



## Library Board November 2023 Meeting

December 13, 5:30 pm  
Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes December 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Request for Proposals - Capital Campaign
  - b. Meeting Room Fees
5. New Business
  - a. Seasonal Hours
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Renovation Update

We are in a bit of a holding pattern right now. I have had some conversations with people I sent requests for capital campaign work, but those are not due until January 5. I am wondering if a board member would like to review the proposals with me before our January 10th meeting? If we have five returned proposals, we might want to target three to interview via zoom. The interviews are scheduled for Jan 16 - 25.

### Budget

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, our budget numbers are looking even. I shared the numbers with the librarians so all could consider what, if anything, they would like to purchase before the end of the year. In our operating budget, we have some funds I would like to spend on an iPhone for marketing - mostly social media and photos.

### Meeting Room Fees

Just an update; I want to amend the policy so it is clear that both the Community Meeting Room and the Garland Room are \$10/hr for non-profits charging fees and any commercial / business group using the room. I have a Google form for collecting fees. I have made our long term users aware of the fee schedule and that it is very possible the rooms will not be available beginning in August/September as we start renovations.

### Programs/Events

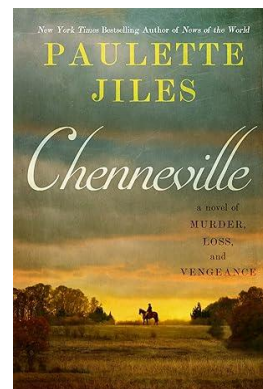
Sam and Cole have begun a Sip & Swipe program on the last Thursday of the month, 9 - 10 am. This is a low pressure technology exploration session. In December the topic will be analyzing the legitimacy of websites. Nine people attended the first session in November. Most were library users, so we continue to be challenged by reaching people not in our "library community" Sam has used our evaluation form to better understand where people are learning about our programs, and most learn via word of mouth.

### On the Horizon

Beginning in January, I would like to extend evening hours to 7 pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Initially we could do this as seasonal - winter hours Nov 1 - April 31. The budget impact to extending the hours for six months is under \$2000.

### Book Recommendation

I finished Paulette Jiles' newest book [Chenneville](#) this week and her characters, setting and description have me thinking about taking a road trip through the southwest. Alas, I need a time machine to get to the trails and roads the main character traversed on his revenge quest from St. Louis to Galveston. The great thing about Jiles' writing is her sweep from big ideas like revenge and evil to little moments like puppies tucked into a saddle bag during a rainstorm.



*Sarah Adams, Director*