

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Bob Dahms, Juanita Hill, Nancy Lamberty and Jerry Pfabe.
Absent: Stephanie Croston.
Also: Becky Baker, Library Director.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting the notice of such meeting, with the agenda thereon, in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse, and the Seward Memorial Library. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Library Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AVAILABILITY

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Juanita Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

A. Programs: The spring session of programs will begin the week of January 21 (though we are closed that Monday so they will actually start January 22). Staff is advertising all available openings so the final schedule is not yet determined.

Attendance at December programs was as follows:

Make It and Take It Craft Programs: 6 programs with 37 attendees
Noon Year's Eve Party: 115 attendees
Holiday Movies for Kids: 4 movies with 53 attendees

On Sunday January 20 at 2:00 Jerry Pfabe will present a program on historic Seward Women Who Went to Court in the past.

On January 19 a five-week session of line dancing at the library will begin. This will run from 10-11 and Eunice Goldgrave is the leader once again.

On the fourth Saturday of each month the library will host a scrapbooking time from 9:30-2:30, with a short "program topic" at 10:00 each of these days. The day will be a come and go session, so folks can decide how long they want to be here.

Summer program planning continues; staff will outline more details at Friday's staff meeting so detailed planning can begin. The theme for all ages is A Universe of Stories.

Last month's book group choices:

Midday Mysteries: *Plum Island* by Nelson DeMille
Best of NYT: *The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham
Random Reads: *Octavian Nothing: Traitor to the Nation/ A Pox Party* by M. T. Anderson

The library is trying a new book club format for a Read and Review group on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00. There is no assigned reading; just an invitation to come and talk about what you are reading and an opportunity to hear what others are reading as well. Staff will also bring in some of the new books before they've been put out for the general public.

The Library sent out 201 *Leading to Reading* cards last month.

B. Staffing: Equipment Update: The power cord to the AWE tablet has been replaced. The new receipt printer is now working on both front computers so there is no need to purchase a second one.

Display Installation: Acrylic frames have been installed in the lower level. The first display will highlight the donors to the Preserving Seward County's History project and will hopefully be in place by the end of this month.

Database Subscriptions: Baker shared information about current electronic resources the library subscribes to; the Board felt that the lowest used database should be dropped and the money redirected to a more popular resource.

Schedule: The library will be closed on January 21 to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

C. Statistics: Circulation for last month is down 607 from the previous month and up 130 from last year. Circulation for the previous 12 months now totals 94,475 not including OverDrive use. OverDrive checkouts total 1,139 for last month. The collection now stands at 54,514 items not counting OverDrive resources.

Attendance for last month is up 1,063 from the previous month and up 205 from last year.

Computer use was down 35 from last month and down 188 from last year.

3. ANNUAL REPORT-information to date, City Council meeting in February

Baker presented the draft report to the Board. She welcomed comments and invited Board members to communicate any changes to her before February 1.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Lamberty moved and Dahms seconded that consent items a, b, & c be approved. Voting aye: Dahms Hill, Lamberty and Pfabe. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: Croston. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Pfabe, acting Secretary