

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024
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The agenda for this meeting was posted in public in all Scott County Library System Libraries in accordance with Iowa law. President Kristal Koberg Schaefer called to order the August 26, 2024, meeting of the Scott County Library Board of Trustees at noon at the Eldridge branch.

Board of Trustees present: Kevin Cahill, Dan True, Kristal Koberg Schaefer (zoom), Marty O'Boyle, Shelli Engelbrecht, Chuck Brockmann, Niki Wuestenberg, Linda Tuftee, Angie Ehlers, and Director Tricia Kane.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by Niki Wuestenberg; seconded by Linda Tuftee. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Niki Wuestenberg moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Receipts: The Accounts Payable Report for the meeting of Scott County Board of Supervisors for 7/16/24 – 8/16/24 were reviewed and discussed. Kevin Cahill moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Shelli Engelbrecht. Motion carried.

Review of the Circulation and Budget:

July circulation is close to last year, and has increased significantly from two years ago. Ancestry has to be used in the building, so that peaks and then dips down in usage again depending on who is using it and when. Libby and Freegal usage continue to be good. Virtual Author Talks is a new addition – one can register ahead of time for it, or go back and view it later. It is seeing good usage, and staff will continue to track that usage.

Correspondence: The Eldridge branch received a positive comment from a patron using the online Ask Us option.

Director's Report:

- An amendment was added to Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code, and electronic options are now required for meetings for all governmental bodies. This means that zoom is a viable option and can be counted toward meeting the quorum requirement.
- Summer Reading Program wrapped up on August 10. Completion rate this year was 92.3% - up from 79% last year.
- Emily Haage organized a Scholastic Book Fair at the Eldridge Branch which was staffed by the Friends of Eldridge Library. The goal was reached so we are getting 50% back in Scholastic dollars in the amount of \$1,859.73.
- In March, we were awarded a large grant from the American Library Association – Libraries Transforming Communities to help those students struggling with print disabilities. We have received 200 large print books to date. We were just one of 310 libraries across the US to be selected.

Old Business:

Circulation Policy – Discussion was held on revisions to the Circulation Policy. Kevin Cahill moved to approve adjustments to section 1.7, update references to reflect 2024 and update terminology to Appendix A; seconded by Niki Wuestenberg. Motion carried.

Linda Tuftee moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Shelli Engelbrecht. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 23, 2024 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Ehlers