

**Whitman County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library  
June 21, 2022

**Present:** Steve Balzarini, Sue Kreikemeier, Ronda Penwell, Heather Lustig, Shirley Cornelius, and Sheri Miller

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

There was one addition to the agenda, review of collection policies.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting, and Resolutions 22-12 and 22-13 were approved by a vote of the Board.

### **Reports**

June financial documents were shared with the board and there were no additional comments on the statements.

Sheri added to the interim director's report that was last sent out. A \$20,000 COVID Library Relief Grant was received from the American Library Association. Grant proceeds will go towards purchasing additional STEM supplies, cases for laptops and STEM supplies, hotspot coverage, board games for game night, and mugs for a paint night at the library. Our current hotspots have been recalled because of the need to be updated and James is slowly getting them all updated. Carpet and an air conditioning system has been ordered for the Colton branch update. The electrical and lighting work is being worked on now.

The Friends had a monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at the library with five in attendance. The Friends are planning on helping with the Volksmarch in July.

### **Library Business**

Sheri reviewed the May statistics with the board. Several branches including Farmington, Garfield, Malden, Oakesdale, Rosalia, and Tekoa have seen circulation increases over the same period last year. Google searches and website visits are almost double over last year and digital checkouts continue an upward trend.

An Onward Energy grant was re-submitted to sustain OA & RO extended open hours of service but have not heard a response. The branches will continue the grant sponsored additional hours through July but may need to return to previous hours if not funded (or something like that)

Three branches PA, SJ, & GA purchased a movie license with Friends money in order to show in-house movies throughout the year.


Cody Allen will start the director position no later than July 12 if not sooner. He has rented a moving van and will be leaving New York no later than the end of the month.

There was no Public Comment.

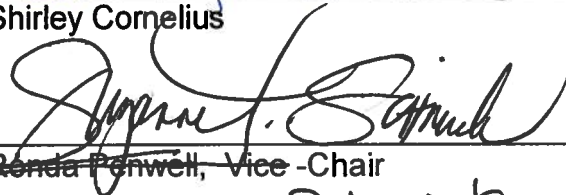
A short discussion followed on the library's policy on material collections especially in regards to children books. Since the policy has not been updated for a long period of time, the board has agreed to review it at their July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 19 at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



Shirley Cornelius



Brenda Penwell, Vice -Chair

Suzanne Schmitt