

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

November 15, 2022

Members present: Tracy Gilbertson, Charles Nibbe, Grady Gutknecht, Mitch Wester, Kristin Franks, Mandy Youngthunder, Melanie Floyd and Sarah Peloquin. Kylee Wussow was absent. Director Cara Hart was also in attendance.

Mitch called the meeting to order at 4:01.

Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Sarah and a second by Kristin. Carried. Vouchers were approved with a motion by Tracy and a second by Melanie. Carried.

Sarah brought up a comment she received from a member of the public who wondered why we didn't provide board games to borrow. Cara replied that each time a board game was returned, an employee would have to count all the pieces to ensure the game was complete and staff doesn't have the extra time to do that.

Director Cara Hart's report was reviewed along with reports provided by Historian Mary Woods, Youth Services Coordinator Melody Gesicki and Library Services Coordinator Vicki Fisher.

Among other things, Cara reported that on October 11, the library was closed to allow staff to have an in-service. Ryan Dowd's foundational workshop on "Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Libraries" was viewed. Training covered the psychology of voluntary compliance, empathy and communication. Megan McCormick, Community Health Worker, also presented a powerpoint detailing the services offered through ADRC and her role as Community Health Worker.

Mary reported that the 150<sup>th</sup> Library Anniversary Celebration was a success and we should all be proud to have the first Wisconsin Public Library here in Black River Falls. The History Room will host a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 11.

Melody had great attendance at Storytimes. October 7, 24 attended. October 14, 26. October 21, 41 and October 28, 19.

Vicki reported that in October, 21 new patrons were added for a total of 255 thus far in 2022. One hundred eleven items were added to our collection. Forty-three BRF PL items were loaned and 103 items were borrowed through WISCAT. The door count for the month was 3,442.

The library will be closed December 24 – 26. These closure dates were approved with a motion by Melanie and a second by Sarah. Carried.

Our Per Mar Security services require an update to go wireless. The board reviewed three options to keep our service and we decided to go with option one with a motion by Sarah and a second by Kristin. Carried.

At 4:28 pm Sarah made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kristin. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson

Secretary