

**Board of Trustees, Washington Public Library**

**June 23, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Katie Schonaerts, the roll was called and the Pledge given. Members present included: Katie Schonaerts, Doug Holdmeyer, Barbara Volmert, Lynn Hart, Susan Wehmueller and Mike Coulter.

Susan moved the agenda to be approved. Motion seconded by Barb and the motion carried.

Doug moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

**Friends of the Library Report:** The Friends voted to sponsor the Missouri Book Festival and are sponsoring the elementary school events in the week before the festival. They sponsored the meal at the Wiley Cash event. The September book sale will be the third weekend in September.

Lynn moved that the Friends of the Library Report be approved, seconded by Susan.

**COVID-19:** No changes in COVID-19 Procedures.

**Statistics and Collections:**

Statistics for 2022 are slightly lower than 2021 (about 2.5%), and seem to be stabilized.

We have ordered Penworthy Kits, but due to the State of Missouri Grant, the libraries have overwhelmed Penworthy with orders and they have supply issues with storage bags for the kits. We hope to have our kits in by the end of July. Some may arrive sooner, but at this point we have to wait.

We distributed the first books to the little free libraries in the Washington care homes for current large print books by popular authors.

This is in cooperation with the Community Literacy Foundation.

Additional Hot Spots have been ordered.

**Facilities:**

We are working with the vendor Synergy, who will oversee the implementation of the library's HVAC system.

Another building walkthrough (ceilings, structural, shaft openings) is scheduled for June 24. Library Development Funds will be requested.

**Programs:****April Recap:**

The Community Read of Frankenstein wrapped up Saturday April 30 with “Meet Mary Shelley” at 6pm at the ECC Theater. We plan to do a 3rd Community Read next year. Planning has already begun. This time a group of volunteers will participate in choosing the book, Mary Emke is representing the Washington Public Library.

**May-June Recap:**

Friends of the Library Author Programs:

This author program has been well supported by patrons, and each presentation is drawing a different group of people.

Roadkill, with Don Corrigan, May 17 @ 6:30pm

The Irish in St. Louis, with Patrick Murphy, May 19 @ 6:30pm

Ann Hazelwood, June 5 @ 2:00pm

‘64 Cardinals, June 16 @ 6:30pm

I received great feedback from the Wiley Cash Friends of the Library Dinner, sponsored by Kay Hazel.

**Summer Reading Program:**

The Summer Reading Kickoff event kickoff on Friday June 3 had about 600 people in attendance. Big Blue Blocks were a hit and Ruth will use these for more programs throughout the year.

We registered close to 600 youth (ages 0-17) for the summer reading program in the first seven days. Based on those registrations, we’ll have bigger participation in 2022 than 2021.

Storytimes continue to be the backbone of the library’s programs.

How to Snag a Seahorse puppet show was a big hit.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Paint Night, June 29 @ 6pm

Sammy J Balloon Show, July 13 @ 10am

Teen Paint Party, July 15 @ 3pm

Pirate School, July 26 @ 10am

Missouri Bool Festival planning committee has been meeting and moving forward with plans to hold a festival centering on the Library parking lot Saturday August 27. We have set a tentative schedule for the festival. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring programs at the local elementary schools as well as the event itself. The library is sponsoring the event through a State Library grant.

Lynn moved that the Director's Report be approved, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Nelson reported that the Policy Manual is ready to be reviewed by the committee and he will contact Diane and Carolyn about a time to get together to do this. (Delayed from last month).

New Business: No new business.

There being no further business, Barb moved the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Next meeting: August 22nd, 2022