

**Board of Trustees Meeting
March 22, 2022**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library at 4:00 PM Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2022. Members present were Lindsey Carlson, Jan Evans, Bob Leonard, and Scott Ziller. Dave Johnson, Harv Sprafka, and Erin McBride were absent. City Manager Heather Ussery was present.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. Evans moved, Ziller seconded to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Under Correspondence, a card was sent to the library thanking staff and volunteers for participating in the Lighted Display at Marion County Park during the holiday season.

Roslin gave the monthly report for February. Total circulation was 3,385 physical items and 845 downloadable items. There were 365 uses of public access computers and 630 wifi access. Total visits was 1,564, which averaged 68 people each day.

Attendance has been good for various programs held either in person or on-line. PBS partnered with the library to offer a program called "Ramps and Pathways" which had 18 people attend. Chess club has been a success and the library will start a chess meet for teens and adults. The tax filing workshop offered by Central College volunteers helped 20 people file their income tax. A reception for local artist Patsy Murphy garnered an attendance of 38 people.

T. Waldmann-Williams has written a book about Dixie Cornell Gebhardt and will do a book signing at the library on March 29, Iowa Flag Day. The Friends of the Library will have its book sale on April 7, 8, and 9.

Under Media Strategy Plan, the staff will promote events in April. National Library Week is April 3 – 9 and a press release will be sent out to media outlets. This year's campaign is "Connect with your library." A mayoral proclamation is prepared for reading at the city council meeting on April 4.

Scott Ziller moved, Bob Leonard seconded that the financial report for February be approved. Motion was unanimous. Ziller moved, Evans seconded the city trust report for February be accepted. Motion was unanimous. Ziller moved, Leonard seconded the approval for payment of bills for March. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the board discussed the long-term upkeep, maintenance, and future of the Gebhardt house. Due to the absence of three board members, the board decided to keep the discussion going next month.

Under New Business, the board discussed to a possible partnership opportunity with the Knoxville Food Youth Initiative providing a food pantry at the library. More public libraries are providing this much-needed service to their communities. More information will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Knoxville Public Library.

Roslin Thompson,
Secretary