



Library Board July 2023

The VPL Board of Trustees will not meet in July

Director's Report for the Month of June below

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Renovation Update

My council presentation on June 13 was received with interest regarding the nature of each phase and the approach of Phase One as essential library services for the first and second floors. So, the message that this is a capital improvement project for systems that are beyond their life cycle is getting through. They all wanted more information about how this project would be/ could be financed. At the June 27 Committee of the Whole, Julie Vaillancourt (City Finance Director) spoke about possible GO Bond funding for the project. Sadly, this was at 9 PM as it was a long and sometimes contentious meeting. There was really no time or interest in discussing further. I am left wondering how to “workshop” the project - phase one; what’s included, who / how will it be funded.... with the council. I would like to invite the public to the library to “Talk about the future of the Vaughn” so there are more education opportunities for council members and their constituents. I am looking at Wed Aug 9, 6 pm and Thurs Aug 10, 6 pm to offer these sessions to our community. If any of you are available to attend, this would be a good way to express commitment to the project and discuss with people what is involved, how we got to where we are now, how it will impact them and maybe make changes, if there is overwhelming consensus in one direction.

Staff

Phil will be leaving us to head back to his hometown, Cincinnati. We will really miss his calm, insightful demeanor around the library. I have shared the job description internally to see if there is some interest. I will keep you posted. As you can see in the financial report, I am proposing some wage changes which keep us within our personnel budget and reward good, creative work. The page advertisement will go out in early July.

Programs/Events

Summer reading is going gang-busters. We had over 200 people attend the summer reading kickoff! Our registration system kind of blew up as we were all on it signing families up for summer fun. Cole was able to troubleshoot! Attendance at programs is very high. We have begun using the (former Baron) Plaza for some outdoor activities. Lots of positive feedback regarding using the outside space.

Meeting Dates

Clarence has two meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, so I am wondering if we can revisit our meeting day? How does the 2nd Monday or the 2nd Wednesday work for folks?

Sarah Adams, Director