

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
12 JUNE 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, Jean Coltharp, Jennifer Baldwin and Diane Reid Adams, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Lisa Erickson, David Layne, and Emily Stanley.

BOARD EDUCATION: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve the minutes as corrected, with a second by Ms. Baldwin. Motion passed. **4/0**

VOUCHERS: May non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$75,014.08 were approved. (Coltharp/Fleischaker) **4/0**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Friends of the Library.** Jeana shared a flier for the Friends anniversary celebration on June 17 at the Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Library Safety Deposit Box.** Jeana presented the items she found in the box upon opening it. She explained that there was no reason to maintain the box. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to discontinue use of the safety deposit box, with a second by Dr. Reid Adams. Motion passed. **4/0**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Policies.** The Board began to review and discuss the revised public policies as drafted by the Library Director. The following actions were taken:
 - a. There was a motion by Mr. Fleischaker to approve Section A as revised, with a second by Dr. Coltharp. Motion passed. **5/0**
 - b. There was a motion by Dr. Coltharp to approve Section B through page 21, entitled “Displays, Exhibits, and Artwork in the Library,” as revised, with a second by Mr. Fleischaker. Motion passed. **5/0**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- Updated Library Cardholder Registrations
 - On May 24, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
- On May 28, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared an interview with Jill Halbach about the awards ceremony for Iconic Joplin.
- Stolen Statue
 - On May 30, [KOAM](#) aired a story.
 - On June 1, [KSN](#) aired a story.
 - On June 6, [KOAM](#), [KZRG](#), and [The Joplin Globe](#) shared stories about the suspect's arrest.
- Secretary of State's New Rule Takes Effect
 - On May 30, [KZRG](#) aired a story.
 - On May 31, [The Joplin Globe](#) published a story.
- Summer Reading at JPL
 - On May 31, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story.
 - On June 6, Jeana Gockley shared about summer reading on [KSN](#)'s Living Well.
 - On June 8, Lori Crockett shared about summer reading on [KODE](#)'s Good Morning Four States.
 - On June 8, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured the Library's Cardboard Adventures program in their "5 things to do this weekend" section.
- On June 1, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a story about Book House Cinema's Banned Camp. The Library is a partner of the program.
- On June 9, [The Joplin Globe](#) featured a front page story about the award ceremony for Iconic Joplin, noting that the Library's Red Dragon team won the Creativity Award.

Programs

- On May 30, the Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program (SRP) kicked off. Things have been going extremely well, with lots of visitors, check outs, registrations and programs! Kudos to Library staff who have been working so hard to provide a welcoming, customer-service focused environment. Here are a few statistics:
 - Since expiring all library cards on May 24, staff have helped 4,382 patrons update their registrations.
 - Also, since May 24, staff have welcomed 557 new library cardholders. That is a 42% increase from last year's 392 registrations. Of those 557 new cardholders, 148 received free SRP cards. In addition, 176 free SRP cardholders from last summer have reactivated their cards.
 - Currently, 822 individuals have signed up to participate in the SRP. Comparatively, last year's total registrations were 1,819.

Miscellaneous

- On May 30, the bronze bench that was donated by Kiwanis Club in 2019 was stolen in the early morning hours. Library staff reported the theft to JPD and shared security camera footage. From this footage JPD arrested Larry A. Hart on June 6, though the bench has not been recovered.

- In May, Troy Stovern from Vowels Stovern reported that total interest received on the Library's investment since November 2, 2022 (net of fees) is \$30,055. The latest ladder of CDs totaling \$736,000 matured (range of rates on these were 4.40-4.50%) and \$766,000 was reinvested (range of rates on new CD's are 5.15-5.30%).
- Thank you for allowing me to attend the Summer 2023 Missouri Public Library Directors (MPLD) conference on May 31, June 1 and June 2, in Kansas City. I was able to attend a session on programming challenges and got to hearing MPLD attorney Adam Sommer answer questions related to the SOS rule. I stepped into my role as MPLD President following the meeting and will serve for the next year.

STATISTICS: Jeana pointed out that gate count is up over 3,000 over last year. There was also discussion of circulation, patron registrations and Makerspace numbers.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 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, 17 July 2023.