

## 2020 October director's report

1. Director increased the checkout limit to ten items last week. Staff have been able to keep up with the five item limit and we have had several of our "big readers" request the increase.
2. Staff has been discussing re-opening on Saturdays. Saturday had been our second busiest day and director thinks we are missing people by being closed. For best staff allocation director recommends being open 1-5pm.
3. Staff has also been thinking of ways to get school aged children reengaged while minimizing risk. Covid restrictions have hit the children's department hard. Circulation and programming are both well below normal. In addition to family time (see agenda item 2 New Business) children's staff and social media librarian have been reworking circle and story time to be a better fit for virtual programming.
4. Library has been in discussion with Valley Voices and the Bridges Arts Council to host virtual rehearsal software on the social media computer so Valley Voices and other community performing arts groups can continue to rehearse. The director's edition of the software is resource intensive and the social media computer has the horsepower to run the program, particularly when combined with our fast internet connection. Covid makes in-person music rehearsal very difficult when considering the constraints of masking and social distancing. Studies by the National Association of Teachers of Singing has shown a much higher incidence of virus spread in choirs. We have identified a software program called Creator by Realtime Music Solutions which may allow the choir to hold virtual rehearsals. Yearly cost is \$100. It's a proven product, having been used on Broadway for several years. RMS readapted their current software for this specific purpose. This is a good community partnership opportunity, particularly if the Arts Council ponies up the cash for the license fee.
5. Joe Sykora volunteered to clean up the accumulated junk around the barn.