Bettendorf Public Library Information Center Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:00 P.M.



Malmros Room, Bettendorf Public Library

Agenda Item	Responsibility	Action	Result
1. Roll Call	Covella		Present: Darrin Lindquist, Doug Lindstrom, David Pratt, John Rabine, Archana Wagle (Zoom) Absent: Kathy Brandtner, Val Horvat Others present: Jillian Aschliman, David Otten, Heather Gibbs, Paul Odell, Hayleigh Covella, Kathleen Richlen Rabine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Consent Agenda Approve Meeting Agenda: May 2024 Approve Meeting Minutes: April 2024 Approve Payment of Library Invoices: May 2024	Lindstrom	Approve	Motion to approve consent agenda by Lindquist, second by Rabine. Motion carried.
3. Public Forum -Limit of 3 minutes per person	Lindstrom		None
4. Correspondences	Aschliman		Aschliman passed around correspondence.

5. Staff & Supporting Organization Reports		Updates in written report	Aschliman reported that the Young Adult Librarian candidate has accepted the position. The hours
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			The kiosks are still being worked on. The hardware
			is ready to go and Jillian is working with the IT
			team. She is planning a slow rollout, and will have
			the old system as backup.
			The new sorter will be installed the week of July 9.
			Because of the delay, the vendor offered the
			library an additional two years on the warranty,
			free of charge.
			The library is working on a website update.
			Aschliman is hoping to have that complete by the
			end of the year.
			The library made the switch to Patron Point at the
			beginning of March and has seen an uptick in the
			email open rate, which has gone from about 28%
			to 40-45%. Through Patron Point, the library has
			also set up autorenewals for library cards. Patrons
			will get reminder emails if their card is expiring or
			has expired.
			The Operations Team is getting ready to start on
			the new Strategic Plan. They want the report to be
			and her detailed in the report to be

		data-informed, so they are identifying and collecting that data. Aschliman asked the trustees to let her know if they have any data requests. Lindquist requested data on circulation outside of Bettendorf's patrons. Pratt requested a school district boundaries overlay on the heat map. Aschliman noted that the Operations Team is
		working on a new statistics report for the Board.
		Aschliman reported that the City's budget was approved on April 16. The library's budget includes a full-time position. That position will be available July 1. The Capital Improvement Plan includes repairs to the library's front sidewalk. Public Works anticipates that project will take place in late summer/early fall.
		Aschliman will be on vacation from 5/26-6/8.
		Monthly kudos goes to Haley Dziuk. She has been instrumental in helping plan and develop the seed library.
Division Reports	Division Heads	Odell reported that the new Young Adult Librarian will start on May 20.

		Youth Services has spent a lot of time getting
		ready for the Summer Reading Program.
		Otten reported that Information Services has also been preparing for the Summer Reading Program. One of the prizes is a coupon to the Friends Book Store, which the Friends were enthusiastic about. Otten detailed several programs that were well-attended and well-received.
		Gibbs reported that the Library Card Design Contest has 55 submissions. She provided a ballot for the trustees to select candidates for the next round of voting.
		There have been more bugs with InnReach and OpenRS, but she hopes that will all be ironed out by June.
Friends of the Library	Odell	The Friends are now holding Members Only sales to give members more perks. The first sale brought in \$190. Those will take place one Friday each month.
		The Friends are planning to hold a book sale the first weekend in October (October 4-6).
		The Friends approved a wish list of \$6,298.93.

BPL Foundation	DeBuhr/Pratt		Pratt reported that the Foundation is very excited about the outreach vehicle project. Jen will be moving offices soon. The Foundation's investments are doing very well.
6. Policies/Contracts	Aschliman	None	None
7. Governance	Lindstrom	Subcommittee for officer elections	Aschliman explained that every May, the trustees set up a subcommittee for officer elections. They need three members. Nominations will be voted on in June.
			Lindstrom, Rabine, and Pratt will be on the committee.
8. Trustee Subcommittee ReportsCommunity/City RelationsEmployee Appreciation	Lindstrom Brandtner & Wagle	None	None
9. Closed Session: Library Director Annual Evaluation	Lindstrom, Richlen		The Board entered closed session based on 21.5i of the Iowa Code (to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session). Aschliman agreed to conduct her evaluation in closed session.

		Motion to enter closed session by Lindquist, second by Pratt. Motion carried. The meeting entered closed session at 5:26 p.m.
		In open session, Lindquist moved to implement the steps as discussed in closed session. Second by Pratt. Motion carried.
Next Meeting – June 13, 2024, at	Lindstrom	
5:00 p.m.		
Adjourn		Motion to adjourn by Lindquist, second by Rabine. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.