

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

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were John Mertz, Lindsey Carlson, Dave Johnson, Erin McBride, Laura Kendrick, and Bob Leonard. Jan Evans was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. John Mertz moved, Erin McBride seconded to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for September 2022. Total circulation was 3,022 printed materials, 1,266 downloadable items. Computer usage was 337 downstairs, 127 uses on the AWE computers, and 535 wireless usage. Total door count was 1,529 visits (average 61 visitors a day). Attendance was good at programs. The month of October will be busy with several programs, especially the bus museum from the State Historical Society across from the library and the Friends book sale.

As part of professional development and continued education, staff attended the ILA conference at Coralville. The theme was "It's all connected: Libraries, communities, equity, information" addressing equity and accessibility in services, programs, and policies at libraries. One of the keynote speakers was Hayden Kristal, who spoke about her experience being hearing impaired and the importance of intersectional accessibility.

Jill Wells, one of the artists selected for the Art @ the Library program delivered her art pieces today called "The Freedom to Read statement" using braille. The art committee will meet to plan a public reception for all 4 artists selected this year.

The new assistant director is Lizzie Moats, who will start her position Oct. 31. Roslin was pleased to report that the Annual Survey was submitted to the State Library on Oct. 3.

Under Media Strategy, Roslin will have the published Annual Report distributed to interested parties and stakeholders. The November calendar will be out soon and put through media channels.

Erin McBride moved, Dave Johnson seconded that the financial report for September be approved. Motion was unanimous. Dave Johnson moved, Laura Kendrick seconded the city trust report for September be accepted. Motion was unanimous. John Mertz moved, Laura Kendrick seconded the approval for payment of bills for October. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the president reminded the board that the discussion for the potential Gebhardt Park will be at the city council meeting on Nov. 7 at 6:15 p.m. After discussion, the pandemic policy was tabled for the next month, as was the emergency closing policy. Bob Leonard moved, seconded by John Mertz to approve the draft of the 28E agreement between the Marion County Libraries and the Board of Supervisors. Motion passed.

As an added item on the agenda, Roslin said that 2 bids had been received for carpet cleaning the library. Laura Kendrick moved, seconded by Dave Johnson to accept the bid from Absolute Cleaning for \$3,150.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Knoxville Public Library.

Roslin Thompson,
Secretary