

Eldora Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – 5p.m.

In attendance: Mary Swartz, Emily Stoulil, Joan Grothoff, Jerry Trittlen, Betsy Kuecker, Kristen Gehrke

Minutes were approved. Bills were approved.

Old Business

- The new boiler was installed last week and went well.
- The former contact at Siemens is no longer there. Joan will continue to try to wrap up the communication and determine if we must pay them.
- Passport system is running, Catie is a trainer, and Jessi is working on her training.
- Parking signs for reserved library parking are up on the street. Joan plans to have Jessi and Catie park in the lot during their pregnancies due to safety.

New Business

- Joan was pleased with the budget meetings. She asked for an increase for Jessi's pay to be closer to the state average of \$18.88. She also asked for an increase for Catie to get closer to the state average of \$15. We should still anticipate some cuts from the city.
- A \$1,500 grant was received from the Church Women United. Joan purchased some magnetic block tiles and has about \$1,000 remaining to spend.
- Summer reading planning is moving along with 4 programs scheduled. Joan will continue to fill in with free or inexpensive programs.
- After school program will go through April and then be finished due to staff maternity leaves.
- Friends purchased a screen that is in one of the individual rooms. It can be easily pulled down and put back up for passport photos.
- Adventure pass will soon return. Kiwanis will pay up to \$1,000 for the pass.

Director's Report

- Monthly circulation was 1,070 with 8 new cards issued.
- Dementia program welcomed 6 people.
- After school is steady at 25-28 children, and teen room has 2-4 generally
- Joan joined an ARSL (rural libraries) partnership committee.
- Community room use is up. Mostly non-profits, but all are pleased it is utilized.
- Joan is going to try an adult coloring club after a patron has asked many times.

- The library will be closed on Monday Feb. 18. This is also a no school day, so note, there will be no STEM Day.
- Joan will also be gone February 18 and 19. Melissa Steiner will fill in.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday February 25 at 5 p.m.