

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Our Mission

To best serve the Carver County community, the library will be a provider of resources, spaces and experiences that enrich and empower people's lives.

June 11, 2024

Norwood Young America Library

4:30 p.m. Regular Library Advisory Board Meeting

Board members present: Gwen Kuhrt, Jan Melchert, Stacie Lindquist, Daniel McDonald, Charles Teh
Library staff present: Jodi Edstrom (Director), Paul Ericsson (Western Branches Manager), Patrick Jones (Chan/Vic Branches Manager), Kevin Spencer (Chaska Branch Manager)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Quorum: 3)

4:31 pm - Kuhrt

2. Agenda Review and Adoption

Kuhrt - add 5.2 Cancellation of July Meeting

Lindquist, Teh - passed

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting

Melchert, McDonald - passed

4. Public Comment/Introduction of Visitors:

4.1 Public Input

All meetings of the Library Board are open to anyone who may wish to observe the proceedings.

Non-Board members who wish to address the Board will be given the opportunity in the public forum for which time will always be designated within the agenda.

None.

5. Action Items:

5.1 Materials for Posting or Distribution Policy Review

The policy update adds a disclaimer stating that the library is not responsible for the donations contents or potential loss. Lindquist added "or the damage or loss of the collection container itself."

Kuhrt, Lindquist - passed

5.2 Cancellation of July Meeting

Due to a light July agenda and taking into consideration summer schedules it is proposed the July meeting be canceled.

Lindquist, Teh – passed

6. Unfinished and New Business

6.1.

None.

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Budget Update – Jodi Edstrom (see IFS report enclosed)

Edstrom - No major updates with the budget. When asked about fines she stated each library's fines are listed separately, rather than one line item. Additional budget would be required to offset this income if CCL goes fine-free as is a goal. Only two MELSA libraries charge fines. Spencer reported that only 23% of Minnesota libraries charge fines, at least 57% are completely fine-free, and the others charge fines on some items.

7.2. Library Director-Jodi Edstrom (enclosed)

Summer reading is now in full swing, a busy time for staff. Chanhassen has begun construction on its civic campus which is to wrap up in 2026. Staff has attended several library conferences. MELSA has begun its executive director search. Training for the Humanity scheduling software will take place for management in June and the rest of the staff in July. The MLA conference will take place in Rochester in October. Board members should contact Edstrom or Susan Blotz if interested in attending.

~~7.3. Division Director—Nick Kuktavy~~

8. Trustee & Commissioner Reports

8.1. Chanhassen and Victoria Libraries- Gwen Kuhrt

Jones - Thank you to the Foundation and Friends groups for their support. Music in May and Drive-in Storytimes were successes.

8.2. Chaska Library- Jan Melchert & Charles Teh

Spencer - Busy with school visits and outreach, successful teen programs, dance in the library, and the new learning garden, "Cultivation Commons."

8.3. Norwood Young America Library- Stacie Lindquist

8.4. Waconia and Watertown Libraries- Dee McDonald

Ericsson - NYA Friends of the Library also has a community garden plot with related programming. About 800 people visited the library for the quilt show, artisan fair, and book sale. Watertown's Next Chapter Book Club is a Dahlke grantee and partners with MRCI for a book club for adults with developmental disabilities. Will be requesting Friends of the Library support of a C-Pen, which will read printed text. MELSA Youth Services discussed concerns around patron registration for programs.

~~8.5. MELSA-Matt Udermann~~

8.6. Library Foundation of Carver County- Jan Melchert

Haven't met since last meeting.

9. Correspondence/Additional info:

None.

10. Media Packet-attached

10.1. May 2024 press (enclosed)

Melchert asked about the implications of the legislation banning book bans. Jones stated that adopting a new collection policy will be necessary, which will need to be approved by the county attorney. In essence, patrons could request a change of location in the library, but not complete removal.

11. Adjournment

Lindquist, Teh - passed

5:25pm

Submitted by Kevin Spencer