

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 21, 2022**

Members Present: Allan Thoreson, Ruzan Morrison, Kevin Pink, Jim Lowrance(remote), Ashtyn Beek (who will join the board in July)

Absent: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Maureen Lyons

Staff: Katie Fink, Joa LaVille, Sarah Rosenblum

Vice President, Allan Thoreson, called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

The minutes of the May 17, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Operating Bills: The fiscal year ends June 30. Bills include several large end-of-year purchases: two copy machines, library cards, tilted shelving for DVDs, Playaways, software and licenses to be used in the bookmobile, new patron computers, Hoopla money, mini iPads for the youth department. Good news!..the year ended under budget! The new fiscal year starts July 1, 2022. Moved (Morrison/Pink) to approve the bills. PASSED.

Statistics: (*Circulation*)Downloadable stats continue to be very high with over 1000 ebooks and audiobooks each month and about 800 Hoopla items, costing \$1500. (*Program*)Outdoor storytime has been very successful with large attendance.

Old Business: Beginning July 1, the library will go fine free. Outstanding fines—excluding lost and damaged items—will also be eliminated. The Holocaust Museum sent very positive feedback for the library's Holocaust exhibit report.

New Business:

A: Fiscal Year Update: The year ended on a good note, even after several reductions.

B: Fine Free: (See Old Business)

C: Friends of the Library Update: The Friends met June 12 and approved \$50,000 to purchase additional shelving bins for the youth department and \$5000 for eBooks. A citizen is purchasing some property and hopes to move the houses and perhaps partner with someone to provide new housing.

D: Staff Reports:

Joa:

--Already well into the summer, 763 readers have already signed up on Beanstack. 577 rewards have been picked up and good feedback has been heard. There have been some challenges as not all day camps are using Beanstack. This year more money has been invested in swim passes, to make the passes more accessible early in the summer. There has been great response from summer day camps, including: Summer Blast, Salvation Army, Elim, Bobcat Academy, Little Scholars, the Y (school age) and Bobcat U.

--The new iPads are getting set up and ready for use. The repurposed café is experiencing great use.

--Stephen Johnson, author and sculptor of "Scherzo," the new sculpture located in front of the Marshalltown Performing Arts Center, will visit storytime on June 22 and will have a meet & greet and book signing for adults. Thanks to Beaverdale Books for providing books for sale.

-- The Healthy Family Fair, in collaboration with CAPS, will be held in the library's parking lot on June 18.

Katie:

--The adult summer reading program will run through August. Participants may use Beanstack or pick up a paper log.

--The Circulation Policy is being revised and will be presented at the July meeting.

--The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is July 15-18.

--Several adult programs, as well as the return of monthly movies, are offered for adults this summer.

--Logan Jay has been hired as a new library clerk. Logan has been a library volunteer since he was in 5th grade!..Welcome!!

E: Director's Report:

--Allan Thoreson is retiring from the Board after 22 years of service! He was appointed by Mayor Floyd Harthun and served as Board President during the building process. A plaque will be added to a bookshelf in Allan's favorite section to honor his years on the Board. Thank you, Allan!

--Sarah will be attending ALA in Washington DC and has a meeting with the Holocaust Museum. She will meet with a group of bookmobile users.

--Library usage is up, including meeting room use.

--Sarah will be absent for the July meeting. New officers will be elected at that meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be July 19, 2022, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned.