

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 8AM

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

Absent: Nancy Lamberty

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: Summer summary:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># sessions</u>	<u># attend</u>
Story Time	June	4	159
Toddler Time	June	4	147
Kickoff Party	20-May	1	275
Hughes Bros Tour	23-May	1	23
Jeff Quinn Magician	25-May	1	158
William Kent Krueger	30-May	1	117
Mid-Week Movies		6	49
String Beans	29-Jun	1	164
Big Truck	8-Jun	1	142
Family Yoga	15-Jun	1	16
Family Marble Music	13-Jul	1	8
Family Line Dancing	20-Jul	1	14
Escape Rooms	July	40	180
Finale Party	1-Aug	1	34
Adult Pizza Party	17-Aug	1	32
ASRT discussion	17-Aug	1	5
Total inc ST/TT		66	1523

Summer Reading Club

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Kids	198	198
Teens	62	49
Adults	163	155

Fall programs: the discussion of the ASRT title on August 17 only had 5 in attendance and a program on dementia on August 20 only had about 15 in attendance. Thursday night line dancing is again very popular, and will run through October. Upcoming programs include the Arthur Clarke Diversity talk by John Harris on September 17 at 3:00 (note time change), partnering with the Seward County League of Women Voters on a program with our legislators on September 24 at 2:00, author Craig Johnson on October 8 at 2:00, a panel of Nebraska authors featuring Alex Kava, Tosca Lee, and Lydia Kang on October 22 at 2:00, and Jerry Pfabe on Seward County during WWII on November 19, also at 2:00.

Children's programs for all ages began the week of August 28 and will run for ten weeks. Toddler Time and Story Time will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Toddler Time continues to be more popular than Story Time. After school programs meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays when school is in session and they are all popular again this year.

This month's book group activities include Reader's Choice discussion *The Mystery of Hunting's End* by Mignon Eberhart on September 11, Midday Mysteries reading *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson for September 19, and Random Reads talking about Labor Day by Joyce Maynard on September 25. R&R continues to discuss current books read and will meet on September 14.

Operations:

Storm Damage: The shingles have been replaced. Gutter and light repairs remain on the list.

Seward Library Foundation: All planned remodeling work has now been completed; change-out of the lights in the former computer lab has been added to the project and is planned for this month.

Personnel: Krystyn Harris has been hired as a library substitute worker. That gets us to being fully staffed once again.

20th Anniversary: This Sunday, September 10, is the official day for celebrating 20 years in our building. Please plan to join us for refreshments and give away prizes from 1:30-3:30 that afternoon.

Statistics:

	Last month	Two months prior	Last year
Circulation	7,464	8,617	7,687
Overdrive (SML patrons)	1,886	1,930	1,684
Overdrive (ILL to others)	1,579	1,667	1,741
Collection	54,785	54,543	57,652
Attendance	4,534	5,374	4,319
Computer Use	125	138	128
Wireless Use	5,479	6,093	8,406
Window	211	216	265

3. CIRCULATION POLICY – Update application section regarding timing of when patron photos are taken

After review, Pfabe moved to update the circulation policy allowing the addition of a digital photo at the time of library card application. Dahms seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pfabe, Dahms, Croston, and Hill. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lamberty.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Croston, Secretary