

**Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judy Riesenber, Ms. Mary Ellen Kropp, Ms. Dea Nowell, Ms. Mary Brinkley and Mr. Mitch Tropila

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Mary Lehman, Library Foundation, Bob Kelly, City Commissioner, and Richard Liebert

Ms. Riesenber called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

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

II. OPERATING VOUCHERS

Mr. Tropila had a question on the Vendor Summary Report, page 17. He asked if Amazon Credit was a credit or a vendor. Ms. Shupe told him it's the vendor name we purchase from and not a credit.

Ms. Brinkley also had a question on the Vendor Summary Report. She wanted to know what the Dearborn Homemakers are. Ms. Mora told her we purchased a book from them and it is about the history of the Dearborn area.

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mora started by reporting we had received Foundation Approved Projects funding from the Library Foundation totaling \$85,840. We received \$48,800 for adult and juvenile materials and \$37,040 to replace our library automation server through our library vendor SirsiDynix.

The AAUW annual book sale started on Wednesday October 14. It will continue Thursday – Sunday this week. They have reported their sales are down a little bit but hope to make it up this week.

October 4th was our first Sunday opening for the year. The traffic was modest but we expect it to increase as the community realizes we are open again on Sundays.

The Genealogy Society has a workshop on Thursdays and Saturday throughout the year. Their workshops for Thursdays and Saturdays are full so they plan on adding Sundays now that we are open again.

Bunny Albers, a past Library Board member 2001-2012, passed away at the end of August. Her daughter Deana brought us one of Bunny's paintings that Bunny wanted the library to have. The painting will hang on the wall behind the Circulation Department on the 1st floor. It's a beautiful painting and a wonderful addition to the library.

We just added an adult coloring area to the 2nd floor. It's a new addition and we hope to expand it if it's well received by patrons.

Next month our library board meeting will be held in the Gibson Room at the Civic Center at 4:30 p.m. We will be meeting with the City Commissioners following it.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Riesenbergs asked how the interviews went to fill the Youth Services Librarian. Ms. Mora said we did not find the right fit for the position and we are going to wait and advertise the position again in January. We have asked Diane Kliewer, who previously worked in the Kids Place and retired, to help us staff the Kids Place until we fill the position.

Ms. Riesenbergs attended *Celebrate the Book* an event the library coordinated with Lisa Schmidt. It was held here at the library, Cassiopeia Books, and Hastings. Several authors participated at the different locations including Jamie Ford, who read from his new book. She really enjoyed it and even won a prize. Ms. Mora said that Ms. Jude Smith and Lisa Schmidt are working together to plan our upcoming book festival and we hope to have a similar format.

Ms. Riesenbergs attended Bunny Albers service.

V. BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Brinkley asked if the spray paint was hard to remove from our new elastomer surface. Ms. Mora said it cleaned up fine the next day and we still do not know who did it. We gave the police our surveillance tape and we have not heard back from them yet.

Ms. Nowell will be attending the Pathfinder Federation meeting in Fort Benton with Ms. Mora on Thursday. Ms. Nowell is the chairman of Pathfinder Federation advisory board.

While on vacation in Alaska, Ms. Nowell and her husband went to the Juneau Public Library. She reported back some of their interesting features; their parking structure helped pay for

their library, there are glass windows that look into the entire Kids Place area so there are not any hidden areas, and all of their public computer stations tilt the computer down into them and then a hood comes around the screen area so it's very private.

Mr. Tropila was approached by a patron that knows Mitch is a board member, and said it's difficult to complete reading the larger new books within the two week checkout period and usually can't renew them because there are usually holds placed on them by other patrons. He wondered if we could look at extending the new books checkout period. Ms. Mora said we have discussed this in the past but we will revisit this issue and get back to the board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PROPOSALS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kelly talked with Rebecca Engrum with the Chamber of Great Falls and she is working on creating a panel to focus on different tourist aspects for Great Falls and suggested that we try to get into the planning process of this. Ms. Mora will let Ms. Smith know about this and we will try to contact Rebecca. Ms. Mora said we do have a lot of tourists come to the library, especially in the summer.

Mr. Kelly said next month the Library Board and City Commissioners are going to be meeting and they are all excited to hear about how the library works and encouraged the board to use this as a positive learning experience for both parties. It's important for the commissioners to hear from the library board about the various activities we have at the library and to educate them on what all we do here.

Mr. Liebert is a member of the Farmers Union and this year will be their 100th Convention here in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn and they use the library as patrons as well and are glad to see we are opened again on Sundays. He was also very supportive of the seed library we are trying to get started here.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Riesenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.