

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
October 18, 2022

Present: Suzanne Schmick, Ronda Penwell, Heather Lustig, Steve Balzarini, Sue Kreikemeier, Cody Allen, and Shirley Cornelius.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting, and Resolutions 22-19, 22-20, and 22-21 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

September financial documents along with resolution to increase the amount of the accounts payable and payroll imprest accounts were shared with the board and there were no additional comments on the documents.

In the director's report, Cody recently attended a director's retreat held at the newly remodeled downtown Spokane Library. Sara Jones from the State Library also attended that meeting and before the meeting she came down to our library and met with Cody and took a tour of our library. She shared with Cody some of the things that were going on with the Washington State Library and some legislative updates. Catalina recently attend a RIPL conference in Richland and learned more library statistics and how to present them. Kathy will be taking over the E-book purchasing from Nichole leaving Nichole more time for programming. Gary Libey is bringing an Abraham Lincoln event to the library on November 17. There will be two programs, one for youth and one for adults. Gary has donated funds to purchase beverages for the evening event which will be a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. In December we will have events for Winter Fest, Festival of Trees, and Jingle and Mingle. Cody has also been meeting with the Friends of the Library to draft a Memo of Understanding between the Library and the Friends .

Continuing Business

In branch news, the branch remodel at Colton is almost complete. The city of Tekoa will be doing some renovations of the Tekoa Library in November including a new coat of paint. The wall mural in Garfield looks to be a spring project now and by then the library hopes to have an agreement in place with the Garfield City Council on what that mural will look like.

Library usage continues to show growth in attendance at programs and the number of visitors to the library also increases. Traditional circulation is down about 5% from last year. The statistics show us the continued growth of programming while traditional library usage stalls.

The library received the Digital Navigation Grant but as of the meeting time today, no official documentation has been received so no work can actually begin on the grant until that is received.

In board member recruitment, several candidates were brought forth at the meeting. Cody will follow through with the candidates and have them write letters of interest. A few advertisements will go out next week to see if there is more interest from the public.

New Business

By a majority vote of the board, Juneteenth will be recognized as a Library holiday with all branches of the library closed on the holiday. The board will determine at a later date if it will be a paid holiday for staff.

The board directed Cody to draft an Indigenous land acknowledgment that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land that the Colfax library sits on for the next board meeting.

Public Comment

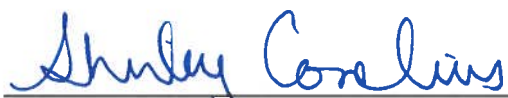
There was no Public Comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 15 at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



Shirley Cornelius



Suzanne Schmick, Chair