

Big Rapids Community Library - Library Board Meeting

Held in Community Room at the Big Rapids Community Library

June 5, 2024

1. Call to Order

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Sarah Lucas at 5:30 pm.
- Board Members in attendance: Ralph Crew, Laura Herron, Sarah Lucas, Chelsea Mitchell, and Mike Ryan
- Board Members absent:
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services)

2. Reading and Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes

- The May 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Mike Ryan motioned to accept the May 2024 Meeting Minutes. Ralph Crew supported. All members are in favor. Minutes were accepted.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- Sommer Wissner, CBC
 - The BRCL has been chosen to be a 6-eighth grade coordinator.
 - The library will receive ~300 books from publishers across the nation. Most of these books will be added to the collection and made available to the kids. They will then read them and rate them.
 - CBC will supply the library with forms for the kids to fill out.
- Bruce Dilg, Norwich Township
 - Bruce Dilg emailed the director and asked about the library budget.
 - Norwich Township will be putting the library on their ballot in August.
 - The library cannot assist with the mileage campaign.
 - Lauren Perkins will go to a Township Board meeting to talk to them.

4. Public Comment

- none

5. Financial Report

- Reviewed.

6. Report of the Library Director

- May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Summer Meals were delivered by Feeding West Michigan and our staff trained. Meals begin on June 3rd - August 9th Monday - Friday from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. This program is in partnership with Feed West Michigan and is free for the library to provide for our community.

- Dave Hamelund of Hamtech Inc. and his staff crafted and donated new StoryWalk signage that will replace the deteriorating wood and plexiglass from a previous grant. Story Walk will be part of the Summer Reading Program, and we will install three wordless picture books and have kids complete the stories in their own words.
- Congratulations! We are excited to announce that BRCL has been chosen as one of the sixth-8th CBC Favorites Awards local coordinators. Seventy-four schools, school libraries, and public libraries nationwide have been selected for this major annual initiative.

7. Old/Unfinished Business

- Museum of Sexual Objects
 - Have yet to be installed, waiting on the city to have staff time to install.
 - The Library Board would like to add a display policy; one that supports the library's core values.
 - ALA has policies that protect against censorship on their website for reference.
 - Lauren Perkins will do research on a display policy to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- none

9. Unscheduled Business

- none

10. Public Comment

- none

11. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

- Sarah Lucas adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.