



FY21 Board Annual Reports: Technology Committee

During the past year the Technology Committee met once but mostly supported the library remotely, due to the pandemic. Jim Knutson continues his successful remote consulting with occasional trips to Highwood for hardware installation. This year we added new trustee Jason Muelver to the committee and said farewell to longtime member Mark Frye.

The following hardware and software was updated in FY21:

- More than tripled library Internet speed to 350 Mbps download and enhanced in-building WiFi with help of Digital Network Access grant. Increased Wi-Fi power extending to the building exterior, made 24 hours for patrons needing this during pandemic building closure.
- Added 55" TV for circulation desk announcements display
- Purchased new computer hardware including 8 YA computers, 3 adult computers, monitors, and furniture; 3 laptop computers for staff to facilitate virtual programming during the pandemic; software for patrons to print from home; director desktop; staff multipurpose printer; switches; and necessary peripherals. Patron computer refreshes also support the additional adult computer classes now being offered by staff and increasingly well attended.
- Acquired Grainger grant funded STEAM supportive whiteboard on wheels for YA space.
- Added 2 additional security cameras to system.

A new library website was launched with a more modern look and better viewing on mobile devices. A marketing resource originally supported the website, with staff later taking on the responsibility of this as well as a greater social media presence for the library.

A brand new technology strategic plan is the committee's priority for the first half of FY22. This will assist with directions for future targeted grants and fundraising, integrate plans for the IL construction grant, and feed into the overall library strategic plan to be updated in the near future. There are also plans for a website upgrade allowing event registration, ADA compliance, and blog support.

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