

**Bonner Springs City Library
Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022
Meeting Online via Zoom**

Members Present: Vicky Wheeler, Claudia Patrick, Elisabeth Kasckow, Hortencia Dominguez, John Mackey, Madison Clark, Jeff Harrington

Others Present: Judy Anderson (Wyandotte County Library Board), Jack Granath (Library Director), Kathleen Schram (Board Clerk)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Public concerns/Additions to the Agenda: None

Consent Agenda (1) Regular Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2022 (2) Presentation of Invoices and Supplemental Checks from February 11, 2022 through March 10, 2022 (3) Treasurer's Report for March 10, 2022. Vicky asked if anyone wished to remove an item for separate consideration. No items were removed. Motion made by Claudia Patrick and seconded by Hortencia Dominguez to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed

Librarian's Report

Upcoming: Jack reported on upcoming children's and adult programming.

Staff: Jane Rink, Early Childhood Literacy Coordinator, announced her retirement with a tentative date at the end of April. She and her husband are moving to St. Joseph, and she looks forward to having more time to visit her family in South Africa. Deja-Rae Walker, our new Farmers' Market Coordinator, started on the last day of the month and is meeting with vendors and volunteers and already rounding up some new ones. Library-science student Amy Cushing is doing her practicum at the library, working Monday and Friday mornings.

February Programs: The launch of this year's Tax Help program has been keeping staff busy with scheduling and answering questions. Other programs for adults included a Currents discussion of Great Books, the Wordslingers writing group (discussing openers), a Sunflower State Small Library Program with the Hutchinson Public Library, a book discussion of *The Lincoln Conspiracy*, a Soothing Adult Coloring Program, a Socrates Cafe discussion of happiness, weekly Chair Yoga, weekly Tai Chi, and one session of outreach Tai Chi at the Senior Center. February programs for youth included weekly morning storytimes—Black History Month (pre-recorded) and others on Facebook Live—two pajama storytimes, two pre-recorded Lego challenges, weekly Chess Club, and Read-to-a-Dog. Jane and Lesley did Zoom outreach with McDaniel and the Piper Early Childhood Center, and Jane returned to Head Start in-person for the first time in quite a while.

Grants: We received our annual Hoopla grant from NEKLS, \$4,114.

Professional Development:

- Lesley participated in another Summer Reading Program workshop, this one focused on teens.
- Katy took a webinar on ILL services in Kansas.
- Anna took webinars on "Copyright for Libraries" and "Building a Better World at Work and in Life with Kindness and Gratitude."

- Jack took an OCLC webinar called, "Assessing the Library's Role in E-resource Access Workflows Today and in the Future."

February Statistics: Statistics from February 2022 were given with a comparison to February 2021. Comparisons will not be accurate due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Wyandotte County Library Board: Judy reported the WCLB met on March 8. During the meeting, new members were introduced including Susan Martin from Lake of the Forest. Jeff Conway, Unified Government attorney, reported due to Senate Bill 13 the budgeting process timeline will change. The budget will now be approved in June instead of May.

Friends of the Library: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15. The Friends along with library staff held a book sale in February. The total amount raised for the Friends of the Library was \$331.77.

New Business

Approval of Hire (Farmers' Market Coordinator): Jack requested approval of the hire of Deja-Rae Walker as Farmers' Market Coordinator. Motion made by John Mackey and seconded by Claudia Patrick to approve hiring Deja-Rae Walker as the new Farmers' Market Coordinator. Motion passed

Collection Development Policy—Review (HB 2662): HB 2662, currently in committee at the Kansas legislature, requires schools to create parental transparency portals on school district websites with lists of learning materials, warning labels (parental review recommended) on vaguely defined objectionable materials, and the opportunity for parents to review such materials. This would have an enormous impact on school libraries. The Kansas Library Association and NEKLS have both issued intellectual freedom statements in response. Public libraries would be affected in that outreach to schools and other collaborations with them would be subject to the new rules. Public libraries are also anticipating an increase in challenges to their own materials in this climate. NEKLS recommends that boards review their Collection Development Policy, especially the policy governing requests for reconsideration of library materials (page 8). Jack also recommends reviewing the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read Statement. Staff have reviewed the policy and do not recommend any changes. After review and discussion, motion made by Claudia Patrick and seconded by John Mackey to accept the Collection Development Policy with no changes. Motion passed

AtoZ Databases: AtoZ Databases are currently offered at a steeply discounted rate through pandemic stimulus funds, and the pricing, available through June 15, would be locked in for the future. The cost is \$150 for one and \$100 for each additional database. There are eight databases in all (the USA, World Culture, World Travel, Food America, World Food, Global Road Warrior, Maps Online, and Lingo Lite). Jack explained he had envisioned subscribing to one (the USA), but staff were not unanimous in their favorites. After discussion, it was decided to discuss the matter further at the April meeting.

Old Business

Wyandotte County Library Board Budget Request: Jack reported the Wyandotte County Library Board is not scheduled to meet again until May, but they may schedule an additional meeting in April. Therefore, Jack recommends the Board should approve a budget request by the April meeting. Jack and Judy both recommend submitting a budget request for no increase, since it sounds like the UG may vote not to exceed the revenue-neutral rate. Jack will have a final request for Board approval at the April meeting.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kathleen Schram