

Big Rapids Community Library
Library Board Meeting

Agenda

May 19, 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 Mike Ryan
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services).
- Public in attendance: yes

2. Reading and Approval of April 2022 Meeting Minutes

- The April 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. The report required a couple technical corrections but no change to content.
- Ralph Crew motioned to approve the April 2022 Meeting Minutes. Chelsea Mitchell supported. All members in favor. Minutes were approved.

3. Correspondence and Communications

- Patron communication about the ability to replace a book versus paying for it, which is currently against Lost and Damaged Materials library policy. This will be reviewed during Public Comment because this patron is attending the meeting.

4. Public Comment

- Patron is attending the Library Board Meeting to discuss a library book she had damaged. After damaging the book, she purchased a new copy which she brought to the library to replace the damaged copy. She was told by library staff that it was against policy so she reached out to the Library Director. The Library Director recommended that she attend the Library Board Meeting if she wished to discuss this issue further.
 - Refer to the Lost and Damaged Material Policy
 - Mike Ryan motions that the patron has made proper restitution by purchasing a new copy of the book and paying the \$5.00 reprocessing fee. Ralph Crew supported. All members in favor. Motion was carried.
 - At the next Library Board Meeting, the Library Board will review the Lost and Damaged Material Policy.

5. Report of the Library Director

- Storybook walk has been installed
- Leadership Mecosta will be fundraising for the community gardens

- Water source for the park has been added to the City of Big Rapids' budget and has been approved
- New and returning staff: Library Pages: Ava Cooley, Emma Hauger, Gordon Mallett, Haily Dard (PR intern)
- Lauren Perkins graduated from Leadership Mecosta 2022
- May 11: Zingerman's The Art of Giving Great Service 3-hour virtual workshop for Library Assistants Kayla and Howard
- Summer Reading Program
- Wits Workout w/ MSU Extension Tuesdays at 3:00 pm starting April 12. Ages 50+
- "Creativing Habitat with Native Plants" Presentation. Friday, June 3 at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Native Plant Sale - Friday, June 3 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Tucker the Turtle storytime on June 4
- Jerry Dennis (~~Dennis~~), Michigan Notable Author 2022 of *Up North in Michigan* visits June 11 at 2:00 pm
- June 13-August 26 Mondays, Mecosta-Osceola Summer Playgroup 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
- Grant: MMLL partially funded our STEM backpack project for \$1,000
- Circulation Statistics:
 - Checkouts FY 2022 to Date: 42,364 - Renewals FY 2022 to Date: 18,442 - Total Saved FY 2022 to Date: \$730,375 - Searches FY 2022 to Date: 35,583
 - Checkouts Today: 91 - Renewals Today: 45 - Total Saved Today: \$1,269 - Searches Today: 55

6. Old/Unfinished Business

- Township Contracts.
 - The Library Board will wait till after an August meeting with the City Commission and the Township Boards and to see if the millage will be on the Big Rapids Township's (~~Townships~~) ballot before approaching the Township Boards directly concerning the Township Contracts.

7. New Business

- Preparation for book challenges. Revisit Collection Development Policy subheading "Challenged Materials."
 - Review Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form
 - What legal basis is there?
 - Review toolkit for next library board meeting

8. Unscheduled Business

- none

9. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

10. Adjournment

- Catherine Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.