

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 OCTOBER 2021**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Nicole Shoaf, Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin (joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m.), and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Layne and Lisa Erickson.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular September 2021 meeting were approved as distributed. (Stanley/Hicklin) 5/0

VOUCHERS: September non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$111,622.71 were approved. (Fleischaker/Hicklin) 5/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On September 22, [KODE](#) featured a story about two local teens who are partnering with the Library to collect old cell phones.
- On September 28, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared a story about area libraries celebrating Banned Books Week.
- Writers' Faire Event
 - On October 5, appeared with Derek Moser on KSN's Living Well and shared information.
 - On October 6, [The Joplin Globe](#) included the Writers' Faire as part of their "Five Things to Do this Weekend."
 - On October 8, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared an event posting.
 - On October 9, [KSN](#) aired a story.
 - On October 10, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
- Public Media Relations Achievement Award
 - On October 12, [KSN](#) aired a story.
 - On October 13, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story on the front page.

Programs

- In partnership with the Post Art Library, we hosted the 2021 Writers’ Faire on Saturday, October 9. Fourteen writers participated and 85 attendees took part.
- The Children’s Department “Read & Play” Storytime series events that kicked off September 7 have been averaging 15 to 25 attendees per program.

Library Staff

- We welcomed former staff member Derek Moser back as our Adult Programming Librarian, and Hazel Overman, formerly a Circulation Assistant, has filled our new Makerspace Assistant role.

Training

- The Inaugural Joplin Regional Innovation & Technology Summit is Friday, November 5, at James River Church – Joplin, from 7 am to 4 pm. The event will showcase local innovation-and-tech-centered businesses with breakout sessions emphasizing cybersecurity.
- Effective Library Boards four-part webinar series continues on November 9, 2021 with “The Art of the Board Meeting.” It’s based on the book “The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters by Priya Parker.”

STATISTICS: Numbers are looking good compared with last year, but they are not on par with 2019. Gate count is down from August, but patron registrations are doing well. Board Members asked about the weeding process.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Discussion of how challenged materials are handled.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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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, 15 November 2021.