

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY LIBRARY MINUTES

April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee Megan Silva, Trustee Paula Dugan, Library Director Carol Buote, Friends of the Library President Catherine Charette, and Secretary Linda Andrade Rodrigues. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

The Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024 was read and approved. Paula Dugan motioned, Megan Silva seconded. All voted in favor.

VOTE: Carla Ross-Lyman AYE

 Paula Dugan AYE

 Megan Silva AYE

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN REPORT

Erica Grady submitted a report from March 12 through April 9. They have been busy this month with 12 programs and events with 129 participants as follows:

Weekly Story Times with 30 attendees total who enjoyed stories and simple crafts during each program;

Weekly VolunTEENS programs with 25 total participants;

Bi-weekly Writing Circle programs with 18 total participants;

Craft Night with 11 participants. VolunTEENS assist with craft nights, especially crochet and friendship bracelets;

Pokemon Club with 22 attendees. This program continues to be popular. They are meeting new families, and the kids love bingo;

3D Printing Club with 8 participants. Thank you to Angela for volunteering to run this program;

77 kids are registered to receive free saplings from Neighborhood Forest. They hope to have confirmation this week of a delivery date. Erica has planned a sapling pickup/Earth Day event for Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to noon.

The guessing jar winner took home 37 tootsie pops;

A newsletter went out April 1 to 115 subscribers, and marketing continues to be created across the board.

Juvenile and Young Adult materials circulation was 933 items in January, 1,034 items in February, and 1,041 items in March. They have placed orders for Juvenile and Young Adult books for the month of April.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the April 4 book club meeting, 8 attendees discussed *The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman. Everyone liked the book which is rare. They selected *The River* by Peter Heller for the May meeting. This book can be used for the Mass Center for the Book reading challenge as well.

The adult book displays this month are "Spring theme of rainbows and gardening" and "Center for the Book Reading Challenge book suggestions."

The Knot Just Knitting meetings in March had 18 participants.

The Adult Color and Draw met on March 20 with 2 attendees.

Virtual Trivia also met on March 23 with 19 participants.

The library staff received 500 free eclipse glasses from the SEAL (Solar Eclipses Activities for Libraries) Community and gave them all away. On the Saturday and Monday before the eclipse, they were inundated with calls and visitors wanting the eclipse glasses, but they were all out. This brought a lot of people to the library.

The library supported the Celebrations Committee egg hunt.

There was a heating issue on March 28, which was fixed before they opened. Carol Buote will ask if the Friends can pay for this.

The monthly adult newsletter goes out to 83 patrons. They have 800 Facebook followers and 742 Instagram followers. Their website pages had 1,251 views in March.

Carol Buote attended the SAILS Board meeting, two Department Head meetings, Negotiating Workplace Conflict training (town training), the Debt Exclusion Information session, and Democratic Leadership training. Note that if the Debt Exclusion vote does not pass, then they may have town department and personnel cuts.

For the Construction Grant process, Carol Buote attended two Construction Committee meetings, prepped for and participated in the Library Visioning forum. She also joined the Berkley Common Committee to represent the library.

FRIENDS' REPORT

The Friends met on March 19, and were presented with an opportunity from the Bristol Wealth Group in regard to a Matching Grant of up to \$10,000 towards the proposed new library building fund. This campaign will run from April 20 through May 18. Cash, check and Venmo will be accepted.

Their fundraising has already started with proceeds of \$105 from the sales of their Easter Crocheted Peeps.

Coin collection cards have been ordered to encourage the participation of their "youngster" group and to make them feel part of the process of fundraising.

They discussed having a table at the Council of Aging Fair on September 7 with a rain date of September 8.

As a reminder, anyone interested in joining their Friends' group, meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library. Reach out anytime with questions or concerns at friendsoftheberkleylibrary@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS

Carol Buote prepared a FY24 3rd quarter budget review.

NEW LIBRARY/BUILDING PROJECT

Working with Patricia Bastler, Carol Buote measured the library as part of the Library Building Program.

Megan Silva motioned to increase Patricia Bastler's hours as needed from the Building Fund and Paula Dugan seconded. All voted in favor.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE

ADJOURN

Megan Silva made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., and Paula Dugan seconded. All voted in favor.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Andrade Rodrigues