

Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees
October 5th, 2022

A meeting of the Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees was held
Wednesday October 5th, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Present: The following members of the Library Board were present at the library: X Cretzmeyer, Pat Kenner, Lisa Mellecker, Bob Turnquist. Also present: Alison Ames Galstad (Library Director), Ellen Alexander (Assistant Library Director), Hai Huynh (City Council Representative), Dan Junis, ELL Class Instructor and part-time Library Assistant, Michelle Forrester, SLIS Student, Christian Brauns, SLIS Student.
Absent: Amanda Elkins, Deborah Hatz, Shaner Magalhães.

Vice-President Turnquist called the meeting to order at 6:02.

The Board considered approval of the agenda. Kenner moved that the agenda be approved, Cretzmeyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the September 2022 meeting. Kenner moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Mellecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the bills for September. Galstad noted the many registrations for staff to attend the ILA conference, and also payments for children's staff to attend the Association of Library Service to Children Institute in Kansas City. Also, payment for Samira to attend the American Public Health Association conference is included. The payment to Dollywood is for our deposit fund toward the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The payment to ICPL is for the Overdrive service, which we offer collaboratively. The payment to Antelope Lending Library is for service to Western Hills. Mellecker asked about the Mango bill – this is a language learning resource. Kenner asked about Data Axle – this is what used to be the City Directory; we offer it online. Kenner moved that the bills be approved as presented, Mellecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board heard a staff report from Dan Junis, ELL Class Instructor and part-time Library Assistant. Junis is the lead ELL teacher; he graduated with an undergraduate and a MA degree in linguistics and is certified in TOEFL. He's been working at CPL for around 5 years as a Library Assistant and started teaching some of our ELL classes May. He explained to the board that there are three classes weekly – Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30-11 on Zoom, and Tuesday evenings at 6pm in person at the library. Classes are led by Dan, Dave Welborn, and a new volunteer, Pam. Classes tend to have between 15-20 attendees with a wide range of skills. Classes generally aim to teach one skill per class. Pam also has been offering one-on-one conversation times outside of class times. This is something we are looking for more volunteers to help with. Junis and Alexander attended a meeting last month hosted by Kirkwood Community College about ELL needs in the community, and believe it is an important program to be expanding.

There was no report from the Friends.

The Foundation will meet on November 15th. Galstad and Diana Lundell have been working on the insert for the annual mailing.

Galstad gave the Director's Report. Circulation and library visit statistics are still strong. The report still compares this year to pre-pandemic operations of 2019. Physical items accounted for 71% of total circulation. Hoopla use continues to increase. The number of people entering the building is a fairly large increase. Hotspots are still in demand – 30 more were just added to the collection. Around 150 people attended the Paul Engle Prize presentation to Rebecca Solnit. Hatz sent an email sharing

her positive feedback of the evening. The recording of this event will be available on CoralVision. Next Monday the 10th, CPL will host a Spiritual Writing Panel event in person as part of the Iowa City Book Festival as well.

Local Libraries Lit will host a reading with Ann Patchett online on October 27th at 6:30. CPL will offer a watch party for anyone wanting to gather in person.

ILA is next week. We are expecting around 400 to attend. The Book Bike will be on display with the ICPL Bookmobile and the Antelope Lending Library Bookmobile on Thursday morning.

The next meeting will be on November 2nd.

Alexander and Huynh reported briefly about the Community Ambassador Program. Together with Samira Abdalla, they interviewed 21 candidates and have ten ambassadors onboard. Ambassadors were oriented and will soon have their first quarterly meeting. They are a diverse group, with seven languages spoken!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Alexander
Assistant Library Director
(Subject to approval at the November 2022 meeting.)