

Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees
July 5th, 2023

A meeting of the Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees was held
Wednesday July 5th, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Present: The following members of the Library Board were present: X. Cretzmeyer, Amanda Elkins, Pat Kenner, Lisa Mellecker, Molly Logan Wilson and Hai Huynh. Also present: Alison Ames Galstad (Library Director), Ellen Alexander (Assistant Library Director) Jin Chang (UI Humanities for Public Good Intern).
Absent: Deborah Hatz, Bob Turnquist.

President Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:00.

The Board considered approval of the agenda. Kenner moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Mellecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the June 7th, 2023 meeting. Kenner moved that they be approved, Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the bills for June. It is a short list because there was one mid-month for the end of the FY. The Kanopy invoice is high – it is a deposit account we pay into periodically. Kenner moved that the bills be paid as presented, Mellecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jin Chang, Intern from Humanities for Public Good through the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Iowa, gave the staff report. Jin has been working on an oral history project. He did a similar project with the University about the history of Asian activism on campus. With the CPL project, he wanted to be intentional about who he interviewed, in order to start capturing more diverse Coralville stories. He interviewed Samira, then asked CAP members to be interviewed. He also has identified two relatives of Library founders interested in being interviewed. He played two clips of interviews for the Board.

Galstad updated the Board on the 2023 Summer Reading Programs. We do not have current numbers for adult or kid participation, but there are 192 teens with paper logs and 144 signed up on Beanstack. There has been great turnout to programs.

There was nothing to report from the Friends of the Library. They discussed the art, but have reached no conclusion.

The Foundation Board has not met, they will meet in late August.

Galstad gave the Director's Report. The 4th of July parade went well – the library had a float with the summer reading theme, gave away bracelets and blew bubbles. Karen Stierler also rode the book bike in the parade. The statistics are very encouraging and now seem much more back to normal. Pre-pandemic, average daily circulation was generally around 1,000, which is where we were this month. The % of physical to e-materials checked out remains at 72%.

In building issues, 6 more standing/adjustable staff desks were installed. Also, Mishka has been taken for restoration. The goal is to complete this and move him back by October.

The wheatpasting went well – Friday June 9th, we started with the founders on the library, then the 8th ave garages were installed, then the following Wed.-Friday Randy's, IRP, Chongs, West Music, and the Food Pantry were installed. Saturday Inside Out photos were installed on the three schools, and then the mural at the Recreation Center and one more on West Music. Wendy and Ellen were on Talk of Iowa on IPR with Isaac about the project. We have had really great feedback!

RAGBRAI is approaching – the Dream Team will be staying on the library lawn. They are a nonprofit organization in Des Moines that pairs underprivileged kids with adults to do practice rides together. The program culminates with riding RAGBRAI, and they kids earn their bikes. We've added a second water bottle filler in the lower level and will have extra charging stations. Galstad passed around thank you notes to the children's staff from Borlaug 2nd graders for a visit they did.

The next meeting will be August 2nd.

The board wished Deborah Hatz a happy birthday, then adjourned around 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Alexander
Assistant Library Director
(Subject to approval at the August 2023 meeting.)