

**Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
November 15, 2022

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

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

There was one addition to agenda in regards to a collaboration with the WSU College of Education over a National Science Foundation grant.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting, and Resolutions 22-24, 22-25, 22-26, 12-27, and 22-28 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

October financial documents along with resolutions to certify the 2023 levy and the 2023 Budget were shared with the board and there were no additional comments on the documents.

In the director's report, it was noted that Kathy Buchholz recently attended an E-book conference in Tacoma with her travel being paid for by the State Library. Kathy is taking over the purchasing of E-books for the library from Nichole Kopp.

Continuing Business

In branch news, a concern arose in Farmington over open carry of firearms. Washington State Law allows open carry of those with permits in most public facilities including libraries.

Library usage continues to show growth in all areas. Electronic usage via the newsletter is also up. The format has changed a bit with more graphics and less text and more people are opening the newsletter and reading it.

The Digital Navigation Grant paperwork has been signed and work can begin on the grant. The first training for Branch Managers will begin soon.

Sue and Cody will be meeting with Richard Scheuerman on Monday, November 21, on what the Library can do for Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

New Business

Board member Sue Kreikemeier was contacted by the WSU College of Education in regards to a three year National Science Foundation grant that is trying to build Science literacy in 8-14 year olds by developing an app for the students to use. The library would be used as a meeting place for the testing groups. More details will be shared at a future meeting.

The Board adjourned to a special meeting at 4:40 PM to interview two potential board members. The Board returned to general session at 5:40 PM

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 20 at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.


Shirley Cornelius

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Suzanne Schmick, Chair