

North Logan Library Board Meeting

October 10, 2024

Those in attendance: Cathy Larsen, Liz Carr, JoAnn DeLange, Jenn Albrecht, Andrea Wachob, Trent Bateman (Library Director), Emily Schmidt (City Council Rep)

Board Members not in attendance: Janean Huppi, Kate Ballard

Good News Minute:

Harry Potter party is coming up later this month. Several board members would like to volunteer at the party. The Kids Market is going to have booths outside of the library selling items during the party, which will free up a lot of staff to help with other activities that night. Most of the activities will be similar to what they have done in previous years.

Jenn and Andrea attended the last staff meeting and introduced themselves as well as shared their info with staff and asked that they reach out if ever any concerns which arise.

Liz went to the cooking night and the painting night. Both were very well attended and seemed to be very well received by library patrons; both events had wait lists.

The new building is progressing well.

Minutes:

September minutes were moved to be approved by Liz; Cathy seconded, all approved unanimously.

City Council Report:

No report, other than new building coming along well.

Budget Report:

Trent shared a spreadsheet of all collections with each department (children, young adult, etc.) including their individual budgets. This has helped the departments self-manage in a much easier way and keep them within budget.

The MakerSpace is staffed, plus Seth is working an extra 20 hours a week doing programs. Even with these two changes the library has still only used 20% of the library wages budget, despite being 25% thru the fiscal year. Annual raises are given in July based on position and performance.

The P-card is a purchasing card Trent uses. Descriptions of each item and receipt must be included with each purchase. The city is also able to monitor this card.

Director's Report:

We were awarded the Quality Library Award! This is an award given by the State Library to indicate the work library director's and their staff have accomplished rises above and beyond the standards. As a benefit of receiving this designation the library will not have to go through the recertification process in the next recertification round. Trent passed around the teardrop shaped glass award the library was sent by the state. It was very nice.

Last July our patrons checked out 142 books from the North Logan Library Libby collection. This July 312 books were checked out from the North Logan Library Libby collection. Trent credits this 119% uptick in checkouts to the \$10,000 donation by Deloy Hansen. Trent uses the money specific to that donation to purchase the Libby books with the most holds from our patrons, each month. When our library owns a copy of a book the wait time a patron experiences is dramatically reduced as they have priority access to

that book. The significant increase in patron checkouts from our Library's Libby collection has continued: August up 72%, September up 158% and to date in October up 176%.

MakerSpace computers no longer offer Roadblocks as an option. No chats are available. And patrons are no longer able to download games. Access to Chrome has been removed and only access to Microsoft Edge is available. There is a poster on the wall indicating what games are available. These efforts were all made in order to keep our patrons safe online. The children, who are the primary users of this space, asked about the changes the first day, but since have seemed fine with the changes.

The state survey is currently being worked on by the staff.

The banned book display was mostly well received. The display included books such as *Charlotte's Web*, *Harry Potter*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and *Lord of the Rings*. The only issue was an adult non-fiction book *It's Perfectly Normal*. The book portrays drawings of people involved in sexual acts, however, has a cover that appeals to children. A patron brought the book to the attention of the front desk, the staff immediately removed the book from the display and returned it to the shelf. No other patrons commented on it to library staff. A local person visited valley libraries and posted the banned book displays on social media. They commented on the book as part of a social media post. As far as we know it was only posted to a private group.

7-year weed of adult fiction cleared out 800 books. Those books are being sold by the Friends of the Library mostly in the library lobby. The Friends replenish the books-for-sale supply every few weeks. The 5-year weed of the adult non-fiction books will clear out around 500 books. All the weeding is in an effort to lessen the amount of work needed during the move.

The cabling bid came in much higher than expected. The library projected a cost of \$40,000, however the bid from Les Olson came in at \$175,000. Cabling is used for Wi-Fi, computers and other necessary electronics; the bid includes updating the existing library as well as putting it in the new library extension. The library is seeking two other bids.

Fundraising will most likely begin in January. But we'll need to get major donors to contribute as well as community. Emily said the city will help Trent and the library staff with this.

Melanie Chambers will join the board next month; replacing Cassidy who is no longer able to attend due to work conflicts.

Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be on November 14 at 6:00.

Liz motioned to adjourn; Cathy seconded.