

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – F.L. Schlagle Library (WyCo Lake)
September 17, 2019
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pat Pettey, Chair.

Members attending: Pat Pettey, Jim Jarsulic, Korri Hall-Thompson, Pat Garmon, Judy Anderson, Angela Lawson, Jake Granath, M.W. Hill, John “Tiny” McTaggart.

Support Advisors: Carol Levers, Director of KCK Public Library; Rochelle McCaulley, Assistant Director of Libraries; Director of Bonner Springs Library; Aaron Froelich Turner Library, Branch Manager, Katie Devlin, UG Legal, and Lisa Rangel, UG Administrative support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tiny McTaggart to approve minutes dated April 9, 2019, seconded by Korri Hall-Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Pettey welcomed Rochelle McCaulley, Assistant Director of Libraries, attended with Carol Levers.

Pat Pettey said we will have someone from UG Budget department at our January 2020 meeting to discuss the budget and Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) and what the UG is anticipating for future funding. If businesses aren't paying, then homeowners are paying. It's a worrisome shift and impacts the amount of money that comes to as a taxing entity to our library board.

Tiny McTaggart said the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) is not concerned about that right now because the upcoming appointment by the governor to BOTA after the first of the year. It's anticipated that her appointments will try and straighten it out. The LKM is an organization that work with cities in working with ordinances an and interpreting laws. I will be President of the League in October.

2020 Library Board Meeting Dates

- January 21 @ Turner Library
- March 17 @ KCK Library – South Branch
- April 21 @ KCK Public Library – West Branch

LIBRARY UPDATES

Bonner Springs - Jack Granath

- Overview since March:
 - **When Freedom Changed America** with KU Professor John Edgar Tidwell
 - **Legislative Coffee** with the Johnson County League of Women Voters and the Bonner Springs NAACP
 - **Books, Blocks, Bubbles and BAM!** 9th Annual Young Child Fair
 - **Spring Fling at the Farmers' Market** in lieu of the City's Marble Days

- **Summer Reading Program** with Kansas City Astronomical Society brought a portable planetarium; Cosmosphere, Mad Science, Operation Wildlife, and Dino O’Dell
- **One Book, Many Neighbors** with seven neighboring libraries, mainly Leavenworth County but Atchison as well. We all read the same book of short stories. We discussions and rotations discussing stories at different locations with the idea of bringing readers in the area to come together for discussions and we had 50 people per discussion. With a big party at the end at Family Orchard. Humanity of Kansas is interested in making it a state thing.
- **Kansas Sampler Foundation** with Bonner Springs Historic Preservation Society
- **Library Snapshot Day** took pictures all day long and posted on our library Facebook beginning with our morning courier. We received 90 likes; so our regional library system will now be doing it with the first one in September.
- **Tenth Anniversary Party** in July with dedication of a new statue donated by Bonner Beautiful
- **Volunteer Reception** with Sean Gaskell playing the kora, an instrument from West Africa
- **Promoted Summer Reading Program** with YipYip which was a big hit. We had a party of 230 to help celebrating our ten-year anniversary.

Upcoming Programs / Events

- **New Programs** - Resumé Workshop, Philosophy Group, Spanish Conversation (*at the request of 5 people*)
- **Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 to 12:00** – second Hispanic Heritage Festival at the Farmers’ Market. Last year was a success with a clown, dancers and music.
- **Saturday, October 26** – 7th Annual Boo Bash & Fall Festival at the Farmers’ Market. Hundreds of people attend this event.
- **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00** - In Their Own Words: The Ancient Egyptians (Humanities Kansas program). The Nelson is having a big Egyptian show so we’re tying in with that.
- **Saturday, February 22, 2020** - Jazz on the Lake Fundraiser with an “Over the Moon” theme so everything will have to do with the moons.

Statistics

The physical things keep dropping and all the electronic things keep going up.

Turner Library – Aaron Froelich

➤ **End of Year Statistics**

- Print Materials – checkouts up 28% from July 2018 to June 2019
- Audio visual up 17% in circulation
- Programing attendance up 6%
- Outreach had a growth of 14%
- Summer Reading up 1986 people from 1721 people in 2018
- Outreach to the summer school and pop-up story-times and crafts up 7% in June and up 270%

We were able to get great programming numbers due to having big events like Kyle’s Draw-Along, Water Wars, Field Day, History of Video Games, Funky Mama, Clement Mccrae Puppets, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Magician Eric Vaughn, Animal Wonders, Pirates and Parrots.

Turner also was able to do smaller programs that fit with the theme of Summer Reading’s a Universe of Stories with smaller crafts like jet packs, telescopes, spaceships, tin can robots, and space slime. Also for adults we had speakers on Astrology and UFOs.

Focusing on Homeschool patrons by having more programs in the morning on days with fewer night patrons. So far, these numbers are more than nights and our event registrations are filling up quicker.

Due to night patrons seeing the homeschool programs, they were wanting some of the same type of

programs. It was decided to move STEM based night programming to a more active night of attendance. The first event with Mad Science doing Detective Science attracted 28 people and many people wanted the second Monday STEM program to continue. We will probably be able to hire Mad Science for about 6 of these programs and fill in the rest of the year ourselves.

We have also had great results with people coming to our niche programming like our decluttering talk, UFOs, and Animal Wonders via Facebook marketing and also posting on Instagram. People say they wish they had programs like those at their library system. We've seen people from Topeka, Lawrence, Waldo, Fallon, Overland Park, and Olathe come to our programs.

Upcoming Programming

- Every Tuesday & Thursday, partnering with the TRC for Gamers' Adventures & Underground Hub
- Kansas Paranormal Research Society, October 7 at 6 PM
- Radical Robots, October 14 at 6 PM
- Fall Festival with Blipey the Clown, October 15 at 6 PM
- Murder Mystery Party, October 21 at 5 PM
- Humanities Kansas: Sharing Patterns, Sharing Lives Kansas Quilt Workshop, October 25 at 1 PM
- Spooktacular with band Sass Monkey, Midland Empire Ghostbusters, and Wicked Liars, October 26 at 5 PM

KCK Library - Carol Levers

Statistics

- Circulation by location total: 86,088
- Circulation by Type total: 86,088
- Programs/Outreach - August
 - (Programs: 310; Attendance: 4,783)
 - (Outreach: 49; Attendance: 8,359)
- Reading total: 8,792
- Sessions total: 1,375

Fiscal Year 2018/2019

- Circulation by location total: 1,060,435
- Circulation by type total: 1,060,435
- Programs/Outreach
 - (Programs: 3,952; Attendance: 58,490)
 - (Outreach: 984; Attendance: 74,232)
- Reading total: 136,307
- Sessions total: 12,683
- eContent (Online Renewals: 55,874; Total Online Participation: 295,430)

Events

- 14th Annual Lawson Roberts Butterfly Festival, Saturday, September 21, 10am-3pm at the Mr. And Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library
- 5th Annual Library in the Park @ Big Eleven Lake at 10:00am-2pm
- Homegrown Reads event to meet and talk with local authors, October 5th from 1-4pm at the Main Library

Adjournment

Pat Pettey adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 @ Turner Community Library