



## Library Board September 2023 Meeting

September 13, 5:30 pm  
Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Renovation Plan update
5. New Business
  - a. 2024 Budget Draft
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Renovation Update

I am continuing to work with the City Council to develop a phase one funding plan. I will be discussing/presenting at the Sept 12 Committee of the Whole. The goal is to get the council to vote to move a resolution for funding forward to the regular agenda.

### Staff

A lot of training is going on here. Axel Peterman is our new afternoon clerk. He'll be working a 3 - 6 pm shift during the week and alternating Saturdays. He's a Northland graduate and some of you may know him from his time at the Co-op as a cashier and teacher of foraging. We are all looking forward to being fully staffed again. Lisa is lending her expertise to Sam as Sam learns more and more about cataloging and processing.

### Programs/Events

Winding down a bit from summer. September is library card sign up month & Cole will be working with the school to get kids registered for an electronic card so they have access to all of our databases & Libby. In October, we'll have a Banned Book Read-a-thon to celebrate our freedom to read. If you'd like to be part of this "Read-in" you can sign up for a slot to read a banned book in the library on Thursday Oct 5 or Friday Oct 6. You may have read about the Iron River Library challenges. The library board and director there are doing a great job of handling the issue. The Vaughn has not had any challenges of books (a few comments about some of our movies, but no formal complaints).

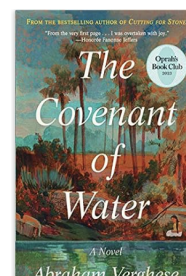
New this fall, Hannah will be offering an open Lego play on school district inservice days. Cole is bringing back Trivia and Dungeons & Dragons. He's also working on a Chequamegon Bay Read - more to come on that one.

### On the Horizon

I will be focusing on building a grant writing team and putting some feelers out for capital campaign committee members.

### Book Recommendation

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese is 700+ pages long, but worth reading if you have some time this fall or winter and like a good family saga. Set in India and spanning the years of 1905 - 1970s (I'm not quite done so it may stretch even further), it is a story of a family with a "condition" that makes some members averse to water, sometimes dying by shallow drowning. There is a lot about love, loving too much, freedom, pursuit of knowledge, eccentricities and how place has a profound effect on families.



*Sarah Adams, Director*