



Library Board June 2024 Meeting

June 12, 5:30 pm

Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes May 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Project Update
 - i. Moving out?
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

Alex Ramsey and the engineering team will be here on June 12 to look around and revisit needs, plans for the structure and HVAC system. They will head back to Milwaukee before our meeting, but I will provide a report or any news that may come up. City engineer Niles Fetter will be tagging along with the Engberg Anderson team. I hope to have quotes for moving out during the construction so we can discuss and weigh the pros/cons of staying or occupying another space. The librarians meet to go over workflow, people traffic flow, storage and the children's area.

Grants & Capital Campaign

Pam and I continue to work on securing all the funding we need to include the Main St facade in phase one and the technology/connections necessary in our meeting rooms. I will let you know when I hear back from any of these! I did reach out to all of the capital campaign consultants I had sent requests for proposals to back in November to let them know what our status is now; we will not engage in a campaign until we know the results of the Flexible Facilities grant (should know in October).

Programs/Events

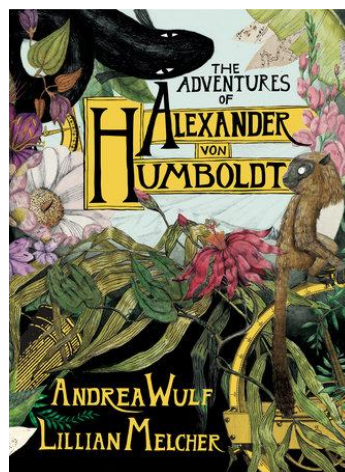
Hannah & Cole are busy with all the last minute details for summer reading. We will be in the 4th of July parade (anyone who wants to walk with us or wear the Elmo suit is welcome!). I will be the Ghost of Emeline Vaughn on the 4th at the cemetery for the Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk.

On the Horizon

2025 budget planning is coming up in July-August. The City is challenged with a static revenue stream and continuing rising operation costs. We will be using about 30% of our fund balance in 2024 to balance the budget. I will be focusing on reducing personnel costs and materials in 2025. Currently, we are in a great place as far as balance between number of employees and workload, but it might not be sustainable. It will be an odd year for operating and planning.

Book Recommendation

Have you ever heard of Alexander Von Humboldt? He was an explorer and scientist in the mid-19th Century. Two books about him, *The Invention of Nature* and *The Adventures of Alexander Von Humboldt* (illustrated) by Andrea Wulf are worth reading, especially as the earth comes alive with spring & summer. He was one of the first scientists to view nature as globally connected and a system that exists for itself, rather than in the service of humans. He also had some radical theories about human induced climate change, probably influencing John Muir and Thoreau.



Sarah Adams, Director