

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8AM

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

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 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Programs:

Toddler Time continues until later this month. Staff hopes to have a summer calendar printed and to the schools by around May 1 for distribution.

The Arthur Clarke Diversity Lecture for March 24 featuring Haroon Al Hayder, a Yazidi originally from Iraq only had 8 in attendance. Weather was not nice and it was also Palm Sunday so these factors may have something to do with the low attendance. The origami class is going well, concluding on April 27 with a workshop at 10:00 a.m. for all ages followed by an open house.

National Library Week events are ready to go as reported last month. Staff is using this week as a trial run for a spinning wheel, to see if we want it returned this summer.

This month's book group activities include Reader's Choice discussing The American Heiress by Daisy Goodwin on April 8, Midday Mysteries reading The Bride Wore Size 12 by Meg Cabot for April 16, and Random Reads talking about The Gilded Years by Karin Tenabe on April 22. R&R continues to discuss current books read and will meet April 11.

Operations:

Street Construction: Library staff is carefully watching the water main and street projects outside the building. Water has been off two different times to date, one planned and one not. Traffic patterns have been interesting to say the least.

Building: Gutter replacement should be scheduled in the next couple of weeks

Meeting Room Use: Use continues to be high. On April 19 the NFWC state convention will be in the building early, just a reminder.

Grants: The Seward County Gives application has been submitted for the technology upgrade/repair downstairs. A grant request of the Seward Foundation was considered by the City Council last night. This is also for this lower level sound equipment project. Applications for the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation grants are due at the end of April, not March as previously reported.

Statistics:

	Last month	Two months prior	Last year
Circulation	6,901	6,369	7,315
Overdrive (SML patrons)	2,078	2,023	1,739
Overdrive (ILL to others)	2,380	2,278	1,941
Collection	55,845	55,565	57,634
Attendance	4,905	4,459	5,019
Computer Use	166	130	133
Wireless Use	4,381	4,235	7,611
Window	249	240	204

3. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Croston, Secretary