

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 18, 2022**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Harv Sprafka, Lindsey Carlson, Scott Ziller, Bob Leonard, Dave Johnson, and Erin McBride. Jean McKay was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. Harv Sprafka moved, Scott Ziller seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence for board action.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for December 2021. Total circulation was 2,712 printed materials, 735 other items, and 961 downloadable items. Computer usage was 322 with 118 uses on the AWE computers and 611 wifi usage. Total number of visits was 1,650, an average of 66 a day.

January and February will see a lot of activity at the library. Author Larry Baker will have a program on Jan. 27. Patsy Murphy, a local artist and quilter, will have a reception on Feb. 10. Chess Club will meet on Wednesdays after school in February. Book Club will host local author Beth Hoffman, who wrote *Bet the Farm*. DIY and Story Times continue to be well attended. The IFFC has resumed meeting to enjoy monthly international film viewings.

The Innovative Libraries Online Conference (ILOC) is on Jan. 20 with training on how to overcome challenges for staff, trustees, and advocates. The library will be a site for the State Library's series of training for the Kids' Summer Library Program. DMACC's HiSET students meet at the library twice a week and Central College volunteer students will host their volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) workshops at the library on Feb. 26 and March 5.

Under Media Strategy Plan, Roslin reported that Facebook posts reached 6,118 people, an increase of 123% from the same period in 2020. The RFQ emails for artist proposals had generated interest and shared on social media at least 31 times with 119 reactions/comments. The February calendar will be published in the next week.

Ziller moved, Johnson seconded that the revenue and expense report for December be approved. Motion was unanimous. Sprafka moved, McBride seconded the city trust report for December be accepted. Motion was unanimous. Johnson moved, Ziller seconded the approval for payment of bills for January. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the board discussed the long term maintenance and upkeep of the Gebhardt house. They will reach out to Glenn Lyons and Marilyn Arber, directors of economic and community development with the city for further insights.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the library.

Roslin Thompson, secretary

**Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
February 7, 2022**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. for a special meeting. Members present were Harv Sprafka, Lindsey Carlson, Dave Johnson, Erin McBride, and Bob Leonard. Also present were Heather Ussery (City Manager), Glenn Lyons (Economic Development Director), Marilyn Arber (Community Development Director), Jerry Ayers, Roslin Thompson, and Holly Shelford. Jean McKay and Scott Ziller were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. The board discussed the long term upkeep and maintenance of the Gebhardt house and possible options regarding renovation or demolition of the building. Heather Ussery reiterated that the city council will look for a recommendation from the library board. Further discussion was tabled to a later date. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Roslin Thompson  
Secretary