

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
16 AUGUST 2021**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:59 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members David Layne, Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Lisa Erickson, Barbara Hicklin, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nicole Shoaf.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular July 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.
(Stanley/Fleischaker) 7/0 Minutes from the closed session of July 2021 were approved.
(Stanley/Baldwin) 7/0

VOUCHERS: July non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$43,911.03 were approved.
(Hicklin/Fleischaker) 7/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Juneteenth holiday.** The Board considered the Library Director's previous proposal to include the Juneteenth holiday as a date for Library closure and a paid holiday for staff. At this time, the City of Joplin has no plans to close its offices for Juneteenth. Motion by Mr. Fleischaker to keep the Library open on Juneteenth, with a second by Mr. Layne.
(7/0)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tax levy hearing.** The hearing to set the Library's tax levy is at tonight's City Council meeting. Jeana will attend.
2. **Goals for the Library Director.** Board Members discussed potential goals for the Library Director for the coming year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- Missouri Chamber of Commerce's [COVID Stops Here](#) Campaign
 - On July 28, [KSN](#) aired a story about the Library's Gold level designation. A Gold designation means that more than 90% of staff have been vaccinated.
 - On August 3, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story about the Library's Gold level designation.

- On August 3, Chelsey Gatewood appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and shared information about the Summer Reading Art Challenge exhibit.
- On August 10, [KOAM](#) aired a story about the Library's hotspot lending program.
- On August 14, Chelsey Gatewood represented the Library at [Connect 2 Culture's sixth annual Arts and Culture Preview](#) at the Library.

Programs

- Christina Matekel-Gibson will share a wrap-up report next month for SRP, but a highlight was Library staff issuing 880 new Library cards!
- The Library's Summer Meals collaboration with Joplin Schools wrapped up August 13. The collaboration provided over 1,500 meals!
- On July 31, Kelsey Phipps, Lisa Brown & Chelsey Gatewood represented the Library at the annual Emancipation Park Days celebration from 5 to 7 pm. Over 50 parents and children took part in the craft activity at the Library's booth.
- On August 6, Chelsey Gatewood represented the Library at Joplin Schools benefit fair and spoke to over 250 individuals.

Library Staff

- We welcomed new staff members Cynthia Logan, Joshua Newhouse, and Brice Endicott.

Miscellaneous

- The Library was awarded the Missouri Library Association's 2021 Public Relations Achievement Award. This award recognizes a Missouri library for outstanding public relations during the previous year. Chelsey and Jeana will accept the award at the MLA Conference award ceremony on September 29.
- In response to Mary's idea at the last meeting, Jeana created a draft for a "Year At a Glance" Worksheet.

STATISTICS: No discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. as the Board elected to go into closed session.

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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 September 2021.