

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 17, 2022**

The Knoxville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Bob Leonard, Harv Sprafka, Jan Evans, Erin McBride, Scott Ziller, Dave Johnson, and Lindsey Carlson.

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Carlson. Scott Ziller moved, seconded by Dave Johnson to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022 as mailed. Motion passed.

There was no correspondence to report.

Roslin gave the librarian's report for April 2022. 3,224 printed items, 966 non-print and 1,037 downloadable items were checked out. Total number of visits is 1,988 (av. of 79 people a day or 2 people every 15 minutes). We also reach out to homebound patrons and schools, and participate in community events such as Helmets and Hotdogs and the Family Fun Fair.

The Summer Library Program "Read beyond the beaten path" will start June 1 and run for 7 weeks. June and July calendars are printed and will go out to all the elementary schools as they wind down the school year. We have planned activities for all ages and will be very busy. With the camping and outdoors theme, multiple activities are planned outside or at the park.

Book club had a Zoom meeting with Heather Gudenkauf, a nationally acclaimed author from Iowa. Attendance has been good for all programming during the month: more than 50 people attended the artist reception for Denis Johansen, a local woodworker; and 78 children created egg art during Easter break.

Four finalists have been chosen to submit artwork for the library: Chad Elliot, Emily Lupita Plum-Guclu, Joseph Plum, and Jill Wells. A contract will be finalized in the coming weeks with a reception planned later in the year.

Bob Leonard moved, Scott Ziller approved the bid to purchase window shades for the north side of the building. This will keep the glare off laptops and tv in the study rooms. Motion passed.

Under Media Strategy Plan, the library will advertise upcoming events in the usual media channels, especially social media and local radio. Hundreds of flyers will go out to the schools and community regarding the Summer Library Program.

McBride moved, Leonard seconded that the financial report for April be approved. Motion was unanimous. Johnson moved, seconded by Ziller that the city trust report be approved. Motion passed unanimously. Leonard moved, Ziller seconded the approval for payment of bills for May. Motion passed unanimously, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Under Unfinished Business, the board discussed the long term plan for the Gebhardt house. The Historical Society has expressed interest in the possibility of moving the house to the Historical Village, and will continue looking into the matter. The family of Dixie Gebhardt has reached out to the board in support of a park to memorialize their family member. The board will have a joint meeting with city council to further discuss the matter.

Under New Business, the president called for volunteers to form a committee to evaluate the director. Lindsey Carlson and Jan Evans volunteered. Lindsey thanked Scott Ziller for serving on the library board. His last day is June 1. The mayor has appointed Laura Kendrick to sit on the board, approved by council May 16, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Public Library.

Roslin Thompson, secretary