

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
27 FEBRUARY 2023**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, Lisa Erickson, Emily Stanley, and Jennifer Baldwin and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Layne and Jean Coltharp.

BOARD EDUCATION: Adult Programming Coordinator Sarah Turner-Hill presented on Joplin Reads Together, the Library's community read.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Ms. Stanley. Motion passed. **6/0**

VOUCHERS: January non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$48,671.20 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Baldwin) 6/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Friends of the Library.** Ms. Stanley reported that the Friends Board has met and is working on fund-raising events. The first one will be in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Juneteenth holiday.** Ms. Baldwin wished the Board to confirm whether the Library would close for Juneteenth this year. The Board discussed the matter. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to close the Library for the Juneteenth holiday, with a second by Ms. Stanley. The motion passed. **6/0**
- 2. Board terms.** Three Board members (Ms. Hicklin, Ms. Erickson, and Ms. Baldwin) will be up for reappointment this year. Jeana asked them if they wished to remain on the Board, and all agreed.
- 3. Records retention policy.** Jeana has updated and revised the records retention policy, which she shared with the Board. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to accept it as part of Library policy, with a second by Ms. Hicklin. The motion passed. **6/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- Book Swap
 - On January 25, [Joplin Globe](#) shared the event as part of their “Five things to do this weekend” section.
 - On January 26, [KOAM](#)’s Good Morning Four States program shared about the event.
 - On February 24, [Joplin Globe](#) shared the event as part of their “Five things to do this weekend” section.
- Joplin Reads Together (JRT)
 - On January 31, Sarah Turner-Hill and Lori Crockett appeared on [KSN](#)’s Living Well.
 - On January 31, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
 - On January 31, [Joplin Globe](#) featured a story.
 - On January 31, [KZRG](#) aired a story.
- Black History Fair
 - On February 7, Christina Matekel-Gibson shared about the Library’s Black History Fair and new Kanopy resource on [KSN](#)’s Living Well.
 - On February 10, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared a story.
 - On February 11, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
- On February 18, [Joplin Globe](#) ran a story about Iconic Joplin and the Library’s participation.

Programs

- The Library’s Black History Fair on February 11 featured a presentation by a chapter of the Kansas City Buffalo Soldiers and interactive community booths. A total of 127 people attended.
- The Teen Librarian and the Adult Programming Coordinators hosted a joint Tiny Art Night for teens and adults. There were 58 who participated in the festivities and an exhibit of the tiny artwork is on display in the PAL/Local History Room.

Building and Grounds

- The new window seats for the Children’s Department arrived; however, they are the wrong color and size. The contractor is working with the vendor to rectify.
- Repairs to units 1 & 2 have been made. Unit 5 is now having an issue.

Miscellaneous

- Library Director Jeana Gockley and PR/Marketing Assistant Lori Crockett attended the Missouri Library Association’s Library Advocacy Day on February 7, in Jefferson City. The morning featured updates from the Secretary of State, the State Librarian, and MLA’s lobbyist. During the afternoon Library staff met with our area’s two representatives and senator.
- An amended version of Secretary of State Ashcoft’s proposed rule is now available. Also, much of the proposed rule has been filed as part of [HB1159](#) and [HB1238](#).
- The first ladder of three month CDs in the Library’s investment account came due February 22. Currently, net yield for the account is projected at 4.337%.

STATISTICS: The Board reviewed and discussed programming numbers.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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Approved by

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 20 March 2023.