East Haddam Public Library System

Program Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021

4:30 pm Online via Zoom

**Committee Members Present**: Chris vanValkenburg, Janine Broe

**Committee Members Absent**: Chris Delisle

**Also Present**: Michael Gilroy

Meeting called to order by Chris vanValkenburg at 4:33 pm

1. Old Business
    a. New Ideas: Yale Virologist, John Davis, has offered to give a presentation on vaccinations. He stated in an email to Jane Chisholm that most people are interested in smallpox, polio, chickenpox/shingles and flu. After a brief discussion, the committee felt it would be best to concentrate on the various Covid vaccinations, flu, and possibly shingles. Chris reached out to Jane to see if John could speak on these subjects. The lecture would be via Zoom possibly Feb/Mar timeframe and, if permitted, recorded for availability. The committee would still like to review the presentation prior to setting a date.
2. New Business
    a. 2021 Program Goals
        1. Will begin to rebuild the program once things calm down with the pandemic. 2021 will be the Year of Recovery.
        2. Maintain online programs that are currently running. Include new programs such as "Talk to the Expert" lecture or mini "Ted Talks" series. John Davis lecture could fall under this program. We have heard there is a member of the trustees that is interested in doing a lecture on Jazz. Spark some interest with the community with overview of upcoming discussions; record for later review; Zoom chat open for questions
        3. Have had very good responses with "walk through/live activities". People are getting zoomed out. Possibly have the Easter Bunny visit. In the past, the Easter Bunny had an egg hunt next to Liberty bank. Maybe do something like that.
        4. Take home activity kits:
            - Create kits based on upcoming lectures and hand out prior to lectures
            - Self-care kits related to Year of Recovery

3. Library Metrics
    a. Will have updates including state report

4. Audience of Citizens – none

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:03 pm.

Next Meeting will be February 1, 4:30pm at EHFPL