

**LIBRARY MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
18 APRIL 2022**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Andrea Cullers, Nicole Shoaf, David Layne, Jim Fleischaker, Lisa Erickson, Barbara Hicklin, Emily Stanley and Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** None.

**BOARD EDUCATION:** Board Members discussed a Library Journal article about responding to book challenges.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the regular March 2022 meeting were discussed. Motion by Ms. Stanley to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Baldwin. **8/0**

**VOUCHERS:** March non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$50,659.30 were approved. **(Shoaf/Baldwin) 8/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

**Announcements:**

**Media Engagement**

- 1 Million Cups Joplin - 1 Year Anniversary Celebration
  - On April 4, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured information about 1MC Joplin's one year anniversary celebration in the weekly 5Qs.
  - On April 5, Jeana appeared on [KSN's Living Well](#) and discussed the upcoming 1 Million Cups anniversary celebration.
  - On April 6, [KOAM](#) did a story on the anniversary celebration for 1 Million Cups Joplin.
- On April 14, [The Joplin Globe](#) listed the PAL/Library poetry hunt in their "5 things to do this weekend" section.

**Programs**

- During the month of April, the Children's Department has been hosting a program called 1, 2, 3 Play With Me. It's a five week program for parents/caregivers and children ages 1 to 3 years that offers an hour of playtime in a group setting. During the group meet ups, participants have the opportunity to speak with local experts in the areas of child development, speech and language, nutrition, early literacy, and physical development.

**Building & Grounds**

- Show Me the Details owner Hiram Brigg and Jeana performed an evaluation of the Library’s grounds on April 7. While the front of the Library’s landscaping has been much improved, many of the other beds around the building and in the parking lot still need work. He will provide quotes for the cost of the work.

**Miscellaneous**

- The legal service area population for the Library has increased. The new 2020 Census legal service population is 48,784, up 1.4% from the 2010 legal service population of 48,109. This new total will be the basis for the per capita rates used to determine State Aid and Athletes and Entertainers (A&E) payments beginning in State Fiscal Year 2023
- Library representatives have been invited to an informal meeting on April 19, to learn more about a tax abatement request from property owners Brad and Katherine DeGraff, for property located at 906-914 S. Main St. Joplin, MO.

**STATISTICS:** Discussion of door counts and meeting room/study room use.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Written by

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Administrative Assistant

Approved by

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Library Director

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joplin Public Library will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, 16 May 2022.