

A Few Words from the Library Director:

The Milton-Union Public Library is grateful for the support it's received from the Village of West Milton and Union Township. Citizens had a choice when the library levy was up for renewal in the fall of 2019; we fully recognize that we wouldn't be here without this amazing community. Taxpayer dollars are never spent frivolously. In anticipation of the economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency, spending was cut in order to sustain quality operations.

During the pandemic the Library has been trying to strike the right balance between providing as many services as possible and staying safe. The decision was made to move to curbside services when Miami County moved to Level 3 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. Patrons can enter the lobby to pick up and return items, find information about various programming, check email, and print, copy, and fax. Vehicle delivery in the parking lot, or home delivery, is available upon request. While we understand that it's difficult to find some items, library employees are happy to assist with anything and everything. The library website, Facebook page, and SEO Libraries App are all helpful for finding information and resources.

Each Ohio public library received funds to assist in operating safely during the COVID-19 public health emergency through the Public Library Assistance Program. Money was given to the State of Ohio as Federal Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Funds were then awarded under the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the CARES Act, as the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The Milton-Union Public Library spent these funds on various things, specifically to comply with the requirements of the gift and the needs of the Library. Air cleaners were installed in the existing HVAC system. Disinfecting and cleaning supplies, along with face masks, were purchased. Automatic flush valves for the existing toilets and urinal, along with automatic restroom faucets, were purchased. The disintegrating book drop was replaced with a touchless street drop, and large bins purchased for material quarantine allow for safer handling of

materials. Plexiglas shields were purchased for the circulation desk and library tables. Barcode scanners were purchased for scanning device, and a tablet with wireless headset was purchased for recording virtual programming. More people are homeschooling their children so the Scholastic Teachables database was purchased to give parents another useful resource. The library hopes that choosing to spend the money on these items will ensure a safer and more comfortable environment for patrons to utilize library services.

The Library is here for you as we all navigate this new reality. Please call, chat, email, etc, and let us know how we can assist you. Thank you, again, for your support.