

Big Rapids Community Library
Library Board Meeting

Agenda

April 14, 2022

Meeting held in Community Room

1. Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Catherine Johnson at 5:30 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: Ralph Crew, Catherine Johnson, Chelsea Mitchell, and Beth Schoenlein.
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services).
- Public in attendance: Mike Ryan

2. Reading and Approval of March 2022 Meeting Minutes

- The March 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The report required a technical correction but no change to content.
- Ralph Crew motioned to approve the March 2022 Meeting Minutes. Beth Schoenlein supported. All members in favor. Minutes were approved.

3. Correspondence and Communications

- none

4. Public Comment

- none

5. Report of the Library Director

- Neighborhood Forest Tree Program
- Technology Updates
 - SenSource People Counter installed on April 6
 - New catalog computers and monitors
 - PAC computers and monitors replaced
- Staff Training
 - Mental Health Survey
 - April 8: Blood Borne Pathogens training by Fire Chief Derek Vincent
 - May 11: Zingerman's The Art of Giving Great Service 3-hour virtual workshop for Library Assistants Kayla and Howard
- Upcoming Programming
 - Wits Workout w/ MSU extension Tuesdays at 3:00 pm
 - Seed Swap and Earth Day Celebration April 23 at 1:00-3:00 pm
 - Morel Mushroom Hunting Seminar "Picking with the Champ" Anthony Willams April 27 at 6:00 pm

- “Creating Habitat with Native Plants” presentation Friday, June 3 at 11:00 am
- Native Plant Sale Friday, June 3 at 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Jerry Dennis, Michigan Notable Author 2022 of *Up North in Michigan* visits June 11 at 2:00 pm
- June 13-August 26 Monday Mecosta-Osceola Summer Playgroup at 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Community Conversations in the Park: June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21 at 7:00 pm - topics: Citizenship, Critical Thinking, Free Speech, Censorship
- Poetry Month Display, a “Poetry at the Zoo” scavenger hunt, Take and Make Magnet Poetry Kits, Lit Loot Adult Subscription Boxes, and Murder Mystery Kits
- Grants
 - Applied for a Mid-Michigan Library League Project grant for Lit Backpacks and Science SAK (Science Adventure Kit)
- Circulation Statistics:
 - Checkouts FY 2022 to Date: 38,149 - Renewals FY 2022 to Date: 16,351 - Total Saved FY 2022 to Date: \$622,208 - Searches FY 2022 to Date: 32,440
 - Checkouts Calendar year to Date: 14,775 - Renewals Calendar Year to Date: 6,833 - Total Saved Calendar Year to Date: \$251,057 - Searches Calendar Year to Date: 13,131

6. Old/Unfinished Business

- Township Contracts/Non-resident Fees
 - Resolution letter from Eric Williams in 2015 that dissolved the current township contracts and forgave any previously owed money from the townships.
 - Contract examples
 - Big Rapids Township will be putting a library millage on the ballot soon.
 - The City of Big Rapids calculated the average cost of a library card by evaluating the city patron usage numbers by household which equaled approximately \$120.
 - Ralph Crew motions that the Big Rapids Community Library Board offers the current serviced townships three options going forward: a township contract that requires a 2/10 of a millage plus penal fines and every resident of that township gets a residential library card; the township will pay \$125 for each resident who wishes to get a library card (based on the previous fiscal year’s numbers; or an interested resident will pay by their

own \$100 non-resident fee for services. Chelsea Mitchell supported that we present these three options to the township boards (Barton, Big Rapids, Colfax, Grant, Green, and Norwich) before July 31, 2022. All members in favor. The motion was approved.

1. Amendment: Add penal fines to all options. All members in favor. Amendment was approved.

7. New Business

- Garden Shed for FOTL Book Sale
 - All members in favor
- Sarah Welch Spring Institute Presentation

8. Unscheduled Business

- Summer Badge Books
- Thank you Beth Schoenlein for five years of service on the Library Board.

9. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

10. Adjournment

- Catherine Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.