

Big Rapids Community Library - Library Board Meeting

Held in Community Room at the Big Rapids Community Library

October 12, 2023

1. Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Sarah Lucas at 5:36 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: Sarah Lucas and Mike Ryan
- Board Members absent: Ralph Crew, Laura Herron, and Chelsea Mitchell
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services)

2. Reading and Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

- The September 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- none

4. Public Comment

- Michelle Strenger (Director of Community Development, City of BR) - The repairing of the front steps needs to be scheduled. The funds for repair will come from the City of Big Rapids' Sidewalk Fund. The entrance needing repair is the only public library entrance.

5. Financial Report

- Reviewed.

6. Report of the Library Director

- Fiscal Year 22-23 Summary Report
- Hired Library Pages: Emma Vandercar, Somiyah Nelson, and Courtney Gilbert
- The library is close to fully staffed for the first time in several years.
- Library Assistants Jean and Desiree will be taking the Beginning Workshop through the Library of Michigan
- The front steps are scheduled to be worked on/repared in October
- The new Saturday Storytime program drew in new families and was popular.
- "Firefighter Storytime" had over 50 people in attendance at Public Safety. That collaboration will continue with stortimes with Police and at City Hall.
- Writing Workshops in October for youth and adults with author and Professor Deidre Fegan.

7. Old/Unfinished Business

- Scheduling the 2024 Board Meeting dates will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- Short Takes for Trustees: Library Policies and Strategic Planning
 - Reviewing the 2021 Strategic Plan will start at the next meeting.

9. Unscheduled Business

- Brand Identity Design discussion

10. Public Comment

- none

11. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

- Sarah Lucas adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.