link so they can experiment with this digital service.

B. PUBLIC LIBRARIAN:

1. Summer Reading Program. The library is working to “re-introduce” itself. The program may have fallen off family calendars after the pandemic. The children will get a T-Shirt for participation, provided by Hills Bank. Although the library appreciates the support from Hills Bank, the board disapproved of the bank opening an initial \$5 bank account for each of the children in the Summer Reading Program.

2. Cathy is getting library cards to all 3rd graders.

3. Cathy is applying for a federal grant for up to \$5,000 to be submitted to the state library. The grant will help cover unexpected costs necessitated by the pandemic.

IV. MAJOR BUSINESS:

1. The board was introduced to the newly hired Library Assistant, Sheila Deininger.

2. A proposed work session with the city council is still being negotiated.

3. Library opening update: The library is now open to patrons. We limit the number of people in the building to 5 pods or groups at a time and discourage long stays. Vaccinated people over 12 do not have to be masked. Children under 12 will be asked to cover. Curbside pickup is no longer available. Story time will be outside with social distancing.

4. Community Survey this Fall. The community survey is due for submission on September 2nd. Board members are asked to review past surveys and suggest any needed changes.

The next meeting will be June 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 108.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Meeker