

2021 January director's report

1. The library received a certificate from the ND State Library congratulating us for our achievement on the state standards.
2. Director hired John Kinslow as a part time sub. He started training the beginning of January.
3. Director put the laptop order out to four vendors to bid. We were able to work with HP to get the government pricing discount for the vendors. Our current IT support company, Corporate Technologies, returned the lowest bid of \$10,886.00. We will be getting 5 HP ZBook Power laptops, and 6 workstations which are setup with a Thunderbolt docking unit, two 22" monitors, and wireless keyboard and mouse. Retail cost for everything is over \$16,000.
Computer geek stuff: the laptops are 2.6GHz Intel I7 6 core 10th gen processors, 16GB 3200MHz DDR4, 1TB drive, Nvidia Quadro video card. They should go VROOM and give us a minimum five years of service.
4. The director spent a couple days cleaning up the library catalog. He deleted long overdue items from the active catalog. The process did keep any charges for the lost/missing items on the patron's account. This will hopefully reduce some patron frustrating of seeing an item in the catalog, putting it on hold, and it never coming back.