East Haddam Public Library System

Program Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

4:30 pm EHFPL

Committee Members Present: Chris vanValkenburg, Alice Hinchcliff, Chris Delisle

Committee Members Absent:

Also Present: Michael Gilroy

Meeting called to order by Chris vanValkenburg at 4:30 pm

1. Old Business

    - Library Lectures/Talk with the expert: John Davis is willing to speak to East Haddam regarding viruses come spring time.
        - Alice mentioned the newspaper article regarding the Ancient Artifacts found at 2 Wrasslin' Cats and asked if that would be a good lecture. Everyone agreed it would be. Chris v will contact Mark Thiede to see if he or one of the archeologists would be able to give a presentation. It would have to be in a PowerPoint format and reviewed by the committee prior to the lecture to ensure it is concise and factual. More to follow
    - Since Veteran's Day: Had displays at the library, however, was not able to get someone to come in and provide a lecture.

2. New Business

    - Emerging Family Ideas:
        - There are monthly take home kits for all ages
        - Karen and Janet at the Rathbun are setting up "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" campaign. The campaign has a tracking program so families who read to their children or when the children read, can track their progress. With each milestone, they are given little prizes. Once the logistics are figured out at the Rathbun, it will be brought into EHFPL.
        - In the future will start the kindergarten program so each student will get a library card application
        - The preschool next to EHFPL continues their visits. Depending on Covid, will expand to other preschools etc.

- Any Other Business
    - Library is sponsoring Mrs. Claus who will be visiting the Municipal Office with Santa on Dec 7 from 6-8pm. She will be handing out little toys. Youth and Family Services said that around 100 families have registered to visit Santa and Mrs. Clause.
    - The next Program Committee meeting will Monday Jan 3 at 4:30pm at EHFPL. It has been confirmed that the 1st Monday of the month at this time and place works for everyone.
    - Scrapbooking/Arts & Crafts for Dec 22 will be cancelled due to the holiday week. Will resume in January.

3. Library Metrics
    - Mike G presented the committee with the 2020-2021 Connecticut Public Library Survey

Meeting Adjourned 5:06pm