

Director Hochstrasser didn't have any pressing change requests regarding the policy section but felt it was important to review due to having new trustee members to go through. Chair Venable-Harjo mentioned possibly adding mention to a legal word brought up during the legislative session concerning a philosophy regarding looking at the full context of a piece of literature instead of just an excerpt. She said she'll look more into it and present it to the board another time.

Old Business –

A. Discussion/Possible Action Item: Project Updates

Bookdrop update – Signage shipment for the bookdrop arrived with significant damage so the signs will need to be re-cut. After the new panels arrive and are placed on the bookdrop, it will then be delivered to the library.

Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program – working on partnering to provide space for patrons to meet with attorneys locally, utilizing the privacy pod. If this program is ready to start before the pod is ready, the library will schedule time in the meeting room for this program to be available in the meantime.

New Business –

B. Action Item: Items removed from the consent agenda.

C. Discussion/Action Item: Change Library Hours of Operation

Statistical data from door counters and programming show a higher count of patrons at the beginning of the day and a significant drop in usage in the last hour of operation. Director Hochstrasser proposed that the library move its current weekday hours of operation to 9:00am and close at 6:00pm Monday-Friday. Chair Venable-Harjo said that having talked to the staff on their view and the statistical data, there shows a support in potential time change. Trustee Mercado added the support in giving this change a try to see what the data looks like.

Trustee Mercado made a motion to approve the library's open hours of operation to open at 9:00am and later close at 6:00pm starting July 10th.

Trustee Aplin seconded.

The following vote was recorded.

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| Chair Venable-Harjo | AYE |
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| Vice Chair Sisson | AYE |
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| Trustee Aplin | AYE |
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| Trustee Mercado | AYE |
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Motion carried.

Director Report –

Old Business

Story Stroll – Thank you to those who were able to attend the ribbon cutting event. It was cool to have some of our younger patrons be the ones to cut the ribbon. Cox's Signs will be printing replacement panels in case we need any swapped out due to vandalism. We'll have the city of Mountain Home's Recreation Superintendent, Dennis Pings be our June guest narrator for the next featured book, Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae.

Telehealth Privacy Pod – Vendor picked, colors chosen, installer coming to take measurements so hopefully we'll start seeing this project come to fruition soon! The installer came in this week to take measurements. He has many other libraries to visit across the state so still no solidified date but we know things will move along now.

Lynx Library Consortium Update – The first draft of the updated agreement should be ready by June 1st, which is when the library directors will meet to discuss edits needed. Once the directors are confident with the draft, each library's attorney will be asked to look over and later gather together (attorneys and directors) to discuss. The goal is to have the final draft approved by the beginning of October 2023.

New Business

May Stats –

of Teen/Adult Circ.: 2,204

of Youth Circ.: 2,065

of items cataloged: 218

of computer sessions: 813

of RA: 4,585

of items checked IN: 3,612

of items checked OUT: 4,918

of eBooks checked out: 254

of eAudios checked out: 153

of patron visits (door count): 8,420

of notarizations: 5

of proctored tests: 2

of new/ renewed cards: 202

Staff training: ML: 1, MB: 0, MF: 2,

JM: 0, BG: 0, AR: 0, AS:0, SH: 5

of ILL's requested BY US to bring in for our patrons: N/A

of ILL's requested FROM US to send out to other libraries: 0

Total # of items owned: 57,127

Total # People Booked a Librarian: 6

Self-Checkout Renewals/Checkouts

YS: 2/306

Circ: 22/1,165

Number of items found on the shelf not checked in = 4

Summer Reading Program – The first four days of sign up included 270 youth register for the Summer Reading Program! As of today, there are now 405 individuals registered. The program will run from May 29th until July 8th. Participants can choose to track the number of books or the number of minutes they read to accumulate raffle tickets towards prizes such as long boards, scooters, a bike and experience passes to places like Children's Museum of Idaho, Discovery Center of Idaho and Roaring Springs. There will also be bonus raffle tickets to be had from going on a scavenger hunt around town. We have been tickled to receive prize and/or monetary support for this year's Summer Reading Program from the following:

Aquarium of Boise

Bogus Basin

Children’s Museum of Idaho
D&B Supply
Discovery Center of Idaho
Family Fun Zone
Fastlane Indoor Car Racing
Friends of the Mountain Home Public
Library
Idaho Botanical Gardens
Idaho State Parks & Recreation
JUMP Boise: Jack’s Urban Meeting Place
McDonald’s
Mighty Munchkins

Mountain Home Officer’s Spouses Club
Papa Murphy’s Pizza
Pioneer Federal Credit Union
Roaring Springs
Scottish Rite Masons of Idaho
St. Luke’s Elmore
Sugar & Spice Bake House
Taco Bell
Topgolf Boise
Vertical View
Wahooz
Zoo Boise

Grants

Summer Intern Grant Update – Currently have received 8 individuals resumes interested in the position. Resumes have been reviewed and interview appointments will be scheduled for next week.

ALA Grant Update – Funding should be coming sometime later this month to help us complete the projects. Update: Check came in the mail this week. Even though I have cost estimates for both the fire escape and the automatic door installation, I’ll be reaching out for quotes to show effort in finding options on vendor pricing. I plan to start with the fire escape since we are in more acclimate weather conditions for cement installation and schedule the door installation later in the fall/winter which will help us utilize next year’s fiscal budget to then cover the remaining cost of the projects combined.

Facilities and Capital Improvement Grant Update –The due date is June 12th with an additional virtual meeting to answer any questions before submitting the application and I’m still waiting for an estimate for the purchase and installation of the speaker system.

Welcoming Libraries Grant – Bianca completed the final report to complete this grant. We were able to purchase thirty-nine books and ten audio books that specifically portray Native American protagonists/updated Native American collection items. We did reach out to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation to offer any resident families a free six-month non-resident card. We, however, have not heard anything from them since the end of March. Although we have requested and have been approved by the Idaho Commission for Libraries to keep reaching out to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation past the grant deadline until December 2023 to see if we can get any interest from resident families. If there is no interest, we will distribute the 10 six-month non-resident cards to the first 10 patrons who come into the library to get a card but live outside city limits. Vice Chair Sisson suggested that we put forward more effort to contact the reservation and Director Hochstrasser said that after the summer reading

program is over, she'll have the youth services coordinator schedule a time to go visit the reservation. Chair Venable-Harjo also mentioned the emergency service travel and will get in contact with them to possibly transport materials to the reservation.

That All May Read Grant – Currently working to complete the purchasing of items needed to reach the \$1,000.00 grant amount. We will add more titles to the large print collection as well as add non-traditional items such as Braille UNO card pack, low vision chess & checkers sets. The final report will be submitted by September 15, 2023.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Aplin moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:05p.m. Seconded by Vice Chair Sisson. Motion carried.

Shasta Hochstrasser,
Library Director & Clerk of the Board

Samantha Venable-Harjo
Library Board Chair