

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES MAY 2023

The Anoka County Library Board met at the Northtown Library meeting room on May 22, 2023. Present were Board Members: Burns, Case, Fast, Fillbrandt, Kost, Strombeck, Orpen and Commissioner Jeppson.

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director; Dee Guthman, Deputy County Administrator; Dana Weigman, Supervisor, Administrative Services; Judy Soule, Supervisor, Systems Administration; Erin Straszewski, Manager, Library Community Engagement; Stacey Hendren, Library Manager NTN; Chayse Sundt, Library Manager STF; Ronda Bliss, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Orpen at 5:31 p.m. and a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Burns	x	
Case	x	
Fast	x	
Fillbrandt	x	
Kost	x	
Strombeck	x	
Orpen	x	

AGENDA

The board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public present participated in the open forum.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY

Hendren provided the library impact story.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Strombeck, second by Kost the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

April 24, 2023, Library Board Minutes approved with Strombeck abstaining.

Gifts for April of \$719.77 were accepted.

Bills for the month of April totaling \$105,853.77 were paid.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items this month.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ASSOCIATE LIBRARY MOU – COLUMBIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Haubner reviewed the current MOU that ACL has with the Columbia Heights Library, outlining the services that ACL provides to them and the costs associated with those services.

MELSA UPDATE

Commissioner Jeppson provided the MELSA and legislative update.

TEEN LIT CON

Weigman attended Teen Lit Con and gave an overview of the convention.

FRIENDS UPDATE

Straszewski reported on the Friends fundraiser at Malmborg's Garden center, the pop-up book sale, and the annual donation to the library.

STAFF DAY TRAINING

Coburn gave an overview of the annual staff day trainings that were provided to all library staff. Recognition was given to Weigman for leading the planning of this day along with the Staff Development team. Sundt and Hendren were also recognized for their contributions.

WILDER STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Haubner provided a draft of the strategic plan and asked the board for feedback. The tentative timeline for completion is August.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Summer Reading program –Straszewski - This year's theme is Water Works, the program runs June 1 – August 13, 2023.
2. Tiny Art Show – Straszewski – Kits are available at all branches beginning June 1st, voting in July, winners selected in August, bookmarks distributed in fall.
3. Staffing Update – Coburn-
 - a. New Branch Manger at Mississippi starts June 19th.
 - b. Melham moving from Mississippi to Rum River June 5th.
 - c. Current openings for part time Library Associates at Johnsville and Northtown.
4. Branch landscape updates – Haubner -
 - a. St. Francis – The branch has been closed for two and a half weeks for exterior updates to the siding and parking lot.
 - b. Mississippi – landscaping has been refreshed and the Lions Club donation of benches have been installed.
 - c. Johnsville – landscaping has been refreshed.

FUTURE TOPICS

No requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Administrative Assistant