Cherry Hill Public Library
Director’s Report
July 22, 2020

Library Building opened to public – started Monday, July 13 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. after 17 weeks closed!

Adding a night: Wednesday 7/22 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and a Saturday 7/25 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Phased reopen plan: 50 people maximum, 30 minute limits for patrons

Contactless pickup began June 22 – July 14: we have completed 1190 contactless pickup appointments.

Book drops opened May 15- quarantine materials 3 days, reshelving items
As of 7/15/20 we currently have 10,663 items checked out

**GRANTS:** New Jersey Council for the Humanities awarded $5000 for Operating Budget
(Costs for PPE, cleaning supplies, plexiglass, revenue loss)

Grow with Google awarded $2000 to support virtual computer classes

CHPL was selected by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC) to receive a suffrage youth book sets to libraries across the country. This generous donation celebrates the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment and highlights the importance of libraries as hubs of civic education and engagement.

**Youth Services - 6/8/20 - 7/10/20**

**Virtual Story Time for ages 3-6**
- 6/9, 23 views
- 6/11 23 views
- 6/16, 12 views
- 6/19 22 views
- 6/23 36 views
- 6/25 29 views
- 7/9 14 views

**Kids Story Break**
- 6/10 71 views
- 6/24 6 views
- 6/18, 8 views
- 7/1 15 views
- 7/8 4 views

6/15 Virtual Kids Dance Break, 5 attendees
6/19 Juneteenth Story Time, 9 views
6/20 Virtual Summer Reading Kick-Off with Scienctellers, 75 attendees
6/24 Dungeons and Dragons for Kids, 3 attendees
6/25 Teens Summer Reads Chat n Chew, 12 attendees
6/26 Virtual Family Fort Night, 46 attendees
6/29 Teen Animal Crossing Meetup, 4 attendees
7/8 Summer Stories for ages 2-4, 13 views
7/10 Teen Film Appreciation Meetup, 3 attendees
7/13 Fairy Tale STEM, 44 attendees
7/13 Barking Book Buddies, 6 kids and 3 dogs/handlers

**Coming up!**
Every Monday! Animal Crossing Meetup
Every Wednesday! Animal Crossing CHPL Island open hours
7/14 Crypto Craft: Floating Loch Ness Monster
7/15 Teens Cook!
7/16 Fairy Tale Escape Room
7/17 Teen Game Night
7/20 Fairy Tale STEM

Some YS staff have returned to work in the building with the remaining department staff scheduled to return in August. We are staffing the Youth Services desk, providing check-out upstairs, reader’s advisory services and computer assistance. We are also shelving all books that come out of quarantine and assisting circulation by pulling holds for Non-Contact Pickup from the Youth Services collections. We spend an hour in the morning and after closing making sure that the department is disinfected by cleaning computers, tabletops, carts and any other high touch surfaces.

We are also in full swing with our Summer Reading programs and our librarians are offering many live online Zoom programs and Teen Meetups in addition to our weekly on-demand story times. We have started a weekly Make and Take bags in the library for children and teens, and have provided the videos to complete those projects on our website or on the library’s Creativebug subscription. We spend time with patrons on the phone to help log their reading into our Read Squared software and have already started distributing weekly prizes for Teens. The children’s End of Summer prize baskets are on display behind the Youth Services Desk.

**Adult Services:**

Programs (all virtual):
6/10 The Need for Pride – 3 attendees (+28 YouTube views as of 7/6)
6/16 Feminist Book Club: Gender and Our Brains – 6
6/18 Meet the Author Grady Hendrix – 24 (+10 YouTube views as of 7/6)
6/22 Consumer Reports: Let’s Talk Digital Privacy and Security – 18
6/23 Needlework Guild – 10
6/26 Adult Story Time (Tierney) – 214 YouTube views as of 7/10, 142 Instagram views as of 7/6
7/1 Adult Story Time (Amanda) – 15 YouTube views as of 7/10
7/1 Tai Chi - 35
7/7 Cutting the Cable Cord – 36
7/7 CHPL Book Club: Dopesick – 6
7/8 Introduction to NJ Genealogy – 14
7/8 Tai Chi – 28
ESL classes and book clubs ongoing
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Since March we created 264 Temporary Cards. As of 7/13/20 we no longer create temporary cards for Cherry Hill residents we create regular library cards that can be picked up in person and expire in 2 years. The card number is shared with the patron at time of registration as a courtesy to use our e-resources.