

July 2021 Director's Report:

Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2021 Membership Drive has brought in:**
 - 113 total members
 - \$3,945.00 total income
 - 14 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:
 - **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
 - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, sometimes also outdoors, hosted by Tena.
 - **Dungeons & Dragons (continual)**
 - Both groups of D&D participants have had better attendance since moving this program online, hosted by Riley. – this will be discontinued mid-July after Riley's last day.
 - **Book Club (continual)**
 - This is now also offered as a hybrid program, hosted via zoom and in-person, by Beth.
 - **Outdoor Story Times**
 - Paula has planned outdoor story time events for mid-July through mid-August. Join us out on Library Square for Stories and fun activities!
- Upcoming:
 - Our grant from Trinity Lutheran was funded, so we will be **distributing kits to families** in July. There will be a new kit each week, 50 of each one will be offered, and they will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Regular programs continue

Other Updates:

- Imagination Library
 - As of the date of this report, we have 89 children registered from all over Emmet County.
- HVAC Project cement pad placement
 - While we wait for all of the parts to come in for our HVAC project, I've been working towards necessary approvals to put the 15'x15' cement pad in place.
- Sewer line repair / replacement
 - We've had our second sewer back-up in a span of 3 months. I've learned that the pipe running from the clean-out to the curb is very old (probably original) cast iron that has deteriorated badly, and this will cause the problem to keep happening. From the curb to the main we have clay tile, but that is cracked. The recommendation after inspection is to replace that whole run of about 20', which is estimated to cost \$20,000. The City has been helpful both regarding seeking to determine the problem and finding funding for the solution.
- Hiring for open part time position
 - Riley has finished his RN degree and found full time work at the Algona hospital. The schedule is too sporadic to continue here part time as he had hoped, so he's put in his notice. I've worked with the City to determine a starting wage we can advertise for his replacement, and you'll be seeing that published soon.