

## Directors Call Notes 7-15-2021

- We're turning on the report that notifies patrons with e-mail addresses if their privilege will expire within the next two weeks. Report will run on Sundays (starting 7/18). This may increase the number of patrons that call regarding expiring privilege
- Construction Aid
  - We should hear official notice soon for projects submitted in 2020. (you may hear from state legislators first)
  - Preliminary awards have been distributed for 2021 and the portal is open
- Strategic Planning workshops for debriefing after community conversations will be scheduled for the end of July and the end of August (and will continue as needed)
- We'll try for a round of in-person county meetings in early September
- The Great Give Back is scheduled for October 16. Sarah Reid will host an online meeting August 11 to share ideas and give an overview of the program
  - Info Sheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q2BsswNPI3C6ZR3qPI0oaAxyC3FsHkGD/view>
  - More Resources: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zwLOfd0TPgc5YZgY02w656Slaigr1F1e>
  - Sign Up Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScblzMbpYssSo9-1F6jYUeXxUhhLRJ\\_Q\\_lIbBbrCQ0-UG5TnA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScblzMbpYssSo9-1F6jYUeXxUhhLRJ_Q_lIbBbrCQ0-UG5TnA/viewform)
- Reports from the field:
  - New residents coming in and using the library
  - Many more kids and families using libraries
  - Summer programming picking up in a great way
  - Vestal sponsored an Art Festival with a juried art show and art vendors – very successful
  - Whitney Point had 66 people (total) for the Dirtmeister
  - Hartwick has the summer rec program coming
- Some interest in a kind of system-wide community read program to help bring people back together and/or welcome new residents
- Barcoding continues – all but one library currently barcoding - we plan some sort of celebration event when all complete – perhaps something to encourage patrons to visit all 42 libraries
- Fine Free discussions – More libraries continue to go fine free (some just for juvenile, some for all) – report much less conflict with patrons, and no great loss in materials.
  - Libraries can register their fine status here: <https://www.urbanlibraries.org/resources/fine-free-map>
  - Current List of J Fine Free /Fine Free Libraries (send updates to Steve):

Currently the J-Fine Free members

AF	BCPL	CO	ED
FCLS	FE	FR	GI
HR	JC	MO	NI
NO	ON	RS	SH
SM	SNB	SP	VE
WA	WP	WO	

Current Total Fine Free

CO	ED	FE	FR
GI	HR	MO	SH
SM	SP	WA	WP
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Next meeting, August 26 at 3 PM – via GoToMeeting.