

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES JUNE 2023

The Anoka County Library Board met at the Northtown Library meeting room on June 26, 2023. Present were Board Members: Burns, Case, Fast, Fillbrandt, Kost, Orpen and Commissioner Jeppson.

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director; Dee Guthman, Deputy County Administrator; Rob Yount, Assistant Anoka County Attorney; Sarah Hawkins, Manager, Collection Development; Erin Straszewski, Manager, Library Community Engagement; Jessica Whitehead, Associate Librarian; 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

Open forum held; no members of the public asked to speak.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY

Coburn presented the library impact story.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Fillbrandt, second by Case the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

May 22, 2023, Library Board Minutes approved.

Gifts for May of \$ 13,405.63 were accepted.

Bills for the month of May totaling \$134,905.03 were paid.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items this month.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MELSA UPDATE

Commissioner Jeppson provided the MELSA and legislative update. There was a \$4 million increase in RLBS, Library Legacy funding increased from \$2.5 million to \$2.75 million and the Library Construction Grant increased by \$4 million in funding. These fund totals will be divided up based on a formula for all MN libraries before giving a portion to the MELSA libraries. Anoka County Library will get a portion of the MELSA funds.

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

New legislation was passed in 2023 changing the Anoka County Library Board from a governing board to an advisory board. Because it was enacted as a special statute, it requires approval by the County Board before it goes into effect. This will go to the Anoka County Board for approval as a board resolution in July.

LEGACY GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Straszewski and Whitehead gave an update on the programming that is funded using Legacy grant money.

D-DAY REMEMBERED PRESENTATION BY THE MISSISSIPPI STAFF

Coburn gave an overview of the presentation at Forgotten Star Brewery. Mississippi staff partnered with Veterans groups in the Fridley area for the presentation.

ST. FRANCIS EXTERIOR UPDATE

Haubner provided an update on St. Francis' exterior refresh.

RUM RIVER CHILDREN'S AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Haubner showed pictures of the improved children's area at Rum.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Library Budget Presentation – preliminary 2024 requested budget
2. Every Meal – each branch will be participating in Every Meal program this summer from July 24 to September 6, 2023.
3. Juneteenth has been added to the county's holiday schedule. All branches were closed this year to observe the holiday.

FUTURE TOPICS

Events and Programming – more information on how that all comes together

CIP

Request for upcoming programs and events handout

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Administrative Assistant