

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**February 26, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Leanne Gisburne, Doug Holdmeyer, Jamie Holtmeier, Katie Schonaerts, Barbara Volmert, Sue Wehmuller, Carolyn Witt, and Gretchen Pettet. Councilmembers present were Chad Briggs and Joe Holtmeier. Also in attendance were Steve Campbell - Director of Scenic Regional Library, Joel Doepker - Vice President for External Relations at East Central College, Antjea Wolff of the Missourian, and citizen Roger Langendoerfer and another member of the public.

Sue moved that the adjusted agenda be approved. Motion seconded by Gretchen and the motion carried. Leanne moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION:** Joel Doepker, Vice President for external relations gave a presentation on Proposition ECC asking for support for the Tax Levy Transfer that will be on the April 2nd Ballot.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roger Langendoerfer made a statement. Mr. Langendoerfer wanted to comment on the safety at the library based on an article from the Missourian about an overnight guest and collapsed individual in front of the library.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT:** The Friends are sponsoring the Public Library Assistant trip for the Assistant Director on April 3-5 in Columbus, Ohio. The Friends are also sponsoring the Summer Reading Kickoff and a Dinosaur program on the parking lot in late July.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Statistics and Collections:** January 2024 statistics are provided. Circulations are trending higher than January 2023. Passports keep increasing with 64 in January. Proceeds support the library.

**Legislative Update:** HB2498 – requires libraries to have publicly elected boards. This has been voted out of committee by a 7-5 vote.

**Patron Behavior:** Four people have been asked not to return to the library for various periods of time due to non-compliance with library policies.

**Facilities:** The ceiling tiles with past rain damage are being replaced upstairs. Also, improvements are being planned for the Children's area.

**Technology/Communications:** The library will be switching to a new mobile phone printing solution.

**Programs:**

- The 100th Anniversary on February 29<sup>th</sup> entitled the Jumpin' Jubilee will include a dance party, a presentation by the mayor, and singing Happy Birthday.
- The Community Read kickoff is March 1 @ ECC Auditorium.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> is also the kickoff for the public announcement of the 2024 Missouri Book Festival, which takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of September in Washington. Scenic Regional Library is sponsoring this event along with Reedy Press. Nelson recognized Steve Campbell and Megan

Mauer, from Scenic Regional Library, for their commitment to maintaining continued good relations between both libraries.

**Program re-cap:**

- Winter Reading Challenge concludes at the end of February.
- Big Blue Bash for kids – Jan 31
- Great Decisions Feb 7. Runs 8 weeks.
- 10 Decades / 10 books reading challenge started Feb 1.
- Wanderlust Chocolates: Chocolate Making, Tues Feb 6 @ 6 pm
- Dan O’Neill, “Crazy but True St. Louis History,” Thurs Feb 15
- Kerry Branson & Malcolm Tanner, “Descendants of Evil”; Thurs Feb 15
- Craft Swap, Tuesday Feb 20, 6-8pm.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Family Reading Night will be Friday, March 1
- “Give ‘em Hell, Harry, “This Community Reads, ECC Auditorium, March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Trivia Night, March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Book Discussion, Community Reads, March 11
- Historic MO Roadsides, March 16
- Travel map Crafts, March 19
- Road Trip: Kids Club, March 20
- Great Turkey Walk Escape Room, March 23
- Ozark Bourbon Distilling, March 26
- Meet Matthew Algeo, @ Union Branch, SRL April 3

Gretchen moved that the director’s report be accepted, seconded by Jaimie. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nelson introduced Steve Campbell, the director of Scenic Regional Library, to discuss the Reciprocal Agreement between the libraries. Steve gave a brief history concerning the Law of 1965 that froze the boundaries of Missouri libraries. Last year 74,330 items were checked out by Scenic Regional patrons at the Washington Library. Currently, Scenic Regional provides cash payment of 70 cents per item when a patron living within bounds of Scenic Regional Library checks out a book from the Washington Library District. Next, Steve outlined a proposal for a new Cooperative Service Agreement between the Washington Municipal Library District and the Scenic Regional Library District. Highlights include local courier service, access to digital resources, books by mail (homebound can have books mailed), inter-library loans, access to Hoopla, and an increase to \$1.00 per item.

Carolyn thanked Steve for attending the meeting and providing details. The board will review the agreement and discuss the next steps at the March meeting.

Lastly, Carolyn asked for volunteers for the Strategic Planning meeting. Doug and Jaimie agreed to meet at a time to be coordinated later.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** March 25, 2024