

Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
March 21, 2023

Present: Ronda Penwell, Heather Lustig, Cindy Alred, Sue Kreikemeier, Cody Allen, Sheri Miller, and Shirley Cornelius.

Chair Ronda Penwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the February 21 meeting, and Resolutions 23-07 and 23-08 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

February financial documents were presented and there were no additional comments on the documents.

In the director's report, Cody is working on a remote work policy that will be clear what the expectations are for employees that work from home. Cody is now the point of contact for the art exhibits at the Center. Innovia is hosting a community book club with two books by different authors. Books will be available for purchase at 50% off and Innovia will promote the remote book clubs. The books topics centered around the subject of having difficult conversations. Cody is part of a county wide community committee about broadband access across the county. Federal money will be available in the summer to help promote that access. The Friends are having a tea party fund raiser on May 13 in the Center. We are also switching payroll systems to make it easier to run payroll.

Continuing Business

In Branch news, Garfield has been conducting a successful quilt raffle to help fund the mural project on the brick wall outside the library. Sarah from the Palouse branch will be attending the WLA conference at the end of the month. Sheri will be helping out with the after school program in St John this month. We are hoping that soon the St John branch will be holding in house after school programs. Rosalia has been seeing increased program attendance and a growth in overall attendance in their branch.

Facebook outreach was up significantly in February due to the increased advertising for the Digital Navigation Grant. Database usage continues to fall in February. Cody presented statistics covering the last 10 years. In looking at the statistics, you can clearly see the effects of the Pandemic especially in computer usage and program attendance. Over the last ten years, the average decrease per year in circulation has been 4.5% per year with a bigger drop during the Pandemic. Specific categories such as youth non-fiction show a 12% drop, Library of Things 13% drop, Children's area 40% drop, and Movies a 73% drop.

Re: OA mail receipts

Shirley Cornelius <shirleyc@whitcolib.org>

Wed 2023/04/19 15:24

To: Oakesdale Library <oakesdale@whitcolib.org>

Thanks

From: Oakesdale Library <oakesdale@whitcolib.org>

Sent: Wednesday, 19 April 2023 15:23

To: Shirley Cornelius <shirleyc@whitcolib.org>

Subject: OA mail receipts

Hi Shirley,

I am sending my mail receipts in my box today, totalling \$29.23. If you could send cash that would be great, as there is no bank here in Oakesdale.

Thank you,

Marianne Morkve

Manager

Oakesdale Branch Library

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