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## MINUTES OF THE LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING *Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

"The Mission of the LeClaire Community Library is to  
enhance the intellectual, social, and cultural strength of our community."

### AGENDA

A meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 12th at the Le Claire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire Iowa.

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 7:00 pm

### ROLL CALL

Ray Ainslie, Mandy Harvey, Nick Johnson, Linda Mitchell, Calla Parochetti, Tom Kostichek, Meredith Viljoen, Melita Tunnickliff – Library Director, Becky Pilger (guest)

### CONSENT AGENDA 1<sup>st</sup> Meredith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray, past unanimously

Preview agenda

Minutes from last regular meeting

Library Claims \$9,465.90

Melita will be looking to identify areas where budget wasn't used and work on moving donations forward to the new fiscal year. Might be possible to re-allocate to sub or 2<sup>nd</sup> sub. Library staff doesn't have to do fire fighter physical anymore which will save some costs on annual physicals. City is also looking at vacation and sick time policies.

### LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT

Programming and Events:

- Our Absolute Science program "Bigger Bang Bubbles" drew 135 attendees and the Coldblooded Redhead's Reptile show attracted 153 attendees. I had checked our building's occupancy limit (120) and spoke with Jim Bradley, our Fire Chief. This number cannot be changed. On his recommendation I purchased a counter and tracked attendance. Around 15 people waited outside for the Reptile program (I gave out suckers and stickers) and some returned later. The reptile handler stayed long enough for everyone to touch a snake, lizard or turtle.
- The Front Porch Pickers and Leonardo's Music for Kids were great shows but drew less than 30 attendees each. It is hard to anticipate attendance, but we will look at all the factors at the end of the summer and look for trends.
- 409 children and adults have registered for the Summer Reading Program: 71 preschoolers, 226 elementary age, 28 teens, and 83 adults. Last year we had a total of 271. Ashe had a lot of good ideas for the programs, the prizes, and the reading logs. One very popular activity, in keeping with the camping theme of "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" is collecting button badges on lanyards. Each button represents a different genre of book that has been read, or a program attended. The buttons have been made by staff and volunteers on our manual button-maker.
- We are continuing to work with Greg Ludwig, Parks and Rec Director, to find other space in the community, and will hold our cereal box collage artist's program at the Community Room in the Fire Station to avoid turning anyone away if attendance is high. There will be a lot of room to spread out while creating collages.
- We have four passive programs each month: the children's scavenger hunt, the sensory bin, the storytime station, and a drop-in tech help service for adults. This month the sensory activity has been very popular. There is a plastic pool filled with cut-up foam noodles in which are hidden twelve little fish. The kids take off their shoes and climb in to find the fish.
- We have decorated the library to go with our camping theme – take a look! We have a small tent to read in. (This will also be one of the Summer Reading raffle prizes.)
- In August we will have very few programs while we regroup from Summer Reading and prepare for the fall. Storytimes will continue, including one focused on the French language, and D&D game nights will continue.
- Holding programs on the Plaza so far has no worked due to rain and/or high heat. We will try to hold Brent Allan and David Murcia's programs there is the weather cooperates.

## Collection

- Our summer intern from St. Ambrose has begun coming approximately 15 hours per week. They have learned many library circulation skills, have assisted with several programs, and are presently working on the first inventory of our collection.
- Our periodical service, PSS, has announced that they are closing their doors at the end of July. I asked other libraries what services they use, and have requested a quote from Rivista, which is used by Scott County Library System, and EBSCO which is used by Musser, Clinton Public Library, and the community colleges. Plaza
- The City Council will vote on approving an Engineering Services agreement with V&K for the Plaza on July 18. The hope is to finalize plans in the fall and start construction in the spring.

## Friends of the Library

- The Friends have purchased another shelf for the sale room. In June they collected \$76.75 on used book sales.
- Our Summer Reading programs and supplies are largely funded by the Friends of the LeClaire Library. Remaining special guest programs are: Brent Allan & Friends - Camp Iwannareedabuk: Wed, July 20th @ 2pm Ballet Quad Cities – Dance me a Story: Friday, July 27th @4:30pm Dave Murcia – Wild Raptors of Iowa Wed, July 27th @ 10:30 am WQPT PBS Storytime: Friday, July 29th @ 10:30am Michael Albert – Collage Workshop: Monday, Aug 1st @ 4pm

## Facility

- Our furnaces and three of our four air conditioners are nearing the end of their expected lifespan. We recently replaced a blower motor in one at a cost of \$1616. I have an estimate from Schebler at approximately \$3900-\$4000 for a furnace and \$7950- 9600 for the A/C units. We may have to budget to replace a unit each year.

Calla will look into a few other options for cost for heating and cooling in retro fitted buildings.

## Technology

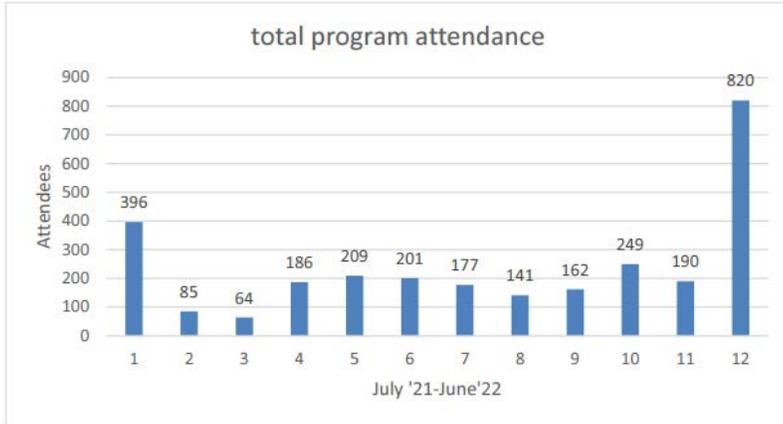
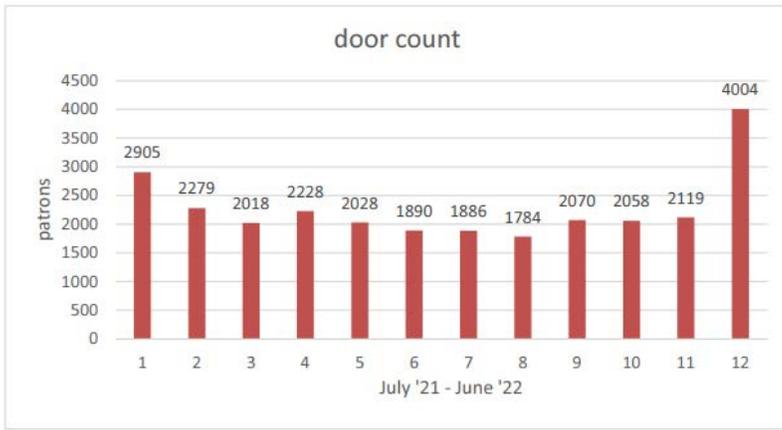
- The Friends of the Library purchased 6 hotspots which use the Mobile Beacon network through Tech Soup, which is a service to help schools and library save money on technology equipment and software. These will be available only to LeClaire Library card holders. The Friends are paying for a full year of service, which will be hundreds less than they were paying for only two hotspots through US Cellular. Our two hotspots are always checked out, and this will allow more patrons an opportunity to use them.

## Grants and Contributions

- We received a \$500 contribution in honor of library patron Linda Kamp.
- I will be applying for a State Library Space Utilization grant, which may be used for a Space Needs Assessment. A consultant will be hired to help make the best use of the current space in the library, and determine the area needed for the library's programs and services.

## Library Statistics

2021/2022 LeClaire Library Statistics													
Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	FY totals
website visits	582	572	544	473	471	458	195	158	206	265	222	199	4345
wi-fi usage	449	448	524	495	452	481	518	502	505	306	292	313	5285
AWE sessions	755	258	178	104	183	197	182	220	254	275	301	661	3568
ebooks	212	249	220	202	198	171	197	178	40	202	173	183	2225
computer users	161	121	120	143	101	79	108	84	120	129	107	141	1414
gamers	10	8	12	10	7	6	13	8	9	6	11	10	110
meetings	43	44	39	44	41	42	55	32	27	49	43	35	494
meeting attendance	133	143	129	108	128	132	124	113	65	151	170	118	1514
program attendance	396	85	64	186	209	201	177	141	162	249	190	820	2880
passive program count	465	22	8	41	60	53	74	74	83	109	86	135	1210
door count	2905	2279	2018	2228	2028	1890	1886	1784	2070	2058	2119	4004	27269
new card holders	17	18	21	14	5	12	16	9	20	13	13	38	196
items added	112	189	109	65	198	170	250	142	196	270	212	224	2137
items deleted	66	71	37	0	106	0	144	98	237	116	40	255	1170
ILL received	566	502	552	590	557	418	565	526	609	553	515	496	6449
ILL sent	780	717	709	731	692	664	844	884	938	848	727	840	9374
adult circulation	1341	1215	1153	1151	1137	1038	916	857	924	819	897	1037	12485
JUV circulation	2012	1779	1430	1484	1499	1199	1110	1238	1532	1303	1311	2891	18788
YA circulation	85	89	70	48	51	34	50	50	46	39	42	98	702
in-house circulation	174	85	40	32	120	77	102	45	84	97	109	200	1165
total circulation	3824	3417	2913	2917	3005	2519	2375	2368	2626	2460	2532	4409	35365
(Total circ includes in-house and ebooks)					November cl	December cl	January (Closed on the 1st)						
	(August 23--> Oct 16 closing at 6pm)				Jan '22 changed from Piwik to Google Analytics to measure website use.								



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- Training dates for pin down a time to meet with Becky Heil, the district consultant from the State Library, for Board training. Everyone should bring their calendars, as she has given me her available evenings. We could possibly change the date of a Board meeting since she has no second Tuesdays open. (Her dates are: July 25, 26, August 15, 16, 17, 24, 25, 30, 31.) Will push board meeting to August 16<sup>th</sup> so Becky Heil can attend.
- Strategic Plan
- Plaza: Bid in the winter, and construction could start as early as spring. Plans have not been finalized. City has to finalize the funding for engineering, and then will look at real estate costs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual Report  
Presentation to City Council. Melita will put together statistics to share with City Council and email to the team.
- Election of Board Officers 1<sup>st</sup> – Calla, Tom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous.  
President – Nick Johnson  
Vice-President – Mandy Harvey  
Secretary – Linda Mitchell

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT 8:05, 1<sup>st</sup> Mandy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda, Unanimous**

**TRUSTEES**

Ray Ainslie (June 2024)  
Linda Mitchell/Becky Pilger (June 2026)  
Calla Parochetti (July 2028)

Mandy Harvey (June 2026)  
Meredith Viljoen (June 2026)  
Tom Kosticheck (July 2028)

Nick Johnson (June 2024)  
Bill Bloom – Council Liaison

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