

MINUTES

The **Rogers Library Board of Trustees** met for a regular session at 711 S. Dixieland Rd, Rogers AR Glotzbecker Conference Room on May 21, 2024 at 6:35 PM. The meeting was called to order by Brice Wagner.

ROLL CALL:

- Board Present: Steve Hardin, Cindy Holmer, Debbie Woehr, Bethany Marshall, Brice Wagner, Richard Bland
- Board Not Present: Judy Tobler
- RPL Present: Hannah Pearce, Joy Smith, Randee Worster
- City Present: Bailey Crossett

PUBLIC FORUM:

Emily Poletti presented her concern about the iPads in the children's library being a distraction from reading. She expressed her belief that there should be a way to make the iPad's harder for children to open/access without the assistance of adults, in order to reduce the distraction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Brice Wagner asked if any corrections need to be made to the April 2024 minutes.
 - Richard Bland made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.
 - Debbie Woehr seconded motion.
 - Motion unanimously carried.

FOUNDATION BOARD:

Reported by Hannah Pearce

- Approved a grant to extend the billboard ad for the library for two months.
- They will be funding raffle items for the library's 120th anniversary celebration.
- They will be providing funding for 120th anniversary tee shirts for library staff.
- Currently working on this year's Top Chef.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Reported by Hannah Pearce

- Sales were down in April.
- Working on ways to promote the bookstore.
- Approved grant to wrap the book reserves locker.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Pearce

- Brice Wagner asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the financial report. None were presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reported by Hannah Pearce

- Digital use was up in the month of April.
- Print material was also up a small amount in the month of April.

- Bella Vista canceled their Hoopla subscription.
 - RPL has seen an increase in non-resident library card purchases for those Bella Vista patron's who want continued access to Hoopla.
- The library is gearing up for Summer Reading Programs, as well as the 120th anniversary celebration in August.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reported by Hannah Pearce

- John Henry, who worked for the library for many years, suddenly passed away a few weeks ago.
- Joy Smith and Hannah Pearce attended the PLA Conference in April.
- The library performed outreach at the eclipse celebration at Crystal Bridges.
- Hannah Pearce, Amber Aultman, and Randee Worster went to the museum to look at archival library items to use during our 120th anniversary celebration.
- The library has acquired two new e-resources:
 - Lote4Kids
 - A-Z Databases
- The library's book reserves locker is working.
 - It will be promoted once the wrap is completed.
- The seed library is doing very well, with over 900 seed packets borrowed.
 - Many seed donations have been made as well.
- The billboard ad for the library will run from May 26th-July 20th.
- The part-time custodian resigned, so the library has been conducting interviews to fill the vacancy.
 - In the meantime, a Circulation staff member has graciously offered to help with the custodial duties when he can.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board of Trustees bylaws:
 - John Peseck stated that the Trustees terms cannot be staggered, as this is only allowed when the board is first established.
 - There is no provision in the code for the RPL Board of Trustees to continue to serve past their term until a new Trustee is appointed.
 - Hannah Pearce stated that if the Board would like to revise the bylaws, the item can be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

ADJOURN:

1. Vote to adjourn.

Motion by Cindy Holmer, Seconded by Bethany Marshall.

Action: Adjourn

Motion passed to adjourn at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

Deborah Wach
Secretary

APPROVED:

Eric A. Wagner
Chairman

