

Rawlins Municipal Library Board

March 28, 2022

MINUTES

The Rawlins Municipal Library Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the South Dakota Room. Amy Weller, Renae Lehman, Sue Douglas, Jill Kruger, Sara Aker, Commissioner Representative Vona Johnson, and Library Director Robin Schrupp were in attendance. Guest attendee was Abby Edwardson. President Weller called the meeting to order. The consent calendar which included the Agenda and the February minutes was reviewed and approved with a motion by Kruger, seconded by Johnson. There were no public comments to address.

General circulation for the month of February was 6,182. A total of 1,872 eBooks were checked out and 530 internet/computer uses were recorded. Physical patron count was 2,511; open 27 days, an average of 93/day.

March was very active with many programs and events held. There were several after-school events, as well as the Rescue Readers program. Other events were the Read Across America/Dr. Seuss storytimes, Super Seniors Day, Bonding Over Books Club, Read to Pumpkin Pye, the Friends Book Club, as well as two special adult programs, Loretta Cowen - "*Growing up on the Peoria River Bottom*" and Ken Stewart - "*Prominent Women of Pierre's Historical Past*". April events include several After School Programs, Breakfast with the Bunny/Egg hunt, Lunch-hour Knitting Club, Earth Day program, a STEAM night, and a Seed Swap afternoon. Adult programming includes: a World War II presentation by John Mollison on the "*B-25 Mitchell Bomber and the story behind the 'Doolittle Raid' of 1942*", an author visit by Paul Higbee of South Dakota Magazine, and a talk by Jenna Wickersham of Avera on polycystic kidney disease for National Donor Organ/Tissue Awareness month.


The reading chairs in the periodical section are in the process of being recovered and should be finished by the first week in April. The digitally-keyed staff entry has been completed and is working well. The janitor that the library contractually shares with the YMCA has accepted a new position; a the new custodian will begin on April 4th.

Friends Report – Laura Kelly, the President of the Friends group stated, "The FOTL does not have anything substantial to report at this time. The next book club date is April 25th. The Friends group is working on membership renewals and discussing potential events for 2022."

Existing Business – The statistical and financial reports were discussed and approved. Board members suggested several avenues for future marketing and promotion of the library and its programming.

New Business – A motion was made by Aker and seconded by Kruger to officially appoint Abby Edwardson to the position of Library Director, following the upcoming retirement of current director Schrupp. All approved. Edwardson spent a fair amount of time discussing her outreach and programming goals for the library as well as her potential 5-year plan. Schrupp then highlighted the hiring of the new library assistant Dianna Knox, and the search for Edwardson's replacement in the role of Circulation Services Librarian; interviews will begin next week. Due to time constraints, the discussion and review of the Patron Code of Conduct Policy was deferred to the April meeting. Board members will also individually review the PLS (Annual Report) data and report back with any concerns or questions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Rawlins Municipal Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the South Dakota Room.


Amy Weller
Board President


Robin Schrupp
Library Director