

Billings Public Library
April 18, 2019
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Roger Young, Vice Chair Jennifer Quinn, Sue Bach, David Darby, Cheryle Fisher, Stella Fong, Bill Lamdin, Peggy McSweyn, Gavin Woltjer, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Information Systems Coordinator; Mary Murphrey, Library and Facility Coordinator. Guests: Clare Young, Friends of the Library; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation.

Public Comment

None

Chair's comments

Young thanked the Board and staff for their get well wishes during his illness.

Young recommended the One Book Billings book *Wonderlandscape* by John Clayton.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve minutes.

Approved

Lamdin/Fisher

BPL Overview and MLA Conference

Woltjer asked for the Board's thoughts regarding the Montana Library Commissions' resolution for more equity, opportunity, and resources around the state. He noted that the Commission would like to create a statewide library card and put more emphasis on finances for MontanaLibrary2Go.

Robins reported that:

- The Library participated in the PLDS statistical survey this year.
- The Summer Reading Program starts Saturday, May 4.
- The Library received a grant from NASA for a "NASA in My Library" program. The program will consist of numerous activities throughout the summer.

Murphrey reported that:

- Staff participated in the "Zoo Eggstravaganza" program at Zoo Montana. She noted that they distributed information about the Library and Children's programs and interacted with about 600 people.
- Bookmobile Librarian Patti Skonicki reported that the materials purchased with the YVEC grant has been very well received by Bookmobile patrons.

Board Retreat

Woltjer asked the Board if they wanted to hold a Library Board retreat and what should be on the agenda. There was much discussion by the Board Trustees regarding a retreat. Young asked Fong and Darby to meet and put together a mutual program of ideas.

FOL Update

Clare Young noted that:

- The spring book sale went very well with just over \$9,000 in sales and membership.
- The Book Nook is doing well with \$600 per month in sales. She noted that the FOL's goal is \$1,000 per month.

Fisher noted the FOL is getting the word out by Instagram, Facebook, and Constant Contact.

Foundation Update

Modrow noted that:

- Food for Thought is scheduled for June 6. She reported that the special project will be "One Thousand Books before Kindergarten".
- The Royal Johnson Forum is scheduled for July 25.

Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.