

## Vaughn Public Library Board Agenda

July 2020

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)

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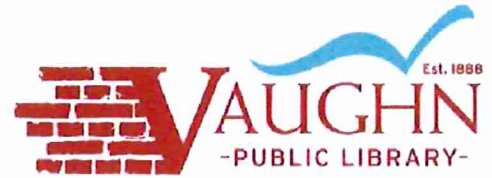
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1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes June 11, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Discuss re-opening
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor use
5. New Business
  - a. Strategic Plan
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn





## Library Director's Report

July 2020

### Programming

Summer reading participation is pretty good. We have 107 kids and 10 adults signed up. Families are really enjoying the take home kits and posting photos on our FB account. The take home kits are another one of those things we began because of the pandemic, but will continue to do as it seems to fit a need for families. (most of whom are busy regardless of world health crisis).

### Pandemic Response

Things are moving along. People are wearing masks, using curtesy about distancing and in general seem to be adapting to our changes. We are now lending between system libraries, so it is nice to fulfill holds for people. Returns and materials coming from other libraries are quarantined for 72 hours, which is where the science is regarding the virus lifespan on the interior of a book.

According to phased opening, given our low rate of cases here in Ashland and Bayfield county, we could consider opening the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. But, we also might want to see how the summer plays out.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

### Finances

We are at 49% of our budget, so on target. Some expenses were less for the two months we were closed. The Friends of the Library agreed to purchase the self-check machine, so that is great.

### Strategic Planning

This is a good time to develop a strategic plan. I have searched a bit and am not finding an old one to build on which is okay. I am reading Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain World by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. I have a pdf copy if you would like to borrow it. I am also using the American Public Library Association as a guide. Our mission and goals, reviewed/approved by this group in 2018 are on the library website, if you want to have a look. <https://www.vaughnlibrary.org/about-us/policies> I would like to start with our vision and mission. I can hear the groans! On the next page is some information about those and some drafts for your consideration.

Happy July!

Thanks for reading & hope all are well!

Sarah

## Draft A

### 2020 Vaughn Library Strategic Plan

#### **Our Vision (what we want to be in the near future; how people would describe us)**

*The Vaughn Library is the center of enrichment, information, empowerment and community in the Chequamegon Bay area.*

Or...

*The Vaughn Library is the center of empowerment and community through literacy in the Chequamegon Bay area.*

Or..

*The Vaughn Library is the center of individual and community empowerment ~~through multiple literacies~~ in the Chequamegon Bay area.*

#### **Core Mission (the why of what we do to achieve our vision) (what we do will be our goals/objectives)**

*The Vaughn Library exists to provide public access to information, resources, materials and services that support, connect and empower all community members*

Or...

*The Vaughn Library exists to increase the common good of our community through open access to information, education, technology and literacy services that empower all.*

Or....

The Vaughn Library exists to secure democracy by providing *open unbiased* access to learning, information, technology and a physical space to connect with others

#### **Core Values**

- literacy in a multitude of forms; reading, computing, creating
- equity in access to knowledge, learning and information
- empowerment of all who seek to strengthen individual and community assets
- sustainability as an organization environmentally, physically and financially
- resiliency through facilitating understanding, respect and empathy
- diversity in recognizing the value of different ideas, cultures and lifestyles

#### **Description**

(2024) As a physical space, the newly renovated Vaughn is open, welcoming and responsive to a variety of individual and group uses and needs; families celebrate together- time, teens build friendships, entrepreneurs make base camp, elders read newspapers and catch up with one another. Those who are struggling feel safe to ask and receive help.

Library leaders are committed to continual review and improvement of core services, training, retention and support of excellent employees. Library staff represent the community and understand literacy in all its formats is a civil right and work to increase literacy rates through the library and in partnership with other organizations in the area. All library stakeholders advocate for the library's mission as a way to empower all members of our community.