

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**July 22, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Carolyn Witt, Leanne Gisburne, Doug Holdmeyer, Jamie Holtmeier, Barbara Volmert, and new members Molly Maniaci and Joette Reidy. Councilmember Chad Briggs was present as well as Antjea Wolff of the Missourian.

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

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT:** The friends sponsored the food at the Library's *A Night in the Stacks* celebration this past week. The Friends have also agreed to help purchase an initial collection of Playaway Launchpad tablets for children focusing on beginning reading. Throughout the month of August, the friends are accepting larger donations for the book sale on the third weekend in September.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Statistics and Collections:** June statistics are attached. Nelson noted that circulation is consistent with last year at this time and that passports continue to be impressive with 67 in June. The door count for June 2024 was significantly increased from June 2023.

**Patron Behavior:** No major incidents have occurred this past month. The library continues to be a cooling center during extreme heat; however, this past month usage was minimal.

**Facilities:** A new painting for Elsie Sedlock was installed before the Library's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Nelson thanked the city's building and ground crew for painting the section for the new Bryan Haynes artwork.

**Staffing:** The permanent shelver is leaving and will be heading to college in August. The city is working through the employee compensation study with the follow-up compensation plan. At the time of the meeting, a final form was in progress and will be shared later.

**Programs:**

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *A Night in the Stacks* on July 19 was a meaningful and emotional celebration according to Nelson. Carolyn and Nell, past library directors, spoke at the event. The final celebration event will be held in November. This family-friendly event will be a yuletide party at the City Auditorium where costumes are encouraged.

The Missouri Book Festival is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of September. Author Ridley Pearson will give the keynote address Friday evening, September 13 at a location to be determined. The main festival is on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events include a return of the popular wrestling program as well as Wonders of Wildlife and historical figure impersonators including Mark Twain and Laura Ingalls Wilder. The sponsors include Scenic Regional Library, Washington Public Library, Friends of the Washington Public Library, Neighborhood Reads, Reedy Press, Missouri Department of Tourism, and the Missouri Humanities Council.

### **Programs Recap**

- Monster of the Week for Teens - June 25
- Library Paint Night - June 25
- Pediatric Series: Stability Master - June 26
- Knitting Basics Class – June 18
- Reptile Experience @ the Riverfront – July 10  
Noteworthy for the huge attendance of 500+ people.
- Teen Pizza and Paint Party – July 12
- A Night in the Stacks – July 19  
Nelson especially thanked Kim and Ruth for their organization of the successful event.
- “Bad Art” Club – July 24

### **Programs Upcoming**

- Show Me Dinosaurs, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to noon.  
Nelson is expecting 500+ people in the library lot for this event.
- Monster of the Week, July 23
- Candidate Forum, Tuesday July 23 at 6:00 p.m.
- Hope for Covid Long Haulers, Tues July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Reading Program officially ends on July 28
- Washington Town and Country Parade, Sunday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>. The library will be closed for the parade as the library will be the honor group in the parade this year. All board members were invited to participate in the parade.
- Great Decisions, August 7 and continuing for 8 weeks.  
Nelson explained that this is a repeat of the winter 2024 Great Decisions.
- Dolly Day, August 30<sup>th</sup> with a Dolly impersonator.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business

**NEW BUSINESS:** Officers for the 2024-2025 year are as follows:

Carolyn Witt – President

Leanne Gisburne – Vice President/Treasurer

Barbara Volmert – Secretary

Joette motioned to accept the nominations. Jaime seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** August 26, 2024