

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8AM

Board Members Present: Juanita Hill, Stephanie Croston, Jerrald Pfabe, Bob Dahms, and Nancy Lamberty

Absent: None

Also: Rich Wergin, City Council liaison and 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, Seward Municipal Building, 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 8:02 a.m. by Chairman Hill, who highlighted the availability of the Open Meetings Act. She also welcomed Councilmember Rich Wergin to the meeting.

2. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Programs:

About 25 attended Jerry Pfabe's program, "Christmas in Seward's Past: From 1900 to Recent Years" on December 11. The family holiday escape room is going great with only a few slots available yet this week. Craft nights seem to be going well and hopefully can be continued next month.

Promotion of and registration (when needed) for children's programs will take place this month. The programs will begin January 24.

Staff is working on confirming programs for adults for this spring, including one or two Humanities Nebraska speakers, the Arthur Clark Diversity speaker, and potentially a series of line dancing classes along with a couple of author visits later in the year.

This month's book group activities include Reader's Choice discussing *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant on January 9, Midday Mysteries reading *The Woman in the Window* by A. J. Finn for January 17, and Random Reads talking about *Russian Winter* by Daphne Kalotay on January 23. R&R continues to discuss current books read and will meet on January 12.

Operations:

Storm Damage: Windows have all been replaced though the majority of them have smudges on the glass between the panes so still need to be worked on by the installer. The tower room interior work still needs to be done as well.

Seward Library Foundation: Their annual meeting is scheduled for January 31 and more will be decided then about the "The Story Continues" project. In the meantime, staff is cleaning and organizing in preparation for whenever it begins. The members of the SLF and staff are also brainstorming 20th anniversary ideas and would welcome other suggestions.

Statistics:

	This month	Last month	Last year
Circulation	5,804	6,377	6,171
Overdrive (SML patrons)	1,479	1,631	1,410
Overdrive (ILL to others)	2,093	1,400	1,687
Collection	59,086	58,838	59,178
Attendance	3,535	3,993	3,263
Computer Use	74	83	104
Wireless Use	7,004	7,118	7,572
Window	395	542	286

3. 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT – Discussion of format, initial information

Baker suggested that the annual report for last fiscal year use the same format as the previous year and the members of the Library Board agreed with repeating that format as it is easy to read and understand at a glance. Baker apologized for not having data ready for review at this meeting, but the Library Board will have a chance to review it before presentation to City Council as the next Library Board meeting is on the first of February. Board members did not have any concerns with this schedule.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Pfabe moved to approve the consent items. Dahms seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pfabe, Dahms, Lamberty, Croston and Hill. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Croston, Secretary