

Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday: November 15, 2023

The meeting on November 15, 2023, was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Joanne Geneva

Present:

Voting Members:

Joanne Geneva – Chair

Peggy Blume – Secretary

Norma Baker – Member at Large

Non-Voting Members:

Shannon Duffy - Director

Betsy Perry- Youth Services Librarian

2. Norma Baker made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023, meeting minutes. Joanne Geneva seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Children's Services

Children's Services:

There were 626 people in attendance at 20 children's programs in October. A large number of this was for the Boo Bash (400) and Halloween Storytime (50). Other programs included storytimes, Deb Hudgins music, Reading to Glory the Therapy Dog, Art in the Afternoon, and a Pirate Treasure Hunt.

Tween/Teen Services:

We had 1 Teen Program, Ghost Hunting, with 5 teens in attendance this month.

Besty remarked that she is working on plans for future programs. D&D will start in January.

Make and Takes:

We sent out 80 make and takes this month, mostly kits with tiny canvases, paint, and brushes in anticipation of the Tiny Art Show. ***Betsy commented that only a few came back (5) and she was hoping for more.***

Looking Forward:

We're all scheduled for December, January, and February and busy preparing materials for those programs.

Professional Activities:

I attended the CMLA October board meeting virtually on Thursday, October 19.

I attended the MLA Conference Committee meeting in person at the MLS office in Marlborough on Friday, October 20.

Director's Report

November 2023

Meetings attended:

11/2-By-laws Committee (CWMARS)

11/6 – MLS Annual Meeting

11/7 -Dept. Heads

11/14- User Council (CWMARS)

Adult programs: (RR=Registration Required)

11/20- Cribbage at 1 pm

11/20- Film Discussion on Zoom at 6 pm (RR)

The Cherokee Word for Water

11/21-Adult Craft- Snowy Mason Jars at 11:30 pm
(waitlisted, 8/8)

11/29- Fiber Club at 6:30 pm

11/30- Adult Craft- Snowy Mason Jars at 6:30 pm
(waitlisted, 8/8)

12/4- Cribbage at 1 pm

12/6- Holiday Crafting at 6:30 pm (RR)

12/9- Epic Cookie Exchange at 1 pm (RR)

12/13- Cookbook Club at 6:30 pm

Break Bread On a Budget by Lexy Rogers

12/18- Cribbage at 1 pm

12/18- Film Discussion at 6 pm (RR)

The Invention of Lying

12/20- Afternoon Book Group at 2 pm

The Guncle by Steven Rowley

12/20- Eucalyptus Shower Steamers at 6:30 pm (RR)

12/21- Evening Book Group at 6 pm

Misc:

- Town Hall Septic System upgrade is underway. It is currently unclear when or if this will result in library closures. It is their goal to be done by December. **Joanne asked about confirming work dates. Shannon is unsure but will ensure that there is sufficient notice if the library needs to close.**
- Library Closures: Monday, December 25.
- October Service Statistics: 12 lobby pick-ups and 10 home deliveries
- October Volunteer Hours: 11.5

Joanne read the Trustees Evaluation of the Library Director to the board and to the director Shannon Duffy.

Joanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. Norma seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held on December 13 at 2:30.

FY24	Adult Programs	Number of Participants
July	13	51
August	15	168
September	15	64
October	13	59
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
FY24 Totals	56	342
FY 23 Totals	121	812