

Eldora Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 5 p.m.

In Attendance: Emily Stoullil, Joan Grothoff, Jerry Trittlen, Betsy Kuecker, Bob Alpers, Joe Herring

Minutes and Bills were approved.

Old Business

- Joan was a part of the Hardin County librarians' letter to the editor. It was agreed it was well-written and a wise move. Statistics highlighting the use of the county library's was also included.
- Joan spoke with staff about absences and performance. Write up were included in appropriate files. It was communicated that per the city handbook a doctor note will be required for more than a three day absence.
- Duane Han will make the board book bins at no charge. Friends of the Library will pay for materials.
- Joan met with the finance committee on January 10. She has a positive experience, but has received no news.

New Business

- After school is overwhelming. Joan has talked to all kids and sent a note with parents. She has seen improvements.
- A \$1,500 grant was received from Church Women United.
- Joan again applied for a HCCEF grant for two book racks for light reads.
- Friends also purchased supplies for the STEM collection.
- Joan contacted the city works to see about closing in part of the library. They may be able to do that.

Directors Report

- Eight new cards were issued in January, but MANY, MANY checkouts were seen online.
- Total checkouts were 1,478
- Winter programming includes blind date with a book, 4H at after school once a month and third graders in the library once a month for STEM work.
- Joan attended a workshop on city policies and a continuing ed class on promoting the library.
- A patron sent a new American flag via Amazon
- The library was closed for weather on January 9, 12, 13. The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19
- The library will visit the elementary to be a part of World Read Aloud Day

- Joan will be gone February 15-17
- Book sale will be March 22-23.
- Two additional adult programs will be in March: Titanic and Rosie the Riveter.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m.