

# Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes

## April 4, 2022

**Present:** Jayne Keiser, Megan Dial-Lapcewich, Erin Hackathorn, Billie Ruden, Lauren Roberts, Elizabeth Spratt, and Deb Kinney

**Absent:** Margaret Hennes

### Librarian Report

**Library Usage** - In March the library was open 94.5 hours with 184 patrons in the library, 25 computer users, 248 physical materials and 98 e-books were checked out. Seven new library cards were issued. 69 craft bags were distributed, and 76 patrons attended the various programs in the library.

**Adult Book Club** - The adult book club will be held at the library April 28. The book "The Astonishing Color of After" will be discussed at the meeting.

**Craft bags** - The craft bags are popular. It was decided that the craft bag distribution will be moved to the library from The Depot.

**Library Programming** - Bi-weekly story time is on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Wacky Wednesday is the middle of the month from 1:30-6:00 PM for children. The monthly Saturday movie morning will continue.

**Tween/Teen Programs** - Lauren attended a conference on library tween/teen programming. There was discussion on possible creative ways to get teens into the library such as hosting teen clubs, a teen advisory group and reaching out to other libraries for ideas.

**Summer Reading Program** - The summer reading program is entitled "Way Beyond the Beaten Path" which will have a camping theme. Some of the possible summer reading program speakers/activities include a therapy dog, making pet rocks, Stacy's greenhouse program on plant care, water color class, yoga, Mississippi River Museum and bee programs.

**South Slope Grant** - The library is being awarded a grant from South Slope. There was discussion on the best way to use the grant money to enhance the children's area such as a lego table, nugget sofa, and motorized/robotic legos.

**Friends of the Oxford Library Group** - There was discussion on a need for a Friends of the Oxford Library group to assist in raising money for the library through book sales and other fund raisers. It was suggested that the city attorney could assist with the legal aspects of getting the group started. Also, Becky Heil, library liaison from the state, could be consulted on how to get a friends group started.

## **New Business**

**Board Members/City Council Meeting** - Deb Kinney and Elizabeth Spratt will replace Bobby Wade and Jeremy Horning on the Library Board. The approval of Deb Kinney and Elizabeth Spratt to the board is on the agenda for the City Council meeting along with a request for a raise for Lauren Roberts.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

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