

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8AM

Board Members Present: Juanita Hill, Jerrald Pfabe, Nancy Lamberty, Stephanie Croston and Bob Dahms

Absent: None

Also: Rich Wergin, City Council and Becky Baker, Library Director

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting the notice of such meeting, with the agenda thereon, in the following places: City Hall, Seward Municipal Building, and the Seward Memorial Library. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Library Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AVAILABILITY

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Programs:

The Arthur Clarke Diversity Lecture series speaker was Sharon Ishii-Jordan and on April 23 she spoke to about 20 attendees. Pinocchio was performed on April 15 to only 17 attendees. On April 25th a special craft class was held for 8 registrants and Book Review Bingo had 24 attendees. Staff is not sure why attendance was so low at this year's National Library Week events but they will work on adjusting what is offered next April.

The summer schedule is finalized and is ready to be taken to the schools. The kickoff street party is taking place on Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reading Clubs begin Monday May 22 and on May 25 magician Jeff Quinn will perform here. On Tuesday, May 30 national best-selling author William Kent Krueger will speak at 6:30.

This month's book group activities include Reader's Choice discussing The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles on May 8, Midday Mysteries reading The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon for May 16, and Random Reads talking about The Beach Trees by Karen White on May 22. R&R continues to discuss current books read and will meet on May 11.

Operations:

Storm Damage: All interior repairs are now completed. The gutter replacement is still delayed due to trouble finding the material to complete it. The shingled roof will be replaced this spring as part of the larger city project and an RFP has been given to the Council for approval.

Seward Library Foundation: The remodeling is moving quickly and may be finished by the end of next week. The project has been accepted for the Seward County Gives promotion which is happening this week, and a Seward Foundation grant will be presented on May 10.

Personnel: Emily Manley's last day is May 31 so we are advertising for a new Library Clerk.

Statistics:

	Last month	Two months prior	Last year
Circulation	6,267	7,315	6,536
Overdrive (SML patrons)	1,687	1,739	1,550
Overdrive (ILL to others)	1,780	1,941	1,599
Collection	56,485	57,634	58,921
Attendance	4,233	5,019	4,044
Computer Use	111	133	86
Wireless Use	6,342	7,611	7,792
Window	232	204	226

3. 2023-24 BUDGET DRAFT – Board Review

After review of the draft as presented, the Board approved its submission to City Administration. Baker mentioned that if any other suggestions came to mind the staff would be happy to look into them, up until May 9.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Pfabe moved to approve the consent items. Dahms seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pfabe, Lamberty, Dahms, Croston and Hill. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Croston, Secretary