



Library Board April 2024 Meeting

May 15, 5:30 pm

Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes April 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renewal Plan Next Steps - Alex Ramsey Engberg Anderson Architects
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

We are moving into the exciting, detailed part of the renovation. Our meeting with Alex from EAA will review the plans we have and begin to refine so we have all the space needs met & systems updated without going over budget.

From Alex's work plan

Review of Concept Design Phase. EAA will present the project scope by walking through the plans, Imagery, and Project Budget created for Phase 1 of the renovation project. Each renovated space will be reviewed in brief detail to allow for Staff and Board members to ask questions and to provide insight into any new needs that the library may have since the conclusion of Concept Design. The Library will be given homework in terms of verifying current collection sizes and changes anticipated as part of this remodeling.

Grants & Capital Campaign

There are three grants from private foundations and one of the state grants all due either in June or early July. Bernicks, TMobile, Otto Bremer Trust and the Flexible Facilities state grant (that really is ARPA \$). The target for these is the third floor and the historic entrances with an emphasis on access to technology for work, employment and education. As you know, the meeting spaces in the library are heavily used and in the renovation plan, primarily located on the third floor - so in Phase 2. I will have a proposal for capital campaign consulting ready for the June meeting.

Programs/Events

Summer Reading kick off countdown - Four Saturdays away! We are introducing a new feature called Check Out Champs - which is a competition between age groups for checking out the most books. The hope is a little competitive spirit will increase books in hand (& circulation numbers). If you are around on Saturday June 8, stop by Vaughn Avenue and enjoy a rootbeer float!

On the Horizon

The Baron lot is slated for landscape and building renovation beginning mid summer. I will share landscaping plans when I have them. A few summers from now, our block will be hopping with activity! What do you think of a mural on the south side of the building? If anyone has connections to mural painters—would be great to have some up-&-coming, maybe our tribal neighbors— contribute to the renewal project.

Book Recommendation

The North Woods by Daniel Mason is a tale with a house set in the forest as one of the main characters. It spans from 1700s to present time, focusing on the lives of those who found themselves living in the North Woods and the impact humans have on shaping landscape. Daniel Mason is very talented, including a variety of formats in his writing plus a few ghosts and a Big Cat.

Sarah Adams, Director