

Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday: October 25, 2023

The meeting on October 25, 2023, was called to order at 2:00 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 September 20 2023, meeting minutes. Joanne Geneva seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Children's Services

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There were 141 people in attendance at 13 Children's Programs this month.

Programs included Babytime, Storytime, Deb Hudgins, a Pirate Treasure Hunt, Art in the Afternoon, and Lego Club.

Tween/Teen Services

There were 35 tweens and teens at 4 Young Adult programs this month. We had two sessions of Laser Tag and 2 sessions of D&D.

I did 12 take and make kits which were the leftover projects from Storytime. I have aspirations of making dedicated take and makes as well as table crafts but I'm still getting squared away.

Looking forward:

In November we're looking forward to Storytimes, a visit from Deb Hudgins, and our Tiny Art Show. We've sent home quite a few kits which contain teeny canvasses, paint strips, and brushes. We're hoping for them to come back by November 1. People can also participate by dropping in and creating on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 1-4 pm.

December/January/February is all planned out. Glory the Therapy Dog will be joining us one afternoon a month to be read to. ***Joanne commented that there has been positive feedback from a number of people.***

There'll be crafternoons during the Winter and February breaks, visits from Deb Hudgins, and Lego Club. Magic, Pokemon, and D&D are happening also. We're going to run some D&D 101 programs: Creating a Character and How to Play to encourage new players to learn. We're running some shorter 3 session campaigns. New recurring programs we're trying out will be a teen writing group, basic sewing for tweens and teens, messy storytimes, and no-bake food programs. Stand-alone programs include a pajama storytime in February to kick off the annual Pajama Drive, a Bluey storytime during February break, and an interactive family movie. In March we've committed to running an Enrichment Session at the Simonian Center/Elementary School. ***Peggy asked about the enrichment programs. Betsy responded that there is a variety of projects, and it is a good way for library staff and the children to get to know one another.***

Director's Report

October 2023

Meetings attended:

9/19- CWMARS User's Council

9/21- MHEC Expo

9/28- CMLA Annual Meeting

10/10- Dept. Heads Mtg

10/16- Town Meeting

10/19- By-laws Committee (CWMARS)

10/19- CMLA Mtg

10/20- Webinar:

The Housing Crisis and Migrants in MA:
What Librarians Should Know

Adult programs: (RR=Registration Required)

Saturdays at 10:30 am – Yoga (Last class is Nov. 4)

10/30 - Cribbage at 1 pm

11/2- Gravestone Girls at 6 pm

11/6- Cribbage at 1 pm

11/7- Puzzle Swap 1-6 pm ***Shannon and Betsy commented that the swap has brought in some new patrons, and they have approximately 200 or more puzzles so far.***

11/8- Cookbook Club at 6:30 pm

The Complete Small Plates Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen

11/9- Writing Group at 6 pm

11/15- Afternoon Book Group at 2 pm

11/16- Evening Book Group at 6 pm

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

11/20- Cribbage at 1 pm

11/20- Film Discussion on Zoom at 6 pm

The Cherokee Word for Water

11/21-Adult Craft- Snowy Mason Jars at 11:30 am

Shannon noted that this event is full and wait listed but some spaces may open up.

Misc:

Library Closures: Monday, Nov. 13 and Thursday, Nov. 23.

Early Closure (5 pm): Wednesday, Nov. 22 and Oct 31 at 4 PM

September Service Statistics: 10 lobby pick-ups and 13 home deliveries

September Volunteer Hours: 1.5

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Nov. 15, 2023 at 2:30

Joanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at..... Norma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FY24	Adult Programs	Number of Participants
July	13	51
August	15	168
September	15	64
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
FY24 Totals	43	283
FY 23 Totals	121	812