

Library Board Meeting
November 22, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Library Meeting Room

Present: Nelson Appell, Doug Holdmeyer, Susan Wehmueller, Diane Lick, Leanne Gisburne, Greg Skornia, Lynn Hart and Carolyn Witt. Laura, The Missourian

Diane called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Greg moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Lynn and the motion passed. Doug then moved the minutes of the October meeting be approved, with corrections. Leanne seconded the motion, which passed.

Friends of the Library report: No report.

Library Director's Report:

Statistics & Collections:

New board games have been added to the collection. (funded through Friends, 2 week checkout)

Meeting room usage/interest is trending up.

State Statistics report is due in November.

HR: There is a potential retirement at the end of December. Nelson will be out of the office on vacation for 8 days at the end of December.

Programs:

November Programs:

Legos Club and Wagging Tales have returned. Thank you to Ruth and the WT volunteers.

Amelia Earhart program was well-attended and fascinating. Thank you to Dr. Steckel.

Dial-a-Story: now featuring Dad Jokes.

Upcoming January/December Programs:

Storytimes will expand to Thursdays in 2022. To keep consistency in Storytimes, we will off Thursday and Friday times year-round.

Winter Reading Challenge 2021-22 begins December 1st.

Community Read of Frankenstein is scheduled March 12-April 30. The programming committee is working through the logistics of scheduling programs, including Storytimes, lectures, crafts and an escape room.

The library is using the Kay Hazel money to bring in Minnesota author William Kent Krueger in early May, after the Community Read wrap up event. We would like to make this a special Friday event. A possible additional author: Wiley Cash.

This Summer Reading Kickoff event will be bigger than ever this year – another special Friday kickoff event. A puppet show and other performers will be scheduled for this annual program.

COVID-19: No changes in Mask requirements for the Library. It is possible the City will recommend masking for public-facing employees. The staff continues to see an increase in public masking.

Masks optional; we offer cloth, re-usable masks if needed.

The Library continues to offer special accommodations such as curbside Pickup/Printing assistance.

No limits on numbers in building.

Meeting rooms are open.

Small donations accepted.

Trainings:

Staff ½ day training, December 17th.

MPLD (Missouri Public Library Directors) in person training December 2-3, 2021. New Director Final Training: Dec. 1. (Columbia, MO)

January 21 – Intellectual Freedom at SRL.

Effective Library Boards webinar series will provide library directors and trustees of all types, budgets and sizes information on board basics including roles and responsibilities, effective board meetings, library policies and the importance of telling your library's story. A webinar, led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa, will provide this.

Tuesday, November 9 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00

Technology:

Laptops and Hotspots are now available for long term checkouts of 6 months. SRL received \$250,000 grant for these resources to share in their three counties. They added 300 chrome books and 100 hotspots. These are available to WPL. Nelson is working on keeping funding for hotspots for next year.

Facilities: (HVAC)

Condenser replaced on Unit 3. Potential leak revealed a probable error in pressure. Another Unit 3 problem, not sure of outcome.

Grants:

Approved: State Mini-Tech Grant request through the State Library, to replace AWE early literacy machines and add 5 projectors for checkout. Spending period starts Dec. 1st.
(Computers in Children's area.)

Just approved: re-budgeted the 2021 ALA \$3,000 grant after determining greatest need was for conference room laptop and Zoom set-up.

Submitted: Strengthening MO grant for hotspots funding and an additional laptop for dial-a-story and Director's use.

Submitted: 2 grants to fund attendance at 2022 PLA National Conference in Portland, OR.

Sue moved that the Library Director's report be approved. Leanne seconded the motion, which carried.

Old Business:

HVAC : (see above)

Policy Manual Review: Diane and Carolyn will be contacted to review manual with staff.

New Business: No meeting in December.

There being no further business, Lynn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sue seconded the motion, which passed.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2022 at the library.