



July 15 Library Board

Join Zoom Meeting July 15, 5:30 PM

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Call to order: MA, DB, CC, JC, MJ, JL, SJ

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes June 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
5. New Business
 - a. 2022 Budget Initial Discussion
 - b. WI Humanities Council Recovery Grant
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn



Director's Report

July 15, 2021

Programming

Summer reading program attendance is not as strong as we would like. The programs are creative and fun but it might be families are just not ready to participate. As always, we have a challenge of getting the word out. Our Facebook page has many views/followers. We will continue to brainstorm and strategize ways to increase participation or figure out what families are interested in doing. Sheva has connected with Bawaajigekwe Andrea Boulley, middle school special education teacher to do some work with her summer school students. The book trike is out and about!

Staff

Lisa is up to 24 hours of work per week. We are really happy to have her back! Summer intern Sarah Wargin is working with Sheva in the summer reading program. Kathy is doing monthly family event nights with water as the focus for July 21, besides virtual storytimes and Fun, Run & Read. Sarah May is working part time at Northern Waters and learning more and more cataloging and database skills. Our goal is twice monthly staff meetings which gives us some time together as a team, invaluable!

Building

People are beginning to use the second floor meeting rooms and computer lab. Foot traffic on the first floor seems a little busier. People who have not been in the library for months are returning.

Library by the Numbers

I am applying for a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council which will cover lost operating revenue due to the pandemic. As you probably remember, we will be short \$12,600 from Ashland & Bayfield Counties in 2022. This grant is specifically to address this kind of shortfall. Hopefully it will be funded. Our current budget status is 50% or right where we should be. If you have any areas of focus for the 2022 budget, please bring them forward at our meeting.

On the Horizon

We will begin organizing lists of folks to participate in focus groups for our renovation project and then reaching out mid-late August.

Take Care,

Sarah A.