

Big Rapids Community Library
Library Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024

- Call to order – Sarah Lucas called to order 5:34 pm
- Reading and approval of NOVEMBER 2023 minutes
 - March Meeting Date is March 6th. -Capitalize “Spring”
 - Motion to approve minutes as amended = Sarah Lucas , 2nd Chelsea Mitchell
 - Motion to approve minutes by Ralph Crew, 2nd Chelsea Mitchell
 - Both motions pass.
- Correspondence and Communications
- Public comment-none
- Financial Report
- Report of the Library Director

From 1/1/23 to 12/31/23 patrons of the library saved \$978,187.55 from physical items alone.

We are pleased to inform you that your library has been selected as one of the recipients of the *Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit*, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. This was an exceptionally competitive process, as we received 576 applications from all parts of the country.

Each selected library will receive the following:

- All materials needed to host five different in-person children’s programs — such as ready-to-use games, props and other physical materials — for children ages 3 to 12.
- A set of Playaway Launchpad tablets pre-loaded with digital content that aligns with the in-person program offerings.
- Program instructions, talking points, related book lists and other resources to assist library workers in planning and hosting the in-person programs.
- Template promotional materials and digital graphics to assist library workers with marketing the programs and Launchpad tablets to the public.
- Access to virtual training and a community of practice.

Shipping is free for libraries and coordinated by ALA.

Libraries will keep all kit contents, including Launchpads, after the grant period ends. The estimated value of each kit is \$2,000.

Director completed the Purchasing segment of the Financial Management Course, next is Governmental Accounting.

FOTL supplied \$20,000 to begin RFID Conversion Project.

The library will be closed on the following days:

MLK Jr. Day Jan 15th

- Old/Unfinished business

- Trustees 5 Ideas for Library Development

- Tabled until next meeting.

- New business

- Trustee Academy – Trustee Competencies – Tabled until next meeting.

- RFID Conversion

- Motion to approve RFID ongoing subscription cost by Chelsea Mitchell, Ralph Crew seconded. Motion passes.

- Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit*

- Unscheduled Business -none

- Public Comment- none

- Adjournment at 6:04 by Sarah Lucas–Next Meeting March 6th, 2024, 5:30 pm