



## Library Board November 2023 Meeting

November 8, 5:30 pm  
Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes October 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Renovation Plan update
  - b. Request for Proposals - Capital Campaign
  - c. Grants Team - Candid subscription
5. New Business
  - a. Meeting Room Fees
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Renovation Update

Just to review, we have one resolution unanimously passed by the council to support funding for phase one - the first and second floors (yea!!). At the November 14 meeting, there will be a bonding resolution with the specific amount and purpose of the bond included. Once this is passed, the City Clerk will publish notification in the paper of the intent to borrow GO Bonds. At this point, anyone who wants to petition the borrowing has 30 days to collect 342 signatures. Given that, our true green light will shine around Dec 19th. In the meantime, our architect Alex Ramsey will provide a contract template and a workplan/schedule for your review at the November meeting. I have a draft request for proposals to send out to fundraising consultants and I am meeting with two women who are grant writers to explore what that team might look like. I also think it is time to subscribe to a Foundation Directory. I'll have quotes for you at the meeting.

### Budget

It is possible there will be an additional 1% increase for wages in the final budget - that would be a 3% overall increase from 2023. Other than that, the budget has not changed since last month.

### Programs/Events

Lots of kids for the Harry Potter Family night! Also, partnering with the school district, the Co-op and parks & rec for the Boo Bash. Crazy amount of families attended the Bash at the Bretting Center. Area book clubs seem to be gaining popularity or at least using our services a little more intentionally. Both Hannah & Cole returned from WLA with some exciting new ideas. Cole is also working on a "One Book, One Community" kind of event that will start this winter.

### On the Horizon

Our library system in partnership with the Wisconsin Valley Library System is shopping for a new ILS (integrated library system). The ILS is the big database we use for all of our materials and people. Currently we use a system called Sierra by Innovative. Their pricing is getting to be higher than we can sustain. Transitioning to a new vendor would not happen until the end of 2024 and will be a big change for librarians, but the software we are looking at, [Koha](#), is much more customizable and "fun" to use. We are also looking at [Carl](#). Part of this project is also exploring merging our two systems, at least at the ILS level. This would expand what our people have ready access to borrow. More to come on this.

### Book Recommendation

**Impossible people : a completely average recovery story** by Julie Wertz is a graphic novel about Ms. Wertz's five year journey to sobriety. She makes a hard life-changing goal seem sometimes funny, always real and endearing.

*Sarah Adams, Director*

