



Library Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022

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12:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Liz Allen, Trevor Pearson, Mary Ann Tempestini, Martha Knuth, Kara Murphy, Ann Rosenthal, Quyen Aoh, Julie Boam

Members Absent: Bill Conway

Others Present: Alyssa Johnson, Deana Cooper, Karen Pierce, Jessica Church, Sheryl Thomas, Shane Donaldson

Topics discussed prior to official call to order:

- Millcreek Planning Draft sent out this morning for review. Interested in feedback. Respond by June 1.
- Anyone visit the branches lately? Anything interesting or new? Karen- Rubber dock display at Iroquois.
- Tall Ships Festival this summer. Very busy time. Parking is an issue during event. Great view of Tall Ships.
- HistErie a great success. Courtney organized event and built partnerships.
- Liz Allen noted that Erie Reader is a sponsor of Food Truck Festival in Lawrence park summer.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – April minutes

Minutes were approved by motion of Martha and seconded by Julie. All aye.

3. Library Reports

a. Library Staff Reports

Summer Reading Challenge overview and Storytime programming- Shane Donaldson

New Librarian at Blasco- Brittany Kafferlin (previous Housing Authority Outreach Specialist) Shane reviewed Summer Reading platform and paper registration. Reviewed badge book process. Platform can be used nationwide. Register from anywhere...

-Discussions occurred regarding Erie schools and lack of books at school libraries and Librarians.

- How to reach city kids with available books for the summer? Book Club options?

Karen- Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL) contracted with Katelyn Martin from Chicago to do an environmental scan of Youth Services of what is currently being offered, how its working and where do we need support? Trends we see and need to tackle? She toured Blasco and Iroquois. Will

reach out to her regarding trends and ideas she sees in other cities regarding summer youth programs and accessibility.

b. Report of Director

Report of the Director was delivered by Sheryl Thomas

- Slat Wall Art display on Blasco 2nd Floor – Six pieces of Susan Kemenyffy are now on display. These pieces have been housed in Library vault. Display will be up for the next month. Staff driven project.
 - Personnel updates- Interview process begun for Iroquois Branch Manager. Karen, Sheryl and Matthew are on the panel.
 - Sunday Hours- Planning to reopen on Sundays beginning June 5 from 1-5pm. Staffing is done on Volunteer basis. Getting enough interest this last year has been challenging.
 - FYI- if you plan to visit Blasco this Saturday, the Patriot Tour, a motorcycle tour that raises money for veterans will kick off on Holland Street at 9am-11ish. There is anticipated congestion and parking issues during that timeframe.
 - Adult Services Manager Andrew Miller and Librarian Patrick Moran are presenting to ECGRA this month on another 3-year Beehive Innovation Network grant. This will sustain the funding for programming in the Idea Lab. These funds will be used for space modification, equipment and supplies along with the extension of the Markerspace Tech. position. In addition to ECGRA, matching funds will be supported by the Friends of the Library, Erie Regional Library Foundation and Erie Insurance.
- Martha asked inquired about alternative funding if grant was not received? -Response – If grant was not approved, alternative sources such as Friends and Foundation would be asked. Anything not funded would be added to the Budget request from the County.**

c. Review of Financial Report

Deana reviewed the monthly financials and discussed Council approval of County match for Keystone grant regarding elevators, 2nd floor bathrooms and new front doors for Blasco. Also received approval from the use of County Coordination Aid to fund a “Per Diem” Van Driver. This position would be used to for daily delivery routes when current van driver is off for vacation, sick etc.

d. Statistical and Other Reports

Sheryl reviewed the statistics report and pointed out circulation increases. Interested in how Sunday hours will affect statistics.

e. Report of District Consultant

See Agenda for report

f. Report of County Council Liaison

None

g. Report of Friends and ERLF

None

h. Report from the Friends of the Library

Great American Book Sale- July 10-15 at Flo Fabrizio Ice Center next to the zoo. New Venue.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Established committees

5. New Business

Kara brought up the question regarding Bookmobile stops at or near schools?

Alyssa is having an Outreach committee meeting following board meeting to discuss options. Stay for meeting if you want to discuss.

Kara- very excited to see the return of Storytime!!

6. Adjournment

Motioned by Kara Murphy, seconded by Liz Allen

7. Appendix

a. Announcements

Board Members are invited to participate in the Outreach Advisory Committee following this meeting.

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