

**SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**  
**NOON**

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 September 23, 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 (zoom), Linda Tuftee, Angie Ehlers (zoom), and Director Tricia Kane.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and approved by Linda Tuftee; seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Kevin Cahill moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Receipts:** The Accounts Payable Report for the meeting of Scott County Board of Supervisors for 8/17/24 – 9/13/24 were reviewed and discussed. Linda Tuftee moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

**Review of the Circulation and Budget:** Patronage count dropped a little in August compared to last year. The Library Speaker Consortium has been showing strong numbers, and program attendance has increased over the past two years. Budget – took in more donations than expected already this early in the fiscal year (Rotary, Friends, personal donations) – all for special projects.

**Board Education:** Emily Haage, Youth Services Coordinator, presented the board with information about the summer reading program and the LTC grant that the SCLS was awarded.

- We had 597 total participants in the summer reading program, the highlight being that we had a 92% completion rate! From June – August there were 222 programs offered in which 4,338 people attended. One big event at all places was an interactive STEM program from the Grout Museum– lots of positive feedback on this program. Shout out to Blue Grass branch who went above and beyond this summer – they were able to get many sponsors, and had excellent participation in the challenge and all events.
- 2024 American Libraries Association Libraries Transforming Grant – staff decided we needed more materials to help support children with print disabilities. With Emily's efforts, we were awarded this \$20,000 grant and will use that money to purchase read alongs, playaways, and large print books.

**Director's Report:**

- The annual report for the Scott County Library System has been mailed to our communities that support SCLS - the Mayors and City Councils have access to them.
- For several years, North Scott Rotary has donated a book in honor of their weekly speakers to the Children's Department of the Eldridge Library. At the end of the fiscal

year, North Scott Rotary provides a check for the purchases and a list of speakers and their topics. Emily selects books that honor the speakers on a wide range of topics, but a commitment to community and kindness always shines through in the selections. This year, Emily created a newsletter with the covers, and people can click on those to learn more and to place holds. We posted on our social media pages to celebrate this donation and to thank North Scott Rotary.

- The Friends of the Eldridge Library have been working to make some updates to that organization. They formed a budget committee, switched their fiscal year to align with the Library's, adopted an updated logo, increased prices at book sales, and are thinking of other fundraising opportunities and ways to grow the group.
- There will be a Harvest Festival Tailgate at the Eldridge Branch on Friday, October 4, from 5-7:30 p.m.

**New Business:** The director's evaluation is tabled until October.

Thank you to Kevin Cahill and crew for building a new Little Free Library to replace the one that had become dilapidated in Elmegreen Park. This is in addition to the one that was installed in Donahue. Thank you!

Linda Tuftee moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angie Ehlers