

Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022

Present: Jayne Keiser, Billie Ruden, Lauren Roberts, Megan Dial-Lapcewich, Deb Kinney, Margaret Hennes, and Elizabeth Spratt

Absent: Colleen Bowers

Minutes - A motion was made and seconded by Hennes/Kinney to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.

State of Iowa Library Presentation Consultant - Becky Heil, State of Iowa Library Consultant, presented information regarding merging the Oxford Public Library with the CCA School Library. A document entitled "Is a Combined School/Public Library Right for You Community?" which is a guide for decision makers was provided. Billie Ruden will draft a letter to be sent to the CCA Superintendent with the document before the December school board meeting in which the merger will be discussed. Several Library Board members will attend the meeting.

Librarian Report

Library Usage - In November the library was open 69 hours with 229 patrons in the library, six computer users, 154 physical materials and 78 e-books were checked out. Three new library cards were issued. 95 patrons attended the various programs in the library. Twenty craft bags were distributed.

Light Up Oxford - The Light Up Oxford event was a success with 240 people attending the library events throughout the evening. Some of the activities at the library during the Light Up Oxford event included - Buddy the Elf reading to the children, making a snowflake ornament and snowman crafts, guessing games, candy cane game, and Christmas music bingo. Santa and Mrs. Claus even dropped by! The leftover activity sheets, crafts and hot cocoa packets will be used throughout December.

Programs Beginning in 2023 - Chapter book reading to older children with an activity may be on Tuesdays for a six week period. The book "Wonder" was a suggestion. An adult film club will be on Fridays after close for teens and adults. A non-fiction bi-monthly book club will begin in February. Trivia Night will have the theme of Marvels of the Universe this winter.

Book Sale Funds - It was suggested that book sale funds could be used to pay for the Touch Sting Ray program that has been proposed.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 P.M as there is no meeting in January.

Motion made and seconded by Hennes/Keiser to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

