



Library Board September 2024 Meeting

September 11, 5:30 pm
Community Meeting Room

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes August 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Review Interior Finishes
 - b. Capital Campaign
5. New Business
 - a. 2025 Budget
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

Not a lot of new news to report. The Historical Preservation Committee (Ashland) will review the plans on Sept 9, 5 pm. Alex, Joselia, Sarah - from Engberg Anderson will be here in person on that day to go over finishes - colors, textures, hardware. Lisa L and I will meet with them during the day (2 pm, if you'd like to join us) and then all attend the HPC meeting. The plans then go to the Planning Commission. Once the construction documents are complete they will be approved by the City Council - targeting November 12 meeting for that approval.

Grants & Capital Campaign

Still no news here. Patiently waiting. I did provide an update for the third floor tenants, basically letting them know the VPL will be moving out in January and their fate will not be known until October 1st. I am starting to put together materials for a small capital campaign to enhance our phase one plans. I'll share materials with you at the meeting.

Fall Programs

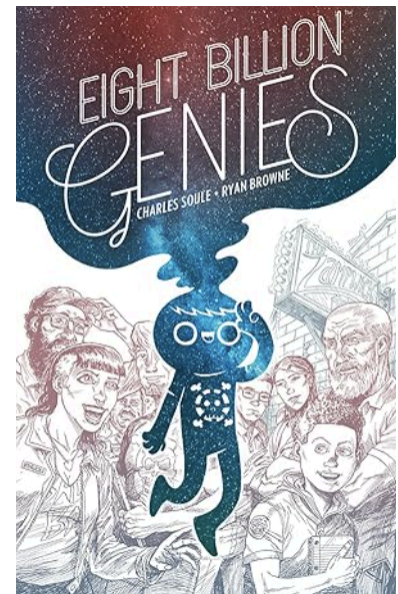
With school starting up, Hannah has been busy tabling at "back to school" and other events in the community. We will have a few programs this fall and some of the regulars start back up. September is library card signup - tell your friends! We also have a \$50 incentive for people to tell us their library love stories. It is on the [Transformer post](#) on our calendar & on our Social Media pages.

On the Horizon

2025 Budget; I have a draft for you. Right now I am waiting for the City Administrator to give it a green light or directions for revision. The personnel raise was 3% for everyone as a cost of living. Health insurance will be shifting a bit, I can share information at the meeting. I am requesting \$4,000 more than we received in 2024, but that is still \$4,000 less than our 2023 allocation. In general, the city's revenue does not sustain historic budget allocations. We need to grow the tax base or cut services or have the WI legislature review how municipalities can collect tax revenue.

Book Recommendation

Every once in a while I like to read a graphic novel. I am just about finished with Eight Billion Genies by Charles Soule, artist Ryan Brown. The premise is the human population goes in cycles and when it hits 8 billion, everyone gets a genie who will grant one wish. Then it is a crazy ride where earth is transformed into human inspired desires - obviously not all conducive to the greater good, until there is one last wish left. Lots of things to laugh at, think about and shake my head at as I'm wondering what my wish might be.



Sarah Adams, Director