

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monday, April 16, 2012
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Bunny Albers, Ms. Mary Brinkley, and Mr. Mitch Tropila

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Dea Nowell

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Mora and Ms. Korri Shupe.

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

Ms. Riesenber called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Tropila moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Mr. Tropila moved and Ms. Albers seconded the motion to approve the operating vouchers as presented. MOTION. . . passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora began by reporting that Andrew Finch, a Friends of the Library member, has sold a number of the rare books that were donated to the library from an estate sale a few years ago. We then donated the books to the Friends of the Library for possible sale to raise funds for the group. At a recent antique show Andrew sold several of the books raising \$560 for the group and has a couple of dealers interested in purchasing the remaining titles.

Included in the April board packet is information on a mini-conference sponsored by Humanities Montana, Friends of the Library, and the library. The conference, *Privacy in the Digital Age: Is the Fourth Amendment Still Relevant in Our Technological World*, should be an interesting and informative program and Kathy would encourage the library board to attend.

We received the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant through the State Library and have received 12 laptops, which are being configured for public use. The laptops will be used for both public training sessions and circulation to patrons within the library. Included is the Laptop Checkout Policy for board's approval. It was decided after much discussion that the late fee for not returning the laptop on time will be \$10. This should discourage abuse of the time limits provided to those patrons checking them out to use within the library. We will also be receiving an iPad3, a Kindle Fire, and a Nook with the BTOP grant.

Ms. Albers intends to resign from the library board effective immediately. Ms. Albers will be submitting a resignation letter to Ms. Mora and then we will advertise for a replacement. Mr. Tropila asked if the library board gets to select the next board member. Ms. Mora explained to him that the City Commissioners make the selection for the new board member from the pool of applicants, but asks for the library board's recommendation.

Ms. Brinkley's term is up June 30, 2012 but she would like to stay on another term. This will be her 2nd term.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenbergl will be attending a trustee meeting in Kalispell next week. At next month's meeting she will share any information she gained from it.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Tropila mentioned that the library board had a team at the Word Meister Contest this year. They didn't win but they all had a great time participating. Ms. Mora commented that there were 2 high school teams this year in the Word Meister Contest and they both did well.

Ms. Brinkley would love to see the library provide training on the new electronic devices for the public. Ms. Mora said in the future we hope to do this with the new devices we just got with the BTOP grant.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tropila moved and Ms. Brinkley seconded the motion to approve the Laptop Checkout Policy as presented. MOTION . . . passed unanimously.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PROPOSALS FROM OTHERS

X. ADJORNMENT

Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.