Duchesne County Library System

Consent Agenda: July 2021

Summer Reading Programs Ending Soon

Duchesne Branch's Summer Reading Program ends July 22 and Roosevelt's Summer Reading Program ends July 31.

Visit from Utah State Library Liaison Heidi Fendrick

Heidi enjoyed her visit and toured both branches and the new library construction site. Besides better understanding our libraries, most of her discussion was focused on what Daniel felt Utah State Library was doing well and ways that they could improve in supporting our area.

Duchesne Branch Community Room Reopens July 1

Duchesne Branch's Community Room has been cleared out, carpets cleaned, and reopened for public reservation under the new Community Room policy. Library furniture has been returned to their locations. The library's public performance movie license has also been renewed. USU Extension will have a movie event on July 21 and the library will reinitiate its monthly movie nights on August 5.

Physical Collection Grant - $12,000

As part of the America Rescue Plan Act, the Utah State Library has released physical collection purchasing grants to the various public libraries. Duchesne County Library received $12,000 to purchase physical books, audiobooks, and videos. This was done in consultation with the library directors about how to best leverage the money within the given federal parameters. This money will help our libraries close the deficit gap that was suffered in 2020 from the large drop in library revenues.

History Center Grant - $4,000 – Transition of Cemetery Records

Daniel competed for a Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board grant to transition the cemetery maps, plot details, and scanned artifacts to a new cloud platform. The Duchesne County History Center was awarded $4,000 to assist in the transition cost.

In the past, Gateway Mapping has hosted Spatial Generations, the platform the History Center has used to upload all the cemetery data over the past decade. In late March, Daniel was notified that significant changes were occurring to the platform, particularly that the program would no longer be desktop-based, but cloud-based. This is a welcome improvement, but Gateway Mapping quoted an $8,000 transition fee, plus an ongoing $2,200 annual subscription cost to host all the data on a geographic information system platform. Though the transition wasn't required, Gateway Mapping would still

cease to continue servicing the old program. Their partner, Names in Stone, was also sold to a different company. Names in Stone was the public interface site for the cemetery data. Spatial Generations new platform will provide cloud-based service which would allow volunteers to enter data anywhere with an internet connection, provide a patron interface inside Spatial Generations rather than a secondary site, and receive ongoing updates and support.

Daniel deemed it was necessary to transition the work and searched for the grant. The window for the grant was to close in just a few weeks. Thankfully, with the help of USHRAB staff, Daniel was able to submit a grant application in the narrow window of time. During that time, Sunrise Engineering also contacted Daniel as they were aware of Names in Stone being sold away. They have also recently developed a cloud-based platform which offers the same features as Spatial Generations. They did have already accomplished a successful effort with the Fillmore, Utah cemetery. Sunrise asked if they could be considered and Daniel received permission from USHRAB to select the most cost-effective option of the two. Sunrise's quote was also $8,000 for the transition; however, ongoing annual subscription fees were only $950. They also have staff in Vernal to help if needed with problems. Daniel discussed the options with the History Center volunteers. As both programs were offering the same needed core features, the decision was made to transition the data of the 15 cemeteries to Sunrise Engineering. The transition will occur in the late summer and early fall.

OverDrive Grant - $1850

Another Utah State Library grant funded through the America Rescue Plan Act was a smaller grant to help with OverDrive collections. The grant provided $1,850 to Duchesne County Library with very particular purchasing restrictions. For the most part the funding can only be used on items that the library owns a long-term license for. This restriction will not be a problem as patron requests for such material far outstrip the grant amount. It will still be helpful nonetheless.

ILL Borrower Grant Continues - $500

In early 2021 Duchesne County Library received a $300 grant to help cover the postage to return interlibrary loans to the Utah State Library that Duchesne County Library had borrowed. The grant only lasted until June. USL has offered a second round and awarded $500 more to cover the remainder of 2021.

Monthly Board Game Night @ Crossroads

In the past some Roosevelt residents have gathered and hosted a monthly board game night, usually for about two dozen adults. The facilitators of this event have moved on, but the participants wish to continue and approached the Roosevelt Recreation Subcommittee about it. Once the new Roosevelt Library is completed in fall 2022, the new community room will provide an ideal location for this community event. In the meantime, they are looking for a space to restart the event. The library has agreed to sponsor the event and has made arrangements with the Crossroads Senior Center to reserve their Conference Room on 3rd Fridays from 6 PM – 12 AM beginning in August until the new library can accommodate the event. This will be a new library event for the Roosevelt area. The new library may also be able to acquire board games into the library's collection to be circulated while supporting the program. Daniel will be in charge of this event for the outset.