

**Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**A meeting of the Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees was held**  
**Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**Present:** The following members of the Library Board were present at the library: X Cretzmeyer, Amanda Elkins, Deborah Hatz, Pat Kenner, Shaner Magalhães, Bob Turnquist. Also present: Alison Ames Galstad (Library Director), Ellen Alexander (Assistant Library Director), Hai Huynh (City Council Representative).  
**Absent:**

President Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:00.

The Board considered approval of the agenda. Dan Junis is no longer able to report tonight. Kenner moved that #4 be removed from the agenda, and #8 be changed to “Director’s Report” Magalhães seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the July 2022 meeting. Kenner pointed out a few typos, and Turnquist moved that the minutes be approved, Kenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the bills for July. Magalhães asked about the FEH bill – this is one of the last payments to the architectural firm for west wing and café space renovations. Elkins asked about the US Cellular bill. This is hot spot service. Hatz moved that the bills be approved as presented, Kenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Because of current events happening around Iowa and the country, the board reviewed several policies and the ALA Tools for Trustees document about responding to materials challenges. The policies presented were all reviewed in March. After some discussion, it was decided to formalize public comments at Board meetings by addressing it under the Other Business portion of the agenda and noting a time limit.

Cretzmeyer gave a report from the Friends. There is a book sale scheduled for this weekend. Most of the volunteer slots are filled. The Friends have been discussing bringing back Putt Fore the Library with the Foundation board. The Friends will have a presence at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Social and will give away children’s books. The Friends are now accepting donations at book sales and membership dues through Paypal. With the Baby Book Bags program no longer in existence and substituting support of CPL’s partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the Friends realized that Hills Elementary is no longer being served due to the geographic limitations of DPIL. The Friends have decided to take book donations to their preschool program four times a year instead.

There was no Foundation report; they meet at the end of the month.

Galstad gave the Director’s Report. There are some missing statistics, as Matt Bock is on vacation and he generates them. We will get a revised report out to the board. Statistics are down from 2019, but still seem strong in terms of circulation and building use. The way we are serving the public is definitely different from pre-pandemic. In gifts, there was a deposit from the Friends to pay for book carts the Library purchased. Also, a \$50 memorial donation. In Government Funding, we received the ARPA funds from the State Library. This went toward the Book Bike. The Summer Reading Challenges have wrapped up, though children’s services is still doing a few programs. There was a great turnout for events and many programs were out in the community, partly due to this year’s theme: Read Beyond the Beaten Path. 382 adults registered through Beanstack, 137 registered on paper. 220 total completed. The teen program had 110 Beanstack registrants and 82 registering using a paper form. The Children’s program had 588 registrations

on Beanstack. The Summer of Hitchcock movies (5 movies) was attended by 103 people. 18 staff members participated in the staff Summer Reading Challenge. Some of the work on the parking ramp is finished, but there will still be repair and resurfacing that needs to happen. Galstad shared a report from Samira Abdalla about the spectrum of individuals she has helped so far as the Community Resources Navigator. It has been a wide range of needs and language barriers. FEH can come to the September meeting to answer any questions about the renovations. Galstad met with McComas Lacina about demolition in the teen area and the cafe.

The Library will have a table at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Social from 4-8pm with a craft and the book bike.

Under Other Business, Kenner asked if we had concerns after Cedar Rapids Public Library had a fire. Galstad confirmed that we do get regular inspections. Cretzmeyer commented that he's happy to see the diversity of meetings being held in the meeting rooms. Galstad said we will reschedule Dan Junis to talk about the ELL classes.

The next meeting will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Alexander  
Assistant Library Director  
(Subject to approval at the September 2022 meeting.)