

Big Rapids Community Library Library Board Meeting
March 10, 2022, in Community Room

Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting called to order by Catherine Johnson at 5:30 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: Catherine Johnson, Chelsea Mitchell, and Ralph Crew
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director)
- Public in attendance: Mark Gifford, Fred Guenther, Eric Williams, Paula Priebe

Reading and Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

- The January 2022 Meeting Minutes reviewed.
- Ralph Crew motioned to approve the January 2022 Meeting Minutes. Chelsea Mitchell supported. All members in favor. Minutes approved.

Correspondence and Communications

- Letter from Governor Whitmer celebrating March is Reading Month

Public Comment

- none

Report of the Library Director

MARCH is Women's History Month 2022

Checkouts FY 2022 to Date:	32,577
Renewals FY 2022 to Date:	13,655
Total Saved FY 2022 to Date:	\$568,982
Searches FY 2022 to Date:	28,347
Checkouts Calendar Year to Date:	9,203
Renewals Calendar Year to Date:	4,137
Total Saved Calendar Year to Date:	\$157,831
Searches Calendar Year to Date:	9,038

Grants Update: The library purchased \$3,125 in eBooks and audiobooks via a grant from the MI-83 Library Connection Project which are now available via Libby. **The MI-83 Digital Library Connection project is funded by an ARPA grant, provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan, an agency of the Michigan Department of Education.** We also have or will receive 5 Laptops, Digital Camera, Microphone, Greenscreen, Webcam valued at approximately: \$4083.36

Services: Niche Academy my.nicheacademy.com/bigrapidslibrary a platform for patron and staff training.

Text to Learn Based on [Every Child Ready to Read](#), TALK activities build pre-literacy skills starting from birth, such as hearing letter sounds, building hand muscles and dexterity,

and recognizing letters and numbers. Activities also build STEM and social-emotional skills, to help parents make sure their children are fully prepared for a successful school experience. Parents and caregivers can sign up by texting TALK to 75547 to get 8-10 messages per month with fun activities you can do at home to help prepare little ones, ages 5 and under, for school success.

Free Covid Tests are available at the library. 5 per family daily. While supplies last.

Offered access to BRPS through Sora, the education platform of Overdrive. We had a rep do a demo on 3/8/22. The superintendent is still discussing with his staff.

Staff Training: Sarah Welch will be attending Spring Institute for Youth Services 2022, a conference by the Michigan Library Association. She will report back to the board next month.

Upcoming Programs: Spring into the Seed Library 3/12/22 at 11 am, Pi Day Bracelet 3/14/22, Leap into Science, Mornings with Mr. Howard Storytime Thursdays at 11 am, Literary Peeps Diorama Contest Deadline 3/19, Morel Mushroom Hunting Seminar “Picking with the Champ” Anthony Williams April 27th @ 6pm, Jerry Dennis, Michigan Notable Author 2022 of *Up North in Michigan* visits 6/11/22 at 2pm.

There is also a Women’s History Month display of picture book biographies, a “lucky talisman” scavenger hunt, Take and Make kits with canvas bags to decorate, Lit Loot Subscription boxes, and Murder Mystery Kits.

Old/Unfinished Business

Ann Seuryneck – 1 hour of free library legal advice offered through MMLL

New Business

- Welcome to Mr. Ralph Crew, our new Library Board Trustee
- Pandemic Policy: Phase 4 Normal Operation
- SenSource People Counting Sensor – Chelsea Mitchell motions to accept. Ralph Crew supports.
- Budget 2022-23
- Township Contracts Study Session
- Circulation Policy Update – Non-Residents and MeL/Cost of Non-Resident Card, Automatic Renewals and Lost and Damaged Materials Policy Update– Ralph Crew motioned to accept. Chelsea Mitchell support.

Unscheduled Business

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment Catherine Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.