Tech committee
8.22.23
In attendance: Starr Latronica, Chloe Liotta-Jones, Leo Schiff, Nikki Holland, Matt Wojcik

I.   Goal of the committee
    A. to identify and support tech-related needs in the library
II. Initial discussion of needs
    A. Fiberconnect
        1. Currently meeting most needs, aside from intermittent connectivity issues in the meeting room and staff lounge. May need to look into partnering with the town in the future
    B. Public access computing
        1. # of laptops in service has dwindled
        2. Desktops are aging - serving needs currently, but will need to be updated; may receive hand-me-downs from the town; Matt will follow up on this
        3. MS Office will need to be updated
        4. Macs
            a) How are patrons using / how would they like to use Macs?
        5. Monitors
            a) Potential for upgrade to larger, higher quality monitors
    C. Childrens
        1. Computer lab! (Wishlist item)
        2. AWE stations could come back
            a) We have a pre-K AWE station
            b) Could explore a version for older children
        3. Staff agree that removing the computers from the teen room has been beneficial, as teens' technology needs have changed.
III. Budget
    A. Role of Friends
        1. Support the library in procuring technology that might become part of the core library services
    B. ARPA funding
        1. Wishlist item of self-check technology and support with transition (e.g., personnel)
    C. Future
        1. Exploration of what should be included in library budget moving forward (e.g., computer upgrades)
IV. Agenda items for next month
    A. List of needs + potential funding sources -- Action item for Matt
    B. Follow up with vendors re: quotes for self-check -- Potential action item for Starr
    C. Other topics: website, staffing