March 2023 Librarians Report

* I’ve applied for a $500 grant through the Winnie Belle Learned fund. It was created in 2007 by Dr. Burnett Rawson in honor of a Vermont educator and his benefactress. In 1932 Ms. Learned asked Mr. Rawson’s mother a distant relative permission to take him from the family farm in Underhill so that he could study. Her generosity and vision allowed him to attend the University of Vermont and the UVM medical school. After completing military service and further medical studies Dr. Rawson practiced urology in New York and retired in Vermont. Dr. Rawson’s goal for the grants offered under the Winnie Belle Learned fund is to support youth services by fostering literacy, the love of learning, skills & opportunities for critical analysis and intellectual exploration. This year the grants are non-competitive and everyone who applies will receive the grant. I applied for the grant to use to continue the children’s classic book club. I believe the children’s classic book club meets all four of Dr. Rawson’s goals for the grant and we only needed to meet one goal.
* VT Department of Libraries is offering $300.00 for Performers grants again for the Summer Program. I’ve applied for this grant again. The funds can be used for on site or virtual performances or can be used for supplies or books for the summer program themes. I’m still working on deciding on if I’m going to have a performer come in or do a virtual performer like I did last year or to use the funds for supplies for the program theme. I’m planning on using the theme like I do every summer. The theme is All Together Now, and I plan on centering that around Friendship and Community.
* I’ve started working on submitting the annual report for VT Department of libraries with all our statistics. They have updated the report with a lot of information so they changed the release date and due date. The report for this year is due April 14th. In the past I believe it was due in February.
* April is Fair Housing month, and I was contacted again about handing out art kits like we did last year. So, we have 30 art kits that will be delivered to us sometime in April for anyone who would like one to pick up. Last year they could submit the art they created to a website if they wanted. One of our patrons won a small prize from submitting their art.
* I filled out a form of interest for the Palace project for us to offer to our patrons. There is no guarantee if we will be able to offer it this year but we are on the list so they know we are interested in having it for our patrons. It is a free service where library patrons can download free eBooks and audio books. Its is free for us to offer and the content is limited by using the free content but there is still tons of eBooks and audio books available with the free service.
* The head start program is attending the library at least twice a month. They currently have 14 children enrolled.
* Our crafters group is meeting on Thursday from 10-12. There are currently four members that attend off and on depending on the weather but there is usually at least one or two each week.
* The children’s classic book club meets every Wednesday from 4-5. We currently have three members and are currently reading From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frank Weiler. The children are really enjoying the book as it takes place in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.
* The adult book club is still meeting once a month online with four members attending each time. Once we are able to get the Palace Project this will eliminate our need for the kindle unlimited for the online book club as well.