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Wapiti Regional Library

Virtual Book Club Flourishes at Library



Practicing health and safety guidelines hasn't been an issue for the St. Louis Public Library Book Club these past few months. Originally meeting in person at the library, the club, due to COVID-19, successfully transitioned from a monthly face-to-face to virtual, online meetings.

When library services were put on hold, book club members began looking for an alternate way to meet. Phone teleconferencing was a possibility, but did not provide the social contact that the members enjoyed. In the end, the solution was to use a free virtual meeting app that can be accessed by a variety of devices such as smartphones, tablets, and desktop computers. Using video, the app allows participants to see each other in 'real' live time.

Although the St. Louis Public Library has reopened (by appointment only), health and safety precautions still prevent in-person gatherings on the premises. So the book club decided that they would continue using their virtual platform until libraries become fully operational again. While online meetings have temporarily solved issues arising from the pandemic, club members look forward to when meetings can once again be face-to-face in the familiar, enriching environment of their community library.

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