April 2021 Director's Report:

Friends Membership Drive Report

- So far, the 2021 Membership Drive has brought in:
 - 104 total members
 - o \$3,355.00 total income
 - 13 have used the online payment method

Library Programming / Events:

 As follows are some programs we've been able to hold under the current circumstances, and those we have planned as upcoming events:

• Maker Mondays (monthly)

 This program came back last October, with the final event happening later this month. There are still openings for April 19th if you'd like to register for our wood slice DIY event!

• Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)

 We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, hosted by Tena.

• Dungeons & Dragons (continual)

 Both groups of D&D participants have had better attendance since moving this program online, hosted by Riley.

• Book Club (continual)

 Beginning with the May 2020 session, our book club has been meeting online. There are fewer participants for this program when meeting this way, hosted by Beth.

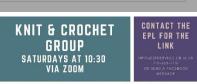
• Virtual Story Times

 Beginning in December, Paula has been hosting a virtual Story Time, complete with take-home craft kits, via Zoom.

• Virtual Tinker @ Home

- A Zoom / take-home kit version of our former Tinker Tuesday after school sessions began in October and continues monthly.
 - Upcoming:
 - Summer Reading Program for all ages will take place in June.
 - If funded, we will be distributing kits to families in July.
 - Regular programs continue









CHICKEN VIRTUAL STORYTIME!



Grant Updates:

- o Williamson
- Paint Project
 - Phase I of our paint project included nearly the entire lower level of the facility. Burrell
 Painting worked with us on some wall repair and preparation issues, and completed two coats of paint in the lower hall, both restrooms, community room, and children's room. Light fixtures were also painted in the children's room. (Back hallways and stairwells can be completed at a later time.)
- Imagination Library
 - We've done all we can to process paperwork and prepare for this project to start. Since December

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CANDY VIRTUAL STORYTIME!

VIRTUAL GUEST STORYTELLER!

DATE	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
TIME	5:00 pm
PLACE	Zoom
GRADE	Birth to 2nd grade

Join EPL and Norma Beaver, Guest Storyteller, for a reading of Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brooksbank.

	To join, click the "Join Event" button
	included with the event information on the EPL
	Facebook page. Want the link sent to you?
	Contact us at info@estherville.lib.ia.us or
	send a Facebook message.

we have been waiting on approval from the postal service (Des Moines office). I've recently spoken with our Imagination Library representative and we've decided to apply though the Tennessee postal office which is local to the Dollywood Foundation. She expects they may be more responsive.

- Trinity Lutheran Application
 - At the suggestion of Deb Seylar we have applied for the Elaine Berghefer Endowment fund grant for a family kit project which, if funded, would take place in the month of July. Depending on how much is approved, we may need to request support from the friends for shipping or other related expenses. We applied for \$1,528 for 4 kits which would be distributed to 50 families, each.
- Anonymous
 - In March, an anonymous donor approached me about our Community Room Renovation Project, which is currently on hold. The donor decided to give \$37,000 towards this project, but wishes to remain anonymous. We can discuss next steps now that we have this funding in place.