

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 22, 2024**

The meetings was called to order by President Carolyn Witt, who led the Pledge.

Members present included: Jamie Holdmeier, Katie Schoenarts, Gretchen Pettet, and Sue Wehmueller.

Jamie moved the agenda be approved, and Gretchen seconded. Gretchen moved that the minutes be approved, and Kaite seconded.

There were three visitors present at the meeting. They identified themselves as Kern, M ollie M. and Roger Langendoerfer. Mr. Langendoerfer had, in a previous meeting, asked if the library had considered panic buttons for the staff. He stated that a former library patron had attacked a nurse, and he was concerned for the safety of the staff. Nelson Appell, Library Director, stated that he would bring the idea of panic buttons to the staff in an upcoming meeting.

Friends of the Library Report

Fiends are matching 10% of the 13,500 Grant for a Charlie Cart.

Statistics and Collections

March Statistics are attached. Passports continue to come in at an historic pace for this library. Most of the Memory Kits have been catalogued and are available. The library continues to market the kits.

Patron Behavior

No unusual incidents to report this month.

Facilities

Library of things will be upgraded with new shelving; it is ordered.

Public Library Association Conference 2024

Kim and Nelson attended.

Technology/Communications

City has started using a new software called Thrillshare, which has been great for Library marketing. We can now post simultaneously to multiple social media platforms. The ease-of-use saves a lot of work, and makes posting content more manageable. Plus the City has a new City of Washington app, which the library can market programs and activities.

Public computers are being switched over to the new hard drives as NOC can get the hard drives ready and scheduled for replacement.

100th Anniversary

Next Event is July 19, an evening for adults.

Missouri Book Festival

We have a call for vendors out on websites and social media. Many programs are already confirmed and in place. We are currently focused on the Author's tent, which will feature 20 minute talks by authors, every-half-hour.

We're still getting sponsorships. The current, confirmed list of sponsors are...

- Scenic Regional Library
- Washington Public Library
- Friends of the Washington Public Library
- Reedy Press
- Missouri Department of Tourism
- Missouri Humanities Council

Director is working on local publicity with the Missourian.

Programs Recap

- Ozark Bourbon Distilling, Tues March 26
- Meet Matthew Algeo; @ Union Branch, SRL, Wed. April 3
- Amy Lutz, "Carl Lutze: The Forgotten Rescuer", Thurs April 11, 6:30
- Poetry Slam/Book Launch for Leah Schulte, Tues April 16, 6:30
- Medusa the library Rock Snake passive program was a hit
- Poetry in the Pocket passive program was fun
- Earth Day Scavenger Hunt with Smokey the Bear passive program is this week. Children are enjoying it.

Programs Upcoming

- The Art of Charcuterie, Tues April 23, 6:00
- "Missouri: Weird and Wonderful", Tues April 30, 6:30 p.m.
- Patrick Murphy, Prelude to a Century: 1904 Worlds Fair, May 7, 6:30 p.m.
- Year One: St. Louis SC, May 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Family Reading Kickoff Event, Friday March 31, 6:00 p.m.
- Ruth has 6 field trips scheduled with local schools for storytimes
- The Library will be represented at Family Fun Night at the YMCA April 26

Jamie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Sue seconded. The next meeting is June 24.