

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
20 MARCH 2023**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Jim Fleischaker, Barbara Hicklin, Lisa Erickson, David Layne, Jean Coltharp, and Jennifer Baldwin and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Emily Stanley.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

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

VOUCHERS: February non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$29,123.04 were approved. **(Fleischaker/Layne) 6/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Board terms.** Ms. Hicklin announced that she'll request not to be reappointed to the Library Board. Her term runs through the end of June.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- On March 2, [KZRG](#) aired a story about the Library's "Picturing Women Inventors," a poster exhibit in the Bramlage & Willcoxon Foundation Gallery.
- On March 7, Lori Crockett shared about the Library's Spring Break activities on [KSN](#)'s Living Well.
- On March 17, [The Joplin Globe](#) ran a story about library makerspaces, with the later part of the article referencing the Library's Makerspace.

Programs

- The Library's partnership with Bookhouse Cinema to host our January and February Book Swap programs was well received; with a total of sixty people attending the swaps. The March 25 swap will be held at Joplin Avenue Coffee, starting at 10 am.
- The Library's Children's Department kicked off their spring book club on March 3, focusing on mythology. Seventeen attended the first meeting and all received a copy of

Tracey West's *Heroes in Training #1: Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom*, thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of the Joplin Public Library.

Building and Grounds

- Repairs were made to the lights in the lobby and the teen department the week of March 1.
- As mentioned last month, HP1/Condenser 1 has two new compressors thanks to repairs made by Satterlee; however, HP1/Condenser 3 now has a non-functioning compressor, so both compressors in Condenser 3 need to be replaced. In addition, HP5/Condenser 1 has a non-functioning compressor, so both compressors in Condenser 1 need to be replaced. Parts have been ordered and repairs will be made once they arrive.

Legislative Update

- In addition to the previously filed [HB1159](#) and [HB1238](#), Senator Jill Carter filed [SB672](#). The proposed bill is almost identical to the Secretary of State's proposed rule.
- An amendment to HB986, was filed by Representative Lovasco. The amendment would limit what libraries may purchase for their collections to materials cataloged by the Library of Congress. This would prevent libraries from loaning many types of materials.

STATISTICS: The Board discussed programming numbers, as well as that gate counts and patron registrations have increased.

STAFF COMMENTS: Jeana pointed out that the June Board meeting will fall on Juneteenth, when the Library is closed. The Board discussed their options, but no decision was made. The issue was tabled until next month's meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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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, 17 April 2023.