



Library Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, September 17th
Community Room, IRQ Library/ ZOOM
12:00 pm

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Pearson

Murphy
Tempestini
Knuth

Boam
Conway
DeHaven

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes – August 20th, 2020**
3. **Library Reports**
 - a. Report of Director
 - b. Review of Financial Report (uploaded to ShareFile)
 - c. Statistical and Other Reports
 - d. Report of District Consultant
4. **Board and Committee Reports**
 - a. Report of County Council Liaison
 - b. Report of Friends and ERLF
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Adopt proposed bylaws addition of item below to Article V, Section A
6. **New Business**
 - a. Adopt 2021 Meeting Calendar
 - b. President to appoint nominating committee
7. **Adjournment**
8. **Appendix**
 - a. News Articles

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3. Library Reports

a. Report of Director

- Introduction of Jessica Church, new District Consultant
- PaLA Advocacy Day
- Erie County Council declares racism a public health crisis. [Resolution #43, 2020](#), introduce Marcus Yuille (Outreach Services Manager) for briefing on committee
- 2021 Library Budget

b. Review of Financial Report (uploaded to ShareFile)

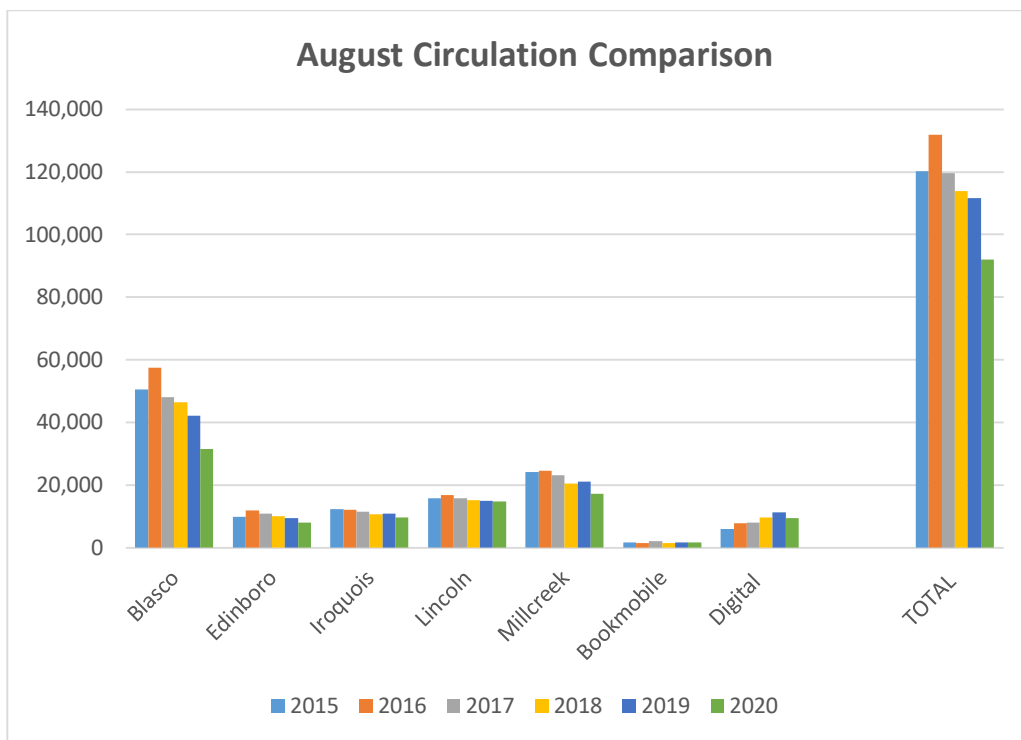
c. Statistical and Other Reports



August 2020 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **92,075** overall check outs, down **21%**
- **9,408** digital check outs, down **16%**
- **280** New Library Card Registrations
- **66,833** Wifi Logins
- Hold Limit Restriction Lifted



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Blasco	50,519	57,436	48,097	46,378	42,130	31,408
Edinboro	9,763	11,857	10,937	9,988	9,492	7,970
Iroquois	12,368	12,049	11,435	10,759	10,831	9,609
Lincoln	15,860	16,702	15,795	15,163	15,032	14,716
Millcreek	24,176	24,529	23,117	20,525	21,135	17,283
Bookmobile	1,606	1,538	2,099	1,452	1,664	1,681
Digital	5,896	7,831	8,038	9,574	11,265	9,408
TOTAL	120,188	131,942	119,518	113,839	111,549	92,075

d. Report of District Consultant

4. Board and Committee Reports

- a. Report of County Council Liaison
- b. Report of Friends and ERLF

5. Unfinished Business

a. Adopt proposed bylaws addition of item below to Article V, Section A

“The Board shall meet at the various library locations and/or virtually on a rotating schedule in conjunction with the meeting dates. If a facility is not available (i.e. construction/ fire/ severe weather) the board may meet at another location as determined by the board. The board shall attempt to meet at each library in a calendar year at least once but do so on a rotational basis.

- January- Millcreek Branch
- February- Edinboro Branch
- March- Blasco
- April- Iroquois Branch
- May- Lincoln Branch
- June- Blasco
- July- Edinboro Branch
- August- Millcreek Branch
- September- Iroquois Branch
- October- Blasco
- November- Lincoln Branch
- December- Iroquois Branch”

6. New Business

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Reminder: President, Vice-President, and Executive Director to conduct annual review of bylaws and present proposed changes at the October meeting for vote in January.

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

- a. News Articles

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 14, 2020

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Erie County Public Library launches virtual community conversations

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library invites stakeholders to attend a virtual community conversation on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. to engage with Erie County Public Library leaders to evaluate, discuss and explore creative ways to improve the quality of life for the community.

This conversation titled “More than Books!” seeks to solicit public input for the library’s forthcoming strategic plan, following an abrupt halt to in-person community feedback during the library’s pandemic-related closure. The first of these virtual conversations, “To Be or Not To Be a Patron,” took place Thursday, Sept. 10.

“Community conversations are an authentic way to engage members of the community,” said Marcus Yuille, outreach services manager for Erie County Public Library. “These discussions are meant to generate public discourse that can inform decision making for the library’s strategic planning. Ultimately, these discussions will help create long-term, far-reaching goals that will impact the communities we serve.”

Through gaining this organic feedback, Erie County Public Library hopes to accomplish the following:

- Learn the aspirations that stakeholders have for their community and determine the library’s role in achieving them.
- Provide information about the resources that Erie County Public Library currently offers and share plans for their enhancement.
- Develop meaningful partnerships that enhance the library’s diversity.
- Cultivate stronger active relationships with community organizations and members.
- Redefine its community engagement and outreach to the communities it serves in Erie County.

Erie County Public Library will initiate actionable steps in response to the expressed ideas, desires and ultimately the needs of the community.

Zoom Details:

<https://zoom.us/j/93063267773>

Meeting ID: 930 6326 7773

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Erie County Public Library announces artist to complete pedestal design

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library announces Adam Stempka of MetalHeads USA as the winning artist of its Minerva Pedestal Design competition. The competition was announced in early 2020 with an RFQ process that solicited artists' qualifications through the end of February. Because of the pandemic-related closure, the competition was paused, and then resumed recently with the selection of two final artists to submit designs for consideration by the Minerva Selection Committee.

"Mr. Stempka's initial concept blends the mystery and elegance of the Minerva statue with elements of wisdom, commerce and handicrafts that were attributed to the Roman goddess," said Dr. Judith Lynch, Minerva Selection Committee chair. "We are thrilled to be working with such a talented artist to honor Minerva's legacy at Erie County Public Library. Seeing Minerva on her pedestal should bring back many pleasant memories to those who frequented the library in Perry Square with their family and friends."

To make this project an exhibit that is relevant to all patrons, the artist will embark on a community engagement campaign to gather input that will inform the pedestal's design. An introductory video and community questions can be found on the Erie County Public Library Facebook page @ErieLibrary and at erielibrary.org.

Upon receipt, the design concept will incorporate public feedback and be presented to the Minerva Selection Committee. Once approved, the designs will be presented to the public and fabrication will commence in collaboration with Gene Davis Sales & Services of Erie.

Based on a community survey, the statue will be permanently installed on the first floor of the Blasco Library. Until the pedestal is complete and the statue installed, Minerva can be found in the Michele Ridge Galleria on the second floor of Blasco Library. Restorations of the Minerva statue are nearing completion. The entire project including fabrication and installation of the pedestal is scheduled to be completed by January 2021. For more information about the statue and its history with Erie County Public Library, please visit the In The News section of erielibrary.org.

Advance notice: Beth Zimmer (declined); Martha (via zoom); Bill (in-person); Mary Ann (in-person)