



Library Board March 2023 Meeting

March 9, 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 February 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Plan update
5. New Business
 - a. Annual Report 2022
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

I talked with Alex Ramsey (architect) regarding phasing the project. She will be getting back to me mid-March with some ideas. Her suggestions just based on a quick call was 1.) focus on the 2nd and 3rd floor 2.) make sure the end of phase one is where you will be happy, in case you don't get to phase two. I am starting grant writing work and cleaning up contact databases I have so we can do more effective marketing of the plan once it is solid. I will share at the meeting the talking points draft I have. I do feel until I have some feedback from Alex, I can't put the entire plan together.

Staff

All going well. Phil is on a month-long vacation in Colombia, so we will feel his absence, but such trips only add to a person's wellbeing which will come through to the folks he works with (public and other librarians) when he returns. Maybe we'll have him do a slideshow :) I will meet with Cole & Sam later in the month to have an informal check in as it is their 3 month anniversary. I think there is a very good dynamic among staff and all seem to be in the right job at the right time. Very happy to have all on board.

Programs/Events

The Winter Market on Vaughn was a success. Working with Main St is great because Jacklyn surveys participants (the vendors in this case) and the feedback is very useful. It was a bright, sunny day. No official count was taken, but we are thinking between 300 - 350 people came through. The positive aspect for the library is many people had not been in or it had been sometime. And the Emeline "swag" started conversations about the building's history (which of course leads to talk of investing in it again). Trivia, Dungeons N Dragons, Family Nights and soon Pokemon & Nintendo are all great programs. Hannah has had upwards of 35-40 people attend the family nights!

Book Recommendation

I am only half way through *The Trees* by Percival Everett, but I still will recommend it. It is a little Faulkneresque or Twain-y in the heavy southern dialog which makes it transportive. Set in Money, Mississippi it starts out with two brutal murders where the body of a young black man is also present at the crime scene, but then disappears. It has elements of the supernatural and explores lynching in the US. Maybe not for everyone.

Sarah Adams, Director

