

April 16, 2019

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Enyeart, Mr. Cline, Dr. Case, Mr. Breen, Ms. Sumpter, Mrs. Cline, and Mrs. Nicholson. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Trent Dailey was present for the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trent Dailey, CEO of Insurance Management, gave an update on all of the Library's policies and answered questions about coverage.

On motion of Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Breen, the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved with one correction.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Treasurer's report and payment of the docket was unanimously accepted and payment authorized. The register of claims is made a part of these minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$777,939.28 in the Library Operating Fund as of March 31, 2019.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: None to report.

Roof Replacement: The project is complete. Still have not received a final invoice.

Candidate Forums: The Candidate Forum on March 21st went well with about 140 people in attendance. MPL and the Chamber of Commerce hope to have another Forum in the fall.

Brianna's Hope: This addiction support group held its first meeting on April 10th. There were no guests. Pastor Rob Barton said that they will continue to seek people and hope to be a beacon of hope for the community.

Brain Kitchen: The Brain Kitchen completed its school year on April 5th. It is hoped that it will start again in the fall.

Director's Report: The following report was approved by consensus of the Board:

Materials and Services: Statistics will be presented at the meeting.

Staff: 1) Shirley Mooney has been rehired as a substitute in Reference. She will not have scheduled hours but will help out as needed; and 2) Recca Black has been hired for the part-time position in the Circulation Department.

Properties: 1) Several firefighters from the Marion Fire Department were at MPL on March 13th, 14th, and 15th for training tours; and 2) For the time being, the restrooms will be unlocked on an as-needed basis due to some bad behavior on the part of a few patrons.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) Kristen Gioe and Tylanna Jones attended the YALSA Conference in Kokomo. The topic was *Teen Services with Impact*. The Conference was excellent and they shared ideas and topics with the Library's department heads; 2) Three Creation Stations were offered during March. Projects included a St. Patrick's Day pin, a spring wreath, and a flower; 3) The theme for March's "Family, Food & Fun" was pets. Animal Care and Control came to discuss how to choose the best pet and how to care for it; and 4) the Vox books have flown off the shelves and twelve more have been ordered.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The “What do My DNA Results Mean” program was very successful. There were 40 people present. Rhonda Stoffer intends to have more genealogy programs this year; 2) Rhonda Stoffer will attend the Indiana Genealogical Society conference in Fort Wayne on April 13th. The Main speaker is one of the top genetic genealogists in the country, Blaine Bettinger. It will be an interesting day of using DNA sessions; and 3) Rhonda Stoffer and Mary Eckerle are working on a program in late May on the new stained glass window and Civil War veteran John C. Adams.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) The Barb Wilson Book Discussion group discussed *Animals in Translation* by Temple Grandin at the April meeting; and 2) Both the adult fiction and non-fiction sections will be weeded this year.

Teen Programming: 1) Kirsten Gioe hosted Otakus in March and had a great turnout. The group meets again April 12th; and 2) Teen Game Day was a success. Eight teens attended and had a great time.

Museum Services: 1) The AARP Tax people were in the Carnegie Room twelve times during March with 592 people; 2) The Leadership class (Leadership Grant County) toured the museum with 12 in attendance; and 3) Knitters and Fiber Arts met in the Forrest room during March.

System Administrator: 1) Karen Hiemstra was quoted a couple of times recently in the daily letter for the DearReader.com online book clubs; and 2) Karen Hiemstra will present a Chair Yoga class for seniors once a week at MPL. She submitted (and received) a \$250 Action grant given by Thrivent Financial to purchase yoga blocks, yoga straps and bottled water for the group. Insurance must still be worked out.

Network Manager: Paul Burritt will conduct a fire drill on April 18th.

Marketing: 1) Several staff members are sharing social media posts. The Library’s Social Media presence continues to increase; 2) Mariann Percy, President of Friends, and Mary Eckerle were on WBAT on April 4th, and 3) The *Chronicle-Tribune* had an article on National Library Week happenings at local libraries and included the MPL.

National Library Week: 1) There was an Open House for patrons on Monday, April 8th. Glenn Welch provided background music; 2) The Friends group treated Library staff to pizza on Tuesday, April 9th which was Library Workers Day; 3) *Scams for Seniors* was presented by First Farmers Bank on April 11th. It was a very informative program; and 4) The Children’s Department had a Build-a-Fort night on Friday, April 12th. Families can build a fort in the Library and read together.

Friends: 1) The Friends Book Sale has had a profit of approximately \$2,000. The Book Sale is winding down with remaining books to be sold in the Connector; and 2) Author Ray Boomhower will be the guest speaker at the Friends Annual Meeting on Monday, May 6th.

Community Involvement: 1) The Grant County Art Association has its spring show on display on the 2nd floor during April; 2) On Sunday, April 7th, Allen County Public Library held its second annual Book Bowl to kick off National Library Week. Team “You’re a Quizard Harry”, made of up Kristen Gioe, Joanne Hix, Amanda Fafinski, Amy Reel, Megan Stoffer and Rhonda Stoffer competed. The team came in mid-pack and was a lot of fun. It gave MPL staff some new ideas for MPL’s future trivia nights; 3) Amy Reel attended Justice Middle School’s Family Night in March; 4) Tylanna Jones was a guest at the local MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting. She spoke about library services and resources; and 5) Marion General Hospital continues to survey patrons for its Grant County Community Health profile.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, May 21st at 6 p.m.

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"Keep Calm and Ask a Librarian" We're celebrating National Library Week at the book club this week and every day librarians have a chance to win. Today's giveaway--10 "Keep Calm and Ask a Librarian" buttons. To enter the drawing, [click here](#).

Readers would love to hear from librarians this week. Predictions about how will libraries will be changing in the future. Any library pet peeves? Things we as patrons might keep in mind when we visit the library? Or take a walk down memory lane sharing some memorable moments in your career so far. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts and when you do, I'll enter your name in the Librarian Chocolate Chip Cookie giveaway. Email me at: Suzanne@FirstLookbookclub.com

"Dear Suzanne, I'm the director at a community college library. My favorite work has been to beautify the space, add librarians, and switch our focus from processing books to instructing people. We work hard here to teach critical thinking about the materials these students experience in the world and in their research projects. We let them know about the wealth of resources we buy everyday that can inform and instruct them for life. But that's what we've always done--it's just the scale has ramped up... We've more than doubled the number of students we reach each year.

Books won't go away. Everyone loves the feel of it...the maturity of the 'technology of the book.' But we have added different forms of books such as audio books; we've connected our users with the statewide digital collection. We have the largest DVD collection in the area, and subscribe to a streaming Video service. Yet we virtually eliminated the reference collection. In fact, our newest library instructor is putting together a 'petting zoo' for books and journals and reference books and all the types of items we grew up with but have made the transition to digital or online access. How else will kids know what an index is? Abstract? Page numbers?!" -- Micaela A., Butler Community College

"I think you will see libraries much more involved in offering programs geared to meeting the needs of community members--almost like they did when public libraries first began in the U.S. Exercise and health-care programs, cooking classes, and many other types of programs that patrons need and want, will be found in libraries. Some paper books will still be around, but it will be more of a patron-driven collection rather than a 'collection-building' one. Electronic media will continue to increase in popularity except in children's departments, where research shows that physical books are needed by children to build the skills needed for success in our modern world." -- Karen H., Marion Public Library

It's a celebration and a thank you to librarians this week. I'm baking for librarians. When you share your thoughts with our readers, I'll enter your name in the Librarian Chocolate Chip Cookie giveaway. (I bake some mighty good cookies!) Email me at: Suzanne@FirstLookbookclub.com

Thanks for reading with me. It's so good to read with friends.

* Best Selling authors are celebrating National Library Week, too. Read about what the library means to them, their favorite library memories, the first book they checked out and more. Click the image below, there will be a different one each day, and share the image on your own social media. Spread the library love and use #NationalLibraryWeek!

Suzanne Beecher