



Library Board May 2022 Meeting

May 12, 2022 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes April 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Schematic Design Progress
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Building & Architects

The steering committee will meet on Wednesday May 18, 6:00 pm for a final run through of the designs and cost estimates. Library board members are welcome to join us. Just let me know if you plan to attend because I am ordering sandwiches and salad. Gotta nosh. I am meeting with Alex and John Chrastka of [everylibrary](#) to discuss funding strategies earlier in the day of our meeting. I will let you know how the discussion went. Also meeting with the new Mayor Matt Mckenzie to share information about the project. Alex is working on updating the elevations so they will be showcase ready by June.

Staff

All are healthy and present! Vacation season is just around the bend, but we have some flexibility to ensure good coverage when one or two of us are on the beach. Lynn Garrington continues to be generous with her time, covering the desk so we can have full attendance at staff meetings. Both pages are now working alternating Saturdays and one evening per week.

Programs

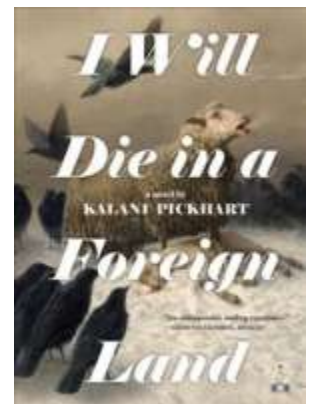
Summer Reading will kick off June 18. The Great Lakes Aquarium and the Lake Superior Zoo are both scheduled to visit. Kathy will be promoting programs at the school later this month. The Book Trike is ready to roll & we are ready for some fun in the parks! We will also be at the Farmer's Market and at the Chequamegon Food Coop for their annual Kid's Day.

I am working with UW Extension Literacy Link coordinator Heidi Ungrodt and Alison Spaude-Filipczak Case Manager Ashland County Wellness & Recovery Court at the exploratory stage of creating an adult literacy program that serves the community and the justice system (so people incarcerated or just coming out of incarceration). Seems Ashland has had a rocky history keeping literacy programs, so we are proceeding conservatively. But, I know there is a need that we could meet if we had volunteer tutors and a good channel to connect them with students.

Book Recommendation

I just finished Kalani Pichart's *I will die in a Foreign Land* and highly recommend it for the story, for the closeness to the war in Ukraine it provides, plus the history of the conflict in that region told by people who are / did live through it. Below is what one reviewer wrote about it.

"Kalani Pichart's timely debut novel, [I Will Die In a Foreign Land](#), is about the 2014 Ukrainian revolution which provided a pretense for Russia to annex Crimea. The story follows the experiences of several characters whose lives intersect as the country's political situation deteriorates. There's a Ukrainian-American doctor, an old KGB spy, a former mine worker, and others, and these episodes are interspersed with folk songs, news reports and historical notes. The effect—kaleidoscopic but never confusing—provides an intimate sense of a country convulsing, mourning, and somehow surviving."



See you!

Sarah Adams, Director