



Library Board April 2025 Meeting

April 16, 5:30 pm
Literacy Room 618 Beaser Ave

Vaughn Public Library is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes March 2025
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

I will include architect Alex Ramsey's field report from Tuesday April 8 in my email to you. In summary, as the demolition continues, there are some structural, load bearing wall / ceiling issues that need to be addressed. Ramsey is consulting with the engineering firm to come up with some solutions. The brickwork on the west side of the building is in need of reinforcement - this was discovered after the chimney was removed. Immel construction will provide an estimate for minimal work to stabilize the wall. More to come on these as we receive estimates and analyze the potential impact on the project budget.

Beaser Site

Nothing to report here... Use is steady and the librarians continue to make the temporary site a dynamic home for our materials and our people. We are all looking forward to warm weather as the building seems to retain the chill a bit more than our beloved old VPL.

New Catalog, Network & National News

If you are someone who uses the online catalog, you will have noticed a big change. On March 27, the NWLS shared online catalog was updated. There is more personalization, integration with traditional and digital collections and (hopefully) increased user friendliness. The system has a new director as well - Katherine Elchert. Katherine has provided updates and resources regarding the ongoing attack on the IMLS and Tribal Libraries. We will be providing some ways for local people to express their experiences and beliefs about the value of public libraries that can be shared with elected officials.

Programs

Everyone is contributing to seasonal and topic oriented displays with interactive components - like "guess the... or add your story" People seem to be attracted to passive, but interactive experiences. We have markers on the whiteboard for community art as well. Summer plans are shaping up. This year the theme is art and we will provide a series of art classes for the wee ones and the teens. The kick off is June 14 & we would love to have a few board members serving rootbeer floats or just roaming around - maybe taking photos? Let me know if you'd like to participate. Also working on a new design for summer reading t-shirts featuring our favorite canine who shares a name with one of our favorite artists.

On the Horizon

Besides summer programs, we will begin to plan for how different aspects of the collection will be featured and shelved/located in the renewed VPL. Seems like a long way away, but now is the time to plan and make any changes in how we present our collection to the community. There is a lot of opportunity to continue to improve & align the way people interact with information and the way libraries have traditionally organized information.

Book Recommendation..... For a bit of poetry this month, try *You are Here* by Ada Limon

Sarah Adams, Director