

KRLL Script for 1/5/2018

Hi! This is Connie Gerling from the Moniteau County Library

2017 has been full of lows and highs for the Moniteau County Library. Here's the year in review!

January- The library's server was attacked with Ransomware-which shut down and corrupted our server and automation system.

February-Automation System and Server restored; 2 days later, on Feb. 21st, a Judge dissolved the Moniteau County Library District and the Library went into Receivership.

March-Library closed its doors on March 1st

April-the library remains to be closed. Library staff volunteered many hours to do inventory and update patron records. Elia Wood Foundation called meeting to organize opening and operating the library 20 hours per week. Fundraising Committee forms to keep the door of the library open.

May-Library reopens 20 hours per week on May 22nd

June Fundraising goal set to generate funds & pledges needed to operate the library 20 hrs. per week in 2017 & 40 hrs. per week in 2018.

Summer Reading Bingo cards were offered in lieu of a summer reading program, to give kids incentive to read during the summer. 135 kids participated.

July-the *Vote YES for Library Services* Campaign officially forms.

August-A Petition drive to place on a November 7th ballot to reestablish the Moniteau County Library District, and a .12 levy to provide for

library services was conducted. 400 signatures were required nearly, but nearly 700 signatures were provided to support this ballot measure.

September-Sept. 5th, the Vote YES for Library Services Campaign is officially underway.

October-Campaign is in full-swing. Donations continue to pour supporting the operation of the library.

November-November 7th residents overwhelmingly pass the reestablishment of a county-wide library district and a .12 levy by a 69% margin. The County Commissioners appointed a 5-member library Board of Trustees. The board met to organize, elect officers and adopt by-laws and approve applying for the 2018 Summer Reading Program Grant with the MO State Library. The library receives a donation of 18 refurbished computers from a couple in Moniteau County. Donations continue to be given to operate the library until tax revenue is available Dec. 2018.

December-Elia Wood Pagelow Foundation board donated the library building, contents, collections and equipment and the operating checking account to the new Moniteau County Library District. Library board adopts 2018 budget. MO State Library funded programs and services restored. Donations have been met to operate the library 40 hrs. per week in 2018.

Those of us involved in the operation of the library are grateful for all the support the library has experienced during this turbulent year. We are humbled and feel most fortunate.

Since the donation of new computers, we now have refurbished desktop computers for sale. They come with monitor, keyboard, and mouse with a Windows 10 OS. Stop by soon; priced at \$75, they won't last long.

This is Connie Gerling from the **Moniteau County Library**
Join me every Friday afternoon @ 3:45 and on Saturday mornings, right here on KRLL 1420 a.m. where you'll be informed about what's going on at your library.