Forsyth Township Public Library 180 W. Flint St. Gwinn, MI 49841

LIBRARY REPORT...... November 2020

General News

- With current restrictions around COVID-19 and the weather change, the only
 programming offered in November was Take Home Thanksgiving Craft Kits. A total
 of 24 were created and distributed.
- The Library returned to Curbside Services with Browsing by Appointment. Patrons are able to email documents to be printed to the Library's general email as well as receive Fax and Copy Services curbside.
- The Library has stopped issuing Non-resident cards until January 2021.
- Library patrons continually thank the staff for providing as many services as they are able. Many feared a total closure and are happy to receive books and other items in any way they can.

Circulation Stats

1,078 books, audio books, magazines, and movies were circulated in our community. We loaned 342 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan, and borrowed 216 items from other Michigan libraries. 124 new items were added to the collection, which includes 26 magazines. There were 3 new library cards issued for the month of November. As of December 3, 2020 we have 4,289 users in our system.

Foot Traffic

We had 393 visits by patrons in November. The weekday average was 21. The library will continue to be closed on Saturdays through the remainder of the year.

Great Lakes Digital Library - 103 different patrons used this service. This is a 66% increase over the month of October. Patrons checked out 120 eBooks and 113 audio books for a total of 233 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – Wi-Fi service continued to be offered 24/7 in the library parking lot. Our Wi-Fi was used 566 times with 170 of those connections being unique. Our website was visited 522 times in the month of November. No public computers were able to be used in the month of November. Our Facebook page has 784 followers.

Programs:

- All programming inside the library is suspended due to social distancing guidelines.
- Take Home Christmas Craft Kits will be offered beginning the week before Christmas. An announcement will be made on our Facebook page.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Donna Adams Community Room. If the meeting must be held via Zoom that information will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on our entrance doors.

Respectfully submitted,

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