



## Library Board January 2023 Meeting

January 12, 5:30 pm  
VPL 2nd Floor Community Meeting Room

Call to order: SAA, MA, DB, CC, JC, MJ, SJ, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes December 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Feasibility Study Update
5. New Business
  
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Feasibility Study

This is still in process. The goal is to have it wrapped up and meet with the Feasibility Study committee to review results the week of January 16. So, I will bring the information to the February Board meeting.

### Staff

We now have two new employees. Sam Ray will be our new morning clerk (15hrs/wk) and Cole Schinstock is our new teen/adult programming librarian (40hrs/wk). Sam is a resident of Ashland (I think for about the last 7 years) she has been involved with the Friends of the Library in leadership positions and has also worked as the benevolence director at the BRICK. Cole is a Northland College graduate in outdoor education. He returned to the area two years ago and spent summers working for Bayfield County Extension youth services. I think both will be a great addition to our library team and am looking forward to watching them develop and contribute. Phil is happily taking on many of Kathy's materials responsibilities and Hannah is excited to be our new storytime superstar!

### Programs/Events

Monthly family programs continue, January is based on sensory experiences. We are busy planning for a successful first annual Winter Market on Main St. to coincide with Book Across the Bay. Here's a snippet from our grant application

*The Winter Market on Vaughn brings together local artisans, producers, refreshments and family fun under one big tent on Vaughn Ave. The area between Main St West and 3<sup>rd</sup> St West will become an outdoor winter market with sales of local wares, food, mulled wine, beer, a s'more-making station, fire-pits, farm animal petting zoo and a sledding hill!*

*2023 is the inaugural event happening from Noon - 4pm the day of Book Across the Bay as a way to incorporate and connect the City's downtown into the event. Four partners: Ashland Farmers Market, Ashland Main Street Program, Ashland Parks & Recreation and the Vaughn Library are working together to create a fun and impactful winter activity/event for Ashland residents and BATB visitors.*

Ashland Adult Literacy is in the midst of recruiting volunteers. We also have about 200 books added to the Ashland County Jail. I am acting as the volunteer coordinator for now so am learning the trainings and setting up the structure for successful pairings of tutors and learners. The other three on the committee are also looking at the trainings and helping with all the forms and thinking that goes into creating a service like this. Being part of Wisconsin Literacy is very helpful. It's pretty exciting and my hope is to look back in five years to see it thriving and helping those who need it.

### Book Recommendation

I read Kate Beaton's graphic novel Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands over the holidays. Beaton's story is autobiographical about her time working in western Canada to pay off student loans. It is moving because of the graphics but also Beaton's portrayal of the sorrow, the creeps, the discrimination and the bonds of friendship as all wrapped together which seems true to life. Maybe she draws in grays because nothing is ever just black and white :)

*Sarah Adams, Director*

