

**LIBRARY MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
16 JULY 2024**

The regular meeting of the Joplin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Mary Gaarder. Board Members Emily Stanley, Lisa Erickson, Heather Van Otterloo, Veda Boyd Jones, Andrea Cullers, Jennifer Baldwin, and Library Director Jeana Gockley were present.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Jean Coltharp and Diane Reid Adams

BOARD EDUCATION: Introduction and welcome of new trustees

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by Ms. Baldwin to approve the minutes, with a second by Ms. Stanley. Motion passed. **7/0**

VOUCHERS: June non-salary expenditures in the amount of \$59,409.41 were approved. (Jones/Van Otterloo) **7/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Election of Board Officers as follows:

- a. President: Mary Gaarder
- b. Vice-President: Emily Stanley
- c. Secretary: Jean Coltharp
- d. Treasure: Andrea Cullers

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Committee Assignments:

- a. Budget & Finance: Andrea Cullers (Chair), Veda Boyd Jones, Heather Van Otterloo, Mary Gaarder (ex officio)
- b. Building & Grounds: Jean Coltharp (Chair), Lisa Erickson, Diane Reid Adams. Mary Gaarder (ex officio)
- c. Personnel – Jennifer Baldwin (Chair), Emily Stanley, Mary Gaarder (ex officio)

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Media Engagement

- On June 18, [KSN](#) aired a story about Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow's death.
- On June 30, [KOAM](#) and [KSN](#) aired a story about the Children's LEGO Club.

- On July 2, I talked about Free Summer Meals and the Ending Celebration on Living Well.
- Summer Meals
 - On July 2, I shared about it on KSN's [Living Well](#).
 - On July 3, [KOAM](#) and [KSN](#) aired stories.
 - On July 4, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared an article.
 - On July 11, [Lori Crockett](#) shared about Summer Meals on [Good Morning Four States](#).
- On July 4, [The Joplin Globe](#) shared about the Puzzle Competition event in their "5 things to do" section.
- On July 11, [KSN](#) aired a story about the Library's Tween Olympics program.

Programs

- The free Summer Meals collaboration with Joplin Schools Nutritional Services Department has been well received, with an average of 30 meals being served per day.
- On July 6, the Library hosted a puzzle competition for adults. Small groups competed to see who could finish a 500 piece puzzle the fastest. Twenty-six individuals completed.
- On July 9, the Library hosted a Tiny Art Night event for teens and adults. Sixty-four individuals participated.
- On July 12, Max the Magician wowed 152 audience members with his "Magic Begins at Your Library" show.
- Only July 13, as part of the all ages Four State Museum of Natural History program, paleontologist Brad Shelby shared about his trip to Montana to dig for dinosaur bones. He also shared a display of fossils representing dinosaurs who would have once lived in the four-state area. Ninety-three individuals were in attendance.

Personnel

- Jill Williams was hired as the Library's Teen Services Librarian. Her first day was July 1.
- Aaleah Randolph was hired as a part-time Circulation Assistant. Her first day was July 3.

STATISTICS: Jeana provided Makerspace numbers and shared annual numbers are up by over 600 patron uses as compared to usage from November 2022 to June 2023.

STAFF COMMENTS: There were no Staff Comments.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no Board Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no Public Comments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Personnel Committee:** Andrea Cullers motioned for a closed session at 4:45, Veda Boyd Jones provided the second for the motion.

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. Tuesday, August 20, 2024.