

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
28 MARCH 2022**

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 Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, David Layne, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nicole Shoaf, Lisa Erickson, and Barbara Hicklin.

BOARD EDUCATION: Children’s Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson presented on the new “Curiosity Kits.” These are STEM kits that check out for three weeks and are aimed at children ages 5-12. They were funded by a grant from the Lemons Charitable Trust. There are plans in the works to create kits for teens as well.

MINUTES: Minutes from the regular February 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Stanley. **5/0**

VOUCHERS: February non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$73,746.60 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Layne) 5/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Friends of the Library update.** Ms. Stanley reported that the group held a public meeting to recruit for the Membership Committee; 12 people joined the committee. Today, the Friends met to discuss marketing materials, and there is a meeting tomorrow about choosing membership software. The Membership Committee hopes to meet within the next few weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

Announcements:

Media Engagement

- On March 1, KSN did four live shots at the Library as part of the Living Well show. Topics discussed included: [Curiosity Kits](#), [Children’s Department offerings](#), [Makerspace](#), and [Literary March Madness](#).
- On March 5, [KSN](#) shared a story about the Still Here: Langston Hughes Family Museum event hosted by the Post Art Library.
- On March 7, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured information about library services in the weekly 5Qs.
- On March 12, as part of their “Announcements from PSU, MSSU and more” [The Joplin Globe](#) shared about Lori Crockett’s hiring.

- On March 17, [The Joplin Globe](#) included the Library’s STEM Club event in its “5 things to do this weekend” listing.
- On March 17, [KOAM](#) shared a story about the Dickerson Park Zoo’s visit.
- March’s issue of [Show Me The Ozarks Magazine](#) included a double page interview-style article featuring Adult Programming Librarian Derek Moser and Electronic Resources Librarian Jason Sullivan.

Programs

- Master Gardener Eric Osen presented a Beginning Gardening program to twenty-three adult attendees on March 8.
- On March 26, the Children’s Department hosted their Young Artists Club. The fourteen attendees created self-portraits that will be on display in the Library’s display cases in April.

Building & Grounds

- Parts of the parking lot were damaged when the lot was cleared of snow in early February. The City repaired the damaged areas the week of 3/14.
- Liberty required the Library to move the electric car charging stations to a separate meter and will soon start requiring individual users to pay for charging.

Miscellaneous

- Thanks to help from a Show Me Steps grant, Jeana was able to attend the 2022 Public Library Association conference in Portland, Oregon March 22 to March 25.
- The Library’s IT department is helping roll out multifactor authentication (MFA) for all staff users. Trustees can expect to have to use MFA soon to access their accounts.

STATISTICS: Discussion of Overdrive and Hoopla numbers.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Dr. Cullers commended the Children’s Department for its programming.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Written by

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Approved by

Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 18 April 2022.