AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2023**

3. **Library Reports**
   a. Report of the Director- Sheryl
   c. Statistical and Other Reports- Sheryl
   d. Report of District Consultant No report available

4. **Board and Committee Reports**
   a. Report of County Council Liaison
   b. Report of Friends of the Library
   c. Report of Erie Regional Library Foundation

5. **Unfinished Business- None**

6. **New Business-**
   a. Recommendations for current vacancies
   b. Election of New Officers
   c. Changing meeting time of Board
   d. Library display policy

7. **Adjournment**

8. **Appendix**
   a. Announcements-
   b. Public Comments-
   c. News Articles-
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**Connections**

**Keystone Grant Elevator Work** -- Work on the Blasco Library elevators has begun. Both elevators will be refurbished after 25+ years of service and will essentially be ‘brand new’. The public elevator is being done first and, once work is complete and inspections done, the staff/freight elevator will be done. While the public elevator is inaccessible, staff are escorting patrons to the staff elevator when needed. This project is supported in part through a grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education, with funds provided from the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund.

**WQLN at Iroquois** – Brian Hannah, host of Classics with Brian Hannah on WQLN NPR, did a live broadcast from the Iroquois Branch. Live music and singers were included at the branch and Jessica Stefano promoted library programs across all locations on live radio.

**Collections**

**Opioid Settlement Grant** -- the Library was awarded a $20,000 grant from the Opioid Settlement fund. The grant provides $10,000 to purchase collection materials and programming giveaways that focus on addiction, recovery and other related materials. These collection materials will be available to the entirety of Erie County. The more rural communities in Erie County will have access to these specialized collections. The remaining $10,000 will be used to pay for presenters for a variety of “Speaker Series” at the different libraries. This will be an ongoing project in 2023 and 2024.

**Capacity**

**Personnel Updates** – we are in the interview phase for two part-time clerical positions: a branch floater and a Millcreek clerk. Applications are currently being reviewed for the Idea Lab Library Assistant position.

**Social Media & AV Coordinator** – Jack Quinn starts next week in this newly created position. He will be our go-to person for JOC rental spaces including the H.O. Hirt Auditorium and the Admiral Room. Additionally, he will work closely with Alyssa Johnson, Outreach Manager, to spearhead the library’s social media and online presence.
See attached

c. Statistical and Other Reports- Sheryl

June 2023 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **669** new cards issued (↑22%), including **55** e-cards (↑34%)
- **4,306** WiFi logins (↓10%), **3,437** public PC logins across locations (↑7%)
- **43,592** patron visits (↑31%), **24,460** at Blasco (↑37%) and **19,132** at branches (↑24%)

Circulation

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**Summer**

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Watch people flying kites at Sunset Point or "the kite beach," which is just west of Beach 10 at Presque Isle State Park. Or pick up an inexpensive kite and try it yourself. The wind, if there is any, is perfect there.

**Erie’s Black history**

Discover "A Trail of Shared Heritage," a 29-stop tour of African Americans in Erie County that has been 10 years in the making. Many of the stops are free, and all you need is a fold-out brochure that contains a map and extensive descriptions of why each site is included. The driving tour encompasses both existing structures as well as locations where physical evidence of the past is long gone. The tour includes a marker outside the Erie Maritime Museum, a trip inside the Heritage Room at Blasco Library, the Pennsylvania Soldier’s and Sailor’s Home, the Harry T. Burleigh homestead, Vosburgh Mansion and Barber Shop, New Jerusalem, Bayview Park and many others. Find the tour, an audio presentation and much more at sharedheritage.org. The brochure is pictured in full at sharedheritage.org/driving-tour/. They are also available in the Heritage Room at Blasco Library.