



Library Board December 2022 Meeting

December 8, 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 November 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Feasibility Study Update
5. New Business
 - a. 2023 Goals / Focus
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Feasibility Study

Letters of invitation to participate in the study along with some information about the renovation project were sent out the week of Thanksgiving. The next step is in the hands of the Baker Street folks. They will call each person with the goal of scheduling an interview. This phase should last about 3-4 weeks. More to come.

I am updating the library website to reflect this stage of the renovation process and to direct people who are interested in donating at this time. Interest is out there, so having a clear process is important. Later in the month, my focus will be preparations for the 2023 WI community development block grant – public facilities.

Staff

Kathy Draughon's last day is January 6th. She has expressed a quiet departure, so we won't have a big retirement party. She and Hannah have been working together to make an easy transition for the story time families as Hannah will be our new children's programming librarian. Posting for the new positions is up on the website & FB. I'll also post with the two colleges and on various library listservs.

Programs

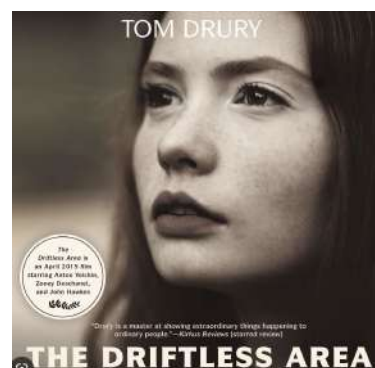
The stuffy sleepover was a hit! This month's family program is a Polar Express party. I will be working with Hannah and the new teen/adult programming person to block out programs for 2023. My goal is to map out the year so we are organized & promoting what we're doing. Phil's one-on-one tech help is really successful as far as meeting a need. He has a great demeanor for working with older folks who want to master their machines :).

Holidays - 2023

The HR director and city administrator reversed their decision to accept the VPL paid holidays list. I have done some adjusting to our calendar. I will continue to push for an updated list of paid holidays.

Book Recommendation

I listened to a book by an author who wrote in the 1990s that I must have missed. Tom Drury is originally from Iowa and a graduate from the University of Iowa. His book *The Driftless Area* is available on LIBBY. Maybe it is our shared Iowa heritage, but the tone, dialog and humanity of the characters really stuck with me. As a storyteller, Drury is someone I'd like to have with me on a long canoe trip or whenever I might be in need of some earthy, life philosophy with midwestern humor as a cushion.



Sarah Adams, Director