

Muehl Public Library Board Minutes

Date of Report: Monday, May 5, 2025, 5:30-6:30 PM

Library Director: Elizabeth Timmins

Members Present: Adam Schaumberg, Kristen Diermeier, Carrie Gorges, Pat Krull, Michelle Erickson, and Sandy Kailhofer

Members Absent: Darla Dorosz

Date of last meeting: April 7, 2025

Date of next meeting: June 2, 2025

Call to Order:

- President Adam Schaumberg called the meeting to order.
- Elizabeth was excited to share the bike safety coloring book that the Friends purchased for Safety Day on Saturday, May 10, 2025.
- Elizabeth reported that the library will host the documentary, FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY on the following dates: Thursday and Friday, May 29th and 30th at 7:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday, May 31st and June 1st at 2:00pm. There is a question sheet that was provided by PBS.
- There is a new pet named Cauliflower Gary, a snail!
- **The following reports and information were presented and approved by the board:**
 - **April 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:** Kristen D. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pat K. seconded the motion, motion carries.
 - **April 2025 Director's Report** Elizabeth shared poems that patrons wrote after their time with Shari Liesch
 - **April 2025 Financial Report:** Sandy K. made a motion to approve the financial report with the addition of \$24.99 to #5801. Carrie G. seconded the motion, motion carries.
 - **March 2025 Activities Report:** Carrie commented about the TEEN category and Elizabeth stated that this is a new category that we can work on to increase.
- **Unfinished Business:**

- The ILS(Integrated Library System)exploration meeting minutes were shared. Work is being done to research options. The next meeting will be held on May 13,2025.
 - The new 10 cent per day fine for DVDs has been well received!
 - The gardening series with Melinda Myers is brought to us by the Milwaukee Public Library and funded by WE Energies. The May program will focus on vertical gardens. The June program will feature plants that attract hummingbirds. There will be coupons from Kailhofer's Greenhouse available.
 - Elizabeth shared information about IMLS Funding Update from Ben Miller, Director of Library services DPI. The information states that partial funding of \$1.6 million was awarded on April 23,2025. This is roughly half of what was awarded in 2024.We should be good until fall. The future is unclear. We should keep up advocacy efforts. Kathy Krull wrote a wonderful list of "Things people do not realize about libraries:" This will be on our website.
 - Summer Reading Program called Color Your World is looking good. There will be a Yarnapaloosa from 7pm-9pm for ages 10 and up.
 - The VINE program has been amazing! Colette was INVITED to participate in this program because her written reviews on Amazon displayed her exceptional writing skills. Here is how it works: Items are available free when honest reviews are written. Collette came up with a spread sheet to document info on items. The staff is working together to order craft supplies and other items that help defray costs since our budget is tight.
- **New Business:**
 - We reviewed CE Trustee Essential #10 which discusses library policies. Elizabeth talked about that it is important that we review one per month so that we stay up to date. She informed us that there is an administrator essential document as well!
 - After Elizabeth gave a presentation to the Seymour Woman's Club about the library expansion, they have donated \$5000! They also are helping support us through the city wide rummage sale on Saturday, May 17th. Nancy Kusche will be hosting a sale at her house. Other businesses will have a donation jar and certain items available that a portion will go toward the addition!
 - We observed one minute of silence in recognition of Deb Court's passing.

All business on the agenda was completed and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.
Kristen D.made a motion and Carrie G. seconded, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Kailhofer.