

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 8AM

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

Absent: None

Also: 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:

Fall programs for children and line dancing for adults end November 15. A closer look at attendance numbers will take place after this and will aid in discussion for the spring semester. Programs are tentatively scheduled to begin January 20 and run for ten weeks, ending the last week in March.

This coming Sunday a Scandinavia travelog is planned at 2:00. The presenters are Sue Imig and her daughter Nancy. Of the adult programs held during the last month, the one presented by Jerry Pfabe was the best attended with around 40 present. Other programs were not as popular, similar to those from previous months.

This month's book group activities include Reader's Choice discussing Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng on November 18 (one week late due to Veteran's Day), Midday Mysteries reading The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth for November 19, and Random Reads talking about The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht on November 25. R&R continues to discuss current books read and will meet November 14. Staff will resurrect the Young at Heart book group due to patron interest and it will meet November 7 at noon, discussing Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Nebraska author Brandon Sanderson.

Operation

Building: A leak that staff felt was a roofing issue has been identified as a drainpipe issue. It was hoped that tightening connections would fix the problem, but with the recent rains it appears there is a bigger repair needed.

Christmas Festival: Both the main and lower-level large rooms will be used for Chamber events November 30. The library's involvement that day will be the holiday story walk around the square and displaying the LEGO entries. Friends of Seward Library are in charge of Letters to Santa that morning.

Grant for Board Games: The Seward Foundation meets November 13 regarding the library's grant request. The NLC grant deadline is November 15. Other requests from the Friends and the Library Foundation can be made on demand.

Schedule: The library will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving. Baker is on intermittent FMLA for the foreseeable future with remaining staff covering as needed.

Statistics:

	Last month	Two months prior	Last year
Circulation	7,261	6,281	6,298
Overdrive (SML patrons)	1,968	1,879	1,380
Overdrive (ILL to others)	1,415	1,600	1,668
Collection	56,231	56,110	58,518
Attendance	5,008	4,513	3,891
Computer Use	143	123	93
Wireless Use	5,287	4,185	8,019
Window	243	214	266

3. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Croston, Secretary