**Library Volunteer Manager Peers - Notes**

**7/22/20 1:30 EST**

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Next meeting

Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30 EST

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89935439356?pwd=MjZqMktjYWZYR0lRd21NWnVGUmd5dz09>

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**Topics Discussed**

* Are your libraries doing anything to support teachers/parents/kids who will be online learning this fall? And are your volunteers assisting with those projects/tasks?
* New REALM study showing longer quarantine periods for library materials
* New Volunteer positions that have come about due to pandemic
* Book Sales/Online Sales and volunteers

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* STEM activity kits to pick up at Park and Pick up that do not need to be returned
* Program activity kits to pick up at Park and Pick up that you will use when you sign in and attend a scheduled virtual program
* Other libraries in survey stage with school districts and making plans
* Volunteers stuffing SRP packets from home or coming in after hours for tasks
* Volunteers recording stories from home and IT dept uploads on to phone line in English and Spanish so that patrons can call in and get a new story each week – Kim Anderson: Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin IL (modeled after Denver Public Library’s Lit Lines)
  + Questions about public domain – one library avoids public domain issue by not having the story time sharable on social media. It’s removed directly after it finishes.
* Personal shoppers gathering books for patrons
* Surprise bundles on a subject- includes DVD, book, audiobook…

**New REALM study showing longer quarantine periods for library materials.**

* Most had seen the study (where the virus was still detected on board books and magazines) and made changes to quarantine periods. Others still using 72 hours as their quarantine guide.

**New volunteer positions that have come about due to pandemic**

* Jody Lazar, Winter Park Library, FL has started selling rare or collectible books online on [www.ecrater.com](http://www.ecrater.com)

Conversation veered into online sales and our book stores/friends groups.

**Book Sales/Online Sales volunteers**

Friends groups big book sales and amounts of revenues lost this year.

What are ways we can sell our bookstore books via book box/bag of books sales in an online sales way where buyers can pick up their items they buy online?

Some libraries use Paypal for their everyday sales so possibly using Paypal for their online sales.

If you want to sell books on Amazon or ebay using volunteer help, visit the clearinghouse for Mesa Library’s video and training materials.

**Resources**

[**www.ecrater.com**](http://www.ecrater.com)

[**https://getinvolvedclearinghouse.org/training-materials/online-book-sale-operation-mesa-az**](https://getinvolvedclearinghouse.org/training-materials/online-book-sale-operation-mesa-az)

**Next week idea**

What are ways we can sell our lower priced books if our book store is closed and volunteers are not working?