

Big Rapids Community Library
Library Board Meeting

Agenda

October 8, 2020

1. Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Catherine Johnson at 5:32pm.
- Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Johnson, Sharon Kuhn, Chelsea Mitchell, Jennifer Njenga and Beth Schoenlein.
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Moran (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services).
- Public in attendance: Paula Priebe (Community Development Director), Mark Vanderlist and Lynn Anderson (Friends of the Library).

2. Reading and Approval of September 2020 Minutes

- The September 2020 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Beth Schoenlein motioned to approve the September Minutes. Jennifer Njenga supported. All members in favor. Minutes were approved.

3. Report of the Library Director

- Starting in September, Take & Make craft kits have been made for patrons. There are kits for adults, teens, and kids.
- Banned Book Week was September 27th to October 3rd. A display in the library was placed on the first floor and we had trivia on our Facebook page.
- Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15-Oct. 15. A display in the library was placed on the first floor.
- Volunteers from Ferris University have been coming on Saturdays to help with the Friends of the Library book sales.
- Aidan has been working on little free libraries.
- The City Commission meeting moved to next week. Lauren will be going to promote the library, which will include bringing circulation records, programming information, and resource information that is available to community members.
- Visit numbers were down in September.
- We are a quarter way through the fiscal year.
- The Library's water heater has been replaced.

4. Old Business

- none

5. New Business

- 2021 Meeting schedule

- FOTL are donating money to replace the early learning computers. We will be getting 3 computers all with 2 keyboards, 2 mice, 2 pairs of headphones. Each computer will have both the early literacy and juvenile programs on it. The older computers, that we are not keeping, will be donated to WISE and/or Our Brother's Keepers (OBK).
- We will meet outside after the Library Board Meeting for the city's Parks and Recreation Board at 6:00pm.
 - Some changes to the park's blueprint since the last viewing.
 - Based on the amount of money we have for the playground, research is underway for finding the best fit that meets the needs of the grant. Currently there are four options.
 - The Talking is Teaching panels are not part of the DNR Grant. The City of Big Rapids will be funding this part.
 - Looking for the early literacy goals: play talk read sing write.
 - The library already has storywalk boards in the basement. It will be discussed on how these can be incorporated into the new park.
 - Accessibility for all kids is very important.
 - The City of Big Rapids wants to add a car charging station in the new library parking lot. They are working on a grant to make this possible.
 - The park does not currently have a camera but the city is looking to add one like many of the other parks in the city.

6. Public Comment

- none

7. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 5:30pm

8. Adjournment

- Catherine Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.