

CITY OF ESCANABA
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 23, 2023

A meeting of the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees was held on October 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m.

PRESENT: Lynn Soderberg, Priscilla Green, Gail Brazeau, Amy Reddinger, Carolyn Stacey

ABSENT: Christina Economopoulos, Tyler Dubord

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS(S) TO MINUTES: The minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting were accepted on consensus.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted on consensus.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Financials and use measures were reviewed. ADMINISTRATION:

Staff Development Day is set for Monday, November 13th. A draft agenda was shared.

SERVICES: Library staff is re-initiating "Tech Tuesday" for device / technology assistance. The

library has a supply of free COVID tests for the public. PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS:

September event attendance was shared. The Back to School Event and the Labor Day

Bookmobile Outreach received the most participation. October events and promotions include

the Ink Society writing group, Local Author Fair, Author Talk with Suzi Banks Baum and a Banned

Book Week display. Programs in progress include a film discussion group, MSU Extension food

prep classes and *Esky Baroque* in concert on December 13th, 5:30 p.m. Connected Nation

computer classes are being planned for January and the library will participate in the Great

Michigan Read in early spring. OUTREACH SERVICES: Monthly activities include the

Marketplace on October 14th and the YMCA Fall festival – October 28th 11am – 1pm.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / REGIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Monthly activities of the

director included the Superiorland Cooperative Advisory Board of Librarians , Bonifas 50th

Anniversary Commemoration Event, Webinar – Public Librarianship in Contentious Times,

Superiorland Professional Development Committee Meeting, Webinar – Librarian's Guide to

Serving Homeless, UPLINK Annual Meeting @ NMU and a Channel 19 interview about Banned

Books Week. FRIENDS UPDATES: The Friends resumed their regular monthly meeting schedule

on September 13th. The group has worked with the Kiwanis and Scouts to build and place four

new Little Free Libraries at the YMCA and OSF. The Friends will help keep the boxes stocked.

The Friends are sponsoring the EHS Student Book Club for 2023-24.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Navigating Materials Challenges for Library Trustees

Superiorland Library Cooperative Director, Dillon Geshel gave a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of library trustees in handling challenges to materials in the library's collection. A copy of the slides from the presentation will be forwarded to Trustees via email.

B) Upper Peninsula Digital Network (UPLINK)

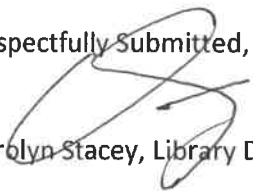
The library director updated the board on regional digitization efforts and provided a brief demonstration of the UPLINK website. The Escanaba Library joined UPLINK in 2022 and has added local newspapers from 1869-1951 to the archive. Plans are in progress to add additional content, up to the 1970's, this winter. UPLINK staff will attend the library's professional development day on November 16th to provide technical assistance in evaluating local history files and will demonstrate scanning equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on consensus.

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Respectfully Submitted,


Carolyn Stacey, Library Director

Approved,


Lynn Soderberg, Chair