

Springfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 23, 2024

Present: Neal Eickhoff, Iro Johnson, Susan Snyder, Kellie Seiber, Kathleen Gottsch, Sue Startzer, Kitty Kentsmith, Sue Pereira

Absent: Joan Schram

After a review of the August minutes Iro made the motion to accept the minutes and Susan Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed, and Sue Startzer made the motion to pay the bills and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUDGET:**

Budget: \$45,255.02  
General: \$5,293.09  
Memorial: \$21,701.59  
Snider Savings: \$1,654.15  
Snider CD: \$33,816.95  
Bricks Savings: \$982.59

**DEPOSITS:**

General: \$245 Fines/fees

**AUGUST AVERAGE STATISTICS:**

Internet users: 302  
New Patrons: 2  
Circulation: 1379  
Overdrive circulation: 452

**BUSINESS:**

Kellie presented an investment worksheet from the Library Commission showing how much the library benefits our community. The total operating revenue (cost to taxpayers) is \$169,198. The total residents would spend without a library is \$321,415. Materials and services provided would include adult items (non-electronic) eBooks and audio books, children's items non- electronic and electronic, and computer uses. Libraries offer programs and other services such as meeting rooms, reference transactions, use of Data bases, computer/electronic device training and assistance, homework help, outreach programs, and use of Makerspace equipment.

A bin for new socks will be put in the foyer for the October Sock-tober which is sponsored by 4H.

The library will be closed Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of Columbus Day.

Kellie asked if the November Board Meeting date could be moved from November 25<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Iro made the motion to move the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to November 18<sup>th</sup> and Susan Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Friends purchased a new magazine rack, and laminator. Kellie said puzzles can be borrowed and the library will continue with donations. The puzzles will not be checked out but may be borrowed and returned on the honor system. Susan Snyder suggested that a note be included in a puzzle if a piece or pieces are missing.

A new section called 'New Adult' will be developed for books that may be a better fit for mature readers.

The roof has been patched and the butterfly house is being repaired. Both were damaged from the summer storm.

The programs continue to be inviting and very successful. The Wednesday playgroup is popular with mothers and little tykes. Teens After Hours was attended by 18 teens and 26 patrons attended the Pie contest to sample 5 pies. The Milk and Cookie Reading Club is well attended, and children enjoy being read to from a chapter book. The Science lab continues to be a favorite as well.

Upcoming will be Crafty Tuesday, Spooky Snacks, Halloween Science, and participation in the school's Trunk-or-Treat and Halloween Parade. Tosca Lee, Nebraska author, being sponsored by the Sarpy County libraries will speak at the Papillion Landing on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

At 1:49 Sue Startzer made the motion to go into executive session and Sue Pereira seconded the motion.

At 1:55 Sue Startzer made the motion to come out of executive session and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Startzer made the motion to hire Brittany Nath at \$19 an hour for 29 hours per week and Sue Pereira seconded the motion. Motion carried. If approved by the City Council Brittany will begin work at the library on October 2nd.

Sue Pereira made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 and Sue Startzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Kentsmith, Secretary