

Billings Public Library
May 9, 2019
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Roger Young, Vice Chair Jennifer Quinn (telephone), Sue Bach, David Darby, Cheryle Fisher, Stella Fong, Bill Lamdin, Peggy McSweyn, Lloyd Mickelson, Gavin Woltjer, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Information Systems Coordinator; Mary Murphrey, Library and Facility Coordinator. Guests: Clare Young, Friends of the Library; P.J. Smith, Genealogy Forum.

Public Comment

None

Chair's comments

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve minutes.

Approved

McSweyn/Darby

BPL Overview

Woltjer reported that:

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services funding may be cut.
- The Library's budget presentation to the City Council went well.
- State aid per capita has been reinstated and the Library should receive \$50,000 in October of this year.
- He chairs the Montana State Library's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Robins reported that:

- Cataloging Assistant, Jo Arstein, received certification from the Montana State Library.
- Summer Reading registration began May 4 which consists for four separate programs for all ages – Pre-Readers through Adult. The program will run through July 20.
- The City of Billings rolled out new email addresses for everyone which will shorten the address to "@billingsmt.gov".
- The Montana State Library contracted with Saddle Peak Technologies to do a survey of small rural and tribal libraries to investigate network infrastructure, bandwidth, and reliability of networks. Saddle Peak visited our library and learn about our internet service and hardware setups and will use this information as an aspirational model for their libraries.

Murphrey reported that:

- The Senior Outreach staff have received new home delivery sign-ups.

- Senior Outreach Librarian, Kelsie Rubich, will be speaking at the Kiwanis Club on July 29.
- Bookmobile Librarian, Patti Skonicki and Library Service Specialist, Mary Leichner, will participate in “Kids Fun Day” on May 18 at the Zoo.
- Rubich, Skonicki, and Leichner will be featured in the “Spotlight on the Arts” Program on June 19.

Board Retreat

Young reported that Fong and Darby met to discuss the upcoming Board retreat. They reported that:

- The Board should address the following questions:
 - What should the Billings Public Library Board of Trustees be doing as a Board?
 - How should the Board better interact with the Foundation Board, Friends of the Library, and the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum?
- Participants at the retreat should include all Board Trustees, Library Director and two library staff representatives, Modrow and two Foundation representatives, Young and two FOL representatives, and Smith from the Genealogy Forum.
- The retreat date and time should be established at this Board meeting, as well as the duration, location, and name of a facilitator.

Mickelson will check for room availability at MSU-B. The Board selected September 12 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am as the tentative date and time. Names of a facilitator should be forwarded to Fong.

Adjourned at 12:35 pm