FY19 Board Annual Reports: Technology Committee

The Technology Committee met several times this past year to assist in progressing technology-related initiatives. Our long-time technology consultant and committee member, Jim Knutson, relocated out of state but has been able to continue to support the library remotely, for which we are grateful. Staff members with particular technology strengths have been identified to assist in several areas.

As part of the transition to remote support, and with director retirement, lists of technology-related tasks and responsibilities were compiled. A new rack and new staff and patron routers were installed. Obsolete hardware was disposed of. To extend the lifecycle of the staff server, a new server power supply was installed. A new staff server was purchased and will be installed in June 2019. A new director laptop and a handheld scanner for inventory once weeding is complete were also purchased. Windows 10 operating system and Office 2019 were purchased and will be installed in FY20.

Improvements for patrons include implementing auto-renewal of many materials, migration for electronic books from My Media Mall to eRead, improving the Wi-Fi in the meeting room, and purchasing new Kindle Fires. The Fires have been delayed getting into circulation due to configuration issues but should be ready soon.

The committee intends to make progress on a long-range technology plan with the new director in place. In general the number of adult computers will decrease as patrons bring their own devices, and fresh, creative ideas for technology within the library space will be considered.

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