

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 21, 2021**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Erin McBride, Lindsey Carlson, Scott Ziller, Bob Leonard, Jean McKay, and Dave Johnson. Harv Sprafka was absent. Staff present: Roslin Thompson, Heather Libby, and Holly Shelford.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. Bob Leonard moved, Jean McKay seconded to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Under Correspondence, Roslin reported that documents were received stating that the Robert and Virginia Runnells estate had left money to the library. A \$10,000 check was written out yesterday with more to come in later years as stipulated in the will.

The Merry-n Country Christmas light display will be hosted by the Marion Co. Historical Society and THRIVE from Nov. 19 to Dec. 19 and the library had volunteers interested in putting up a display.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for August 2021. Total circulation was 3,141 printed materials, 875 non-print materials. Electronic materials (Bridges, Kanopy, and Freegal) numbered 1,035 items. There were 1,678 visits averaging 64 people each day. Story time will resume in September and continue for the rest of the year. There had been no concrete response to the job posting for the Assistant Director position. The dateline is October 1. The staff were stepping up to fulfill the duties in the meantime and the board thanked the staff.

Several of the staff has registered for the ILA conference in Des Moines Oct. 6, 7, and 8. Roslin will attend the ARSL conference in Sparks, NV Oct. 19 – 23. The Friends book sale is Oct. 14, 15, and 16. Linda McCann will be speaking about the Civil Conservation Corps in SE Iowa on Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Under Media Strategy Plan, various events will be publicized through the usual media outlets. Banned Book Week runs in the last week of September with the theme "Books Unite Us."

Jean McKay moved, Scott Ziller seconded that the revenue and expense report for August be approved. Motion was unanimous. Dave Johnson moved, Erin McBride seconded the city trust report for August be accepted. Motion was unanimous. Scott Ziller moved, Erin McBride seconded the approval for payment of bills for September. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the board discussed the status of the Gebhardt house. Bob Leonard moved, seconded by Dave Johnson that a home inspection be conducted with estimates on cost of addressing potential issues. Scott Ziller volunteered to contact the necessary people. Motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, the board discussed resuming Sunday hours. Scott Ziller moved, Bob Leonard seconded to stay closed on Sundays through the remainder of the year. Motion passed. The board decided to meet on Monday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. for the next meeting since Roslin will be gone on Oct. 19.

Bob Leonard proposed that the Board investigate opportunities to display and promote art at the library. The muralist, Ben Schuh, will help the library be catalysts and "art generators" in the local and national art world. Dave Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Knoxville Public Library.

Roslin Thompson, secretary