



Library Board June 2023 Meeting

June 6, 5:30 pm

VPL 2nd Floor Literacy Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes May 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Plan update
 - i. Council Plan; Consider Building Project Resolution
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

The phasing scenarios for the building project are as follows and up for discussion;

Phase One – 1st & 2nd Floor – Essential Services \$4,243,456

Everything necessary, including new windows for 1 & 2nd floor

Construction \$3,377,047

Fees \$405,246

Furnishings \$261,164

Phase Two -- \$702,151

Communicating Stair \$52,431

Main St Entrance \$167,248

Foundation Fix \$482,472

Phase Three-- \$3,369,980

Vaughn Ave Entrance \$193,338

Third Floor \$2,631,848

Basement \$544,794

I have a resolution drafted that I will share at the meeting. Councilman Charlie Ortman is championing the renovation and requested we bring forward a resolution. I have shared the draft with him and have his approval. Having the resolution come from the Library Board creates a good connection between the governing body of the library and the fiscal agent of the library. We will be on the June 13 Council Committee of the Whole; so this is still discussion and no action taken. I think this is a good time to contact council representatives personally to offer any information or see if they have questions/concerns.

Staff

Sam Ray created a building directory for our staircase and elevators. I think a new set of eyes was needed to remind us some people don't know where everything is! We will start looking for a new page as Clara Gonderzik has graduated and is moving on to UW Superior. Phil Harvey is creating a new genre, fantasy, by sorting our former science fiction section into both categories. For some folks, the Game of Thrones just does not belong in science fiction. He and Lisa also tackled the cookbook section and now titles are better organized so if you are looking for some new vegan recipes, all of those books are lined up next to each other. This is customer service at its most subtle, yet best.

Programs/Events

Hannah Sorensen and Cole Schinstock are working hard to get all details in place for summer reading. I am excited to watch participation numbers go up this year. It is great to have two creative and enthusiastic people putting programming together. Cole is also taking on the library website (new site). We have our first adult literacy coach/student group meeting weekly at the library.

Sarah Adams, Director