Brooks Memorial Library Technology Committee Minutes

October 28, 2020, 4:30 pm

Agenda changes: none

Minutes of Sept. 23: approved

Public comment: none

Continuing Business

Website review:

Starr reported on the back-and-forth with MRW about visual accessibility. We discussed this in detail, addressing both hopes and frustrations. We acknowledged that meeting baseline standards for accessibility is the minimum, and we would like our site go to beyond that to be truly welcoming for all patrons. We haven't yet reached that goal, and we need to keep talking to MRW. We also chatted about the informal (and generally encouraging) feedback we've received from several patrons we invited to test the site.

Zoom:

This has become our new platform for First Wednesdays. Matt would like to do a pilot meeting with a group before we advertise it more widely. It's possible we can use it for an in-house group like the teen group that has been meeting with Chloe via GotoMeeting. Matt created a calendar for Zoom meetings and has set up an email address for people to contact and request a meeting slot. He is also investigating the possibility for groups to start their own meetings without a staff member present.

Technology Budget:

Starr said we'll be structuring our budget a little differently to shed light on what kinds of library-specific technology we use as well as community needs for library technology. She'll be going before the Selectboard on Dec. 1st to talk about the library budget. We addressed some questions about specific technology budget lines: Catamount Library Network membership, the OCLC database for cataloging, and the AWE in the children's room (i.e., a specific cool technology for young children, not the general awe we all feel when we enter the children's room).

Next meeting: Weds. Dec. 9th

Adjourned at 5:40