

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge. Members present included: Carolyn Witt, Jamie Holtmeier, Joette Reidy, Barbara Volmert, and Sue WehmueLLer (by conference call). Also in attendance was Addison Wiskur, a summer practicum student with the library.

Joette moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Jamie and the motion carried. Sue moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Christa Alferman, Vice-President of the Friends of the Library, sent the minutes of their last meeting to the board. Of note was the 82% return rate for Friends of the Library renewals this past year. The Annual book sale will be held between September 19th and 21st at the library. Volunteers will be needed and if interested can email friendsofthewplwashmo@gmail.com. Books can be dropped off at any time, however large donations are restricted to the month before the book sale due to storage constraints.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Statistics and Collections: Nelson presented the April and May statistics. Passport processing remains high with 84 in April and 54 in May. Passport photos had 62 in April and 34 in May.

The library is experiencing the normal increases in circulation, programs, and general usage of the space during the summer.

Patron Behavior: There was nothing to report this month.

Facilities: The HVAC struggles to control the humidity even on days that are not that humid. This is an ongoing issue that is being addressed. Meetings are happening between HVAC companies, and recommendations should arrive soon.

Legislature: Nelson reported that no library bills moved forward in the legislature for this year.

PROGRAMS:

Summer Reading Program: Colors

Nelson thanked the staff for planning a great Summer Reading Program.

Past Programs:

- May 1-4 Lightsaber Make & Take
- Puzzle Race 3, May 6, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Loving Your Leafy Greens, May 7, 6-7pm
- St. Albans, Its History Folklore, Golf and Characters – May 8, 6:30pm
- How to Speak Cat, May 23, 4:00 pm
- Lafayette: The Guest of the Nation: May 29, 6:30 pm
- Summer Reading Kickoff Party, May 30, starts @ 6:00pm

Future Programs

- Adult Paint Party 1, Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 pm
- Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic Show, Wednesday, July 25, 1pm
- Art Workshop for ages 9-14, Wednesday, July 25, 3pm – This program is being extended for 2 more Wednesdays in July.
- Eating Healthy with Diabetes, July 1, 6pm
- Kids Cooking, Ages 7-9, Thursday, July 10, 4:00 pm
- Summer Dance Party 2, Friday, July 11, 1:30 pm
- Nitro Joe's Science Show, Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am, noon, 2:00 pm
- Adult Paint Party 2, Wednesday July 16, 6 pm
- "Pop Art" for Teens, Friday, July 18, 3:00 pm
- Color Walk/Mess Fest, Friday, July 25, 6:00 pm
Currently 500 "interested people" on Facebook. Nelson will participate in "paint the librarian" and the Fire Department will wash down the sidewalk, and the Library Director, at the conclusion of the night.
- Summer 2026 – the Show Me Dinosaurs will return for the Summer Reading Kickoff.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: NOC, the city's tech service company, submitted a quote for the Library's Windows 10 End-of-Life Migration. The bid includes Dell Support Next Day service for 5 years, display ports, and labor to transition from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Sue made a motion to accept the bid of \$23,880.32 and allocate the money from the Development Fund. Joette seconded the motion. The motion carried.

As nine years is the limit for serving on the Library Board, Nelson recognized Barbara Volmert at the end of her 3rd 3-year term on the Board. The mayor is currently reviewing candidates to fill the spot left vacant by Volmert.

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

NEXT MEETING: July 28, 2025