



## Library Board February 2024 Meeting

February 14, 5:30 pm  
Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes January 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Information Campaign
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Renovation Update

Three weeks into work on the Information Campaign and we are just about ready to let all the promotional materials into the wilds of the public eye. I will have a few drafts for review at the meeting.

### Grants

This is a little on hold while dedicating time to the Information campaign. Pam Hayes is looking for possible grants, but we are not currently working on any specific ones. Cole Schinstock, teen/adult librarian, is working on a Chequamegon Bay Area Fund grant for a one book - one community event this summer.

### Annual Report

The numbers for the annual report show an increase in use of the VPL services and materials. It is great to see more attendance at programs, more programs and more books, movies and digital items going out the door. We average about 170 people through our doors each day we are open. Speaking of open, I would like to discuss extending "winter hours" to annual hours - so open M-W until 7 pm throughout the year. I will have final budget numbers for 2023 to share. We were about on target, just a bit under budget.

### Programs/Events

BATB Winter Fest is upon us. We will have a table, if anyone wants to be at the table to talk with people about the library and the renovation project, please let me know. Hannah and Cole are planning summer reading. There is some Space programming coming up to prep for the April Eclipse. Lisa has been featuring an "Only at the Vaughn" film each month. Thanks to her curation, we have a great & unique film collection. Sam's One on One Tech Help is widely popular! People really appreciate the help.

### On the Horizon

It is all about the April election right now :)

### Book Recommendation

This section should really be called what I recently read because I have a hard time recommending something I've not read. So, if you are interested in how a state devolves into facism you might want to pick up Booker Prize winner 2023 *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch. Set in Ireland in the near future, it is a window into one families' nightmarish experience of living "normal lives" until suddenly it is too late to escape the horrors of state control.

*Sarah Adams, Director*