

Library Board Minutes: February 16, 2021  
(ZOOM Meeting)

Board Members Attending: Tonya Gaffney, Ruzan Morrison, Judy Lindholm, Allan Thoreson, Maureen Lyons, Anders Carlson, Jim Lowrance

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum (Library Director), Joa LaVille, Katie Fink, Debbie VanGundy, Marlene Egleston

President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were approved. Allan Thoreson made a motion and Jim Lowrance seconded the motion to approve. There were no additions or corrections.

Operating Bills: Maureen Lyons made a motion and Judy Lindholm seconded the motion to approve bills paid in February.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Curbside had a slow start but returning to normal numbers.

Library users are wearing masks.

There are vacant positions.

Pandemic has been hard on staff.

Managers have hardly taken any vacation days in the past year due to having at least one manager on duty during all open hours.

Library Director will be taking a few days off in March

Plan to extend open hours moving to the Sit-Down Reopening Phase

Staff recommendation:

- stay in place until April 1, 2021
- increase weekday hours 10am to 6pm
- add additional seating

Budget update

City in budget process.

Book budget cut may be restored.

A \$15 minimum wage may affect library.

Mobile outreach vehicle.

The Friends of the Library will help.

\$165,000 available.

Memorial for Teresa Hannam.

Hoping to create a "story walk" along the bike path to honor her storytelling work and love of bicycling.

## Staff Reports

- Joa - Now looking towards summer.  
Workshop reaffirmed Joa's experience.  
Most libraries are not scheduling in person programming.  
Will start outdoor activities when the weather cooperates.  
STEM bag from Emerson.  
School partnership – now modified but working. Mobile outreach will be helpful.
- Katie - AARP not doing taxes in Marshalltown this year.  
Reminder about the Ongoing Library Book Sale.

## Director's Report:

There will be polling for Ward 1-1 in the library community rooms.  
Curbside pick-ups are still being done outside.  
Staff does snow removal in the spaces adjacent to the building.  
Rotary gifted the library staff with valentine cookies.

Jim- contact state representatives and senators to support public education.

No public comment

Board will meet March 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm on ZOOM

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.