

CLYDE W. RODDY LIBRARY BOARD
MAY 6, 2021 BOARD MEETING

After over a year without meeting, the Clyde W. Roddy Library Board was thankful to again be at the library on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Board members present included Tom Davis, Diana Nevans, Faith Young, Brenda McPheeters, Shirley Lacy, Jo Anne Cowden and Bruce Morgan. Also attending were library staff, Kay Madewell and Brittany West, as well as Liz Schreck, regional director of the Ocoee River Regional Library.

The group discussed election of officers which will be next month, and also talked about continuing terms and the dates when members would be rotating off the board.

Kay said the new budget would be approved soon. She had asked for \$20,000 to purchase e-books, and for new shelving and cost of living raises for employees. She also said the City would begin advertising for the sixth full-time position which had been agreed upon last year. She noted that the library would return to normal hours on June 1. The library has continued curbside pickup and online programs as well as limited computer usage since relaxing of some Covid directed mandates. In April twelve TWRA boating tests were administered.

Kay noted that the library had purchased Envisionware with Covid funding money. Other additions include Atrium Cloud, Google Cloud (in house) First Data (merchant accounts), Clean Slate, WiFi and phone printing. This new software will bring a number of benefits including online payments, in house credit and debit card usage, ability to erase computer histories after shutdown and other innovations.

She said Janice Mickel had donated eight year-old laptops which would be circulating in house. Being considered is check-out of sixteen other laptops with the need for a policy in place.

Brittany distributed and discussed the April 2021 monthly report and then talked of upcoming plans for the Summer Reading Program "Tales and Tails" in June. Brittany said the program would be somewhat downsized this year, but will still include several drawings for weekly gift cards, coloring contests, crafts and programs for children and other age groups. The closing ceremony will be June 25 at Centennial Park with Icees, popcorn, sand castles and animals from the local animal shelter, featuring obedience demonstrations.

Liz distributed upcoming training opportunities and deadline reminders, as well as R.E.A.D.S. totals for April. The new 165,000 square foot Tennessee State Library and Archives has been completed, and Liz had photos of the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The grand opening celebration will be in the spring of next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 1.

Submitted by,
Jo Anne Cowden, Board Secretary