

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 23, 2023

PRESENT: Deborah Fiore, Marion Maruca, Sandee Nuccio, Yvonne Wollenberg, Georgianna Tippo, Katie Werth and Jason Neely

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Movie licenses previously approved have been renewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Our Library Connection consortium now has a "museum key", which makes museum passes available online. There are 20 museums and seven are currently printable by patrons. This process eliminates the need to physically return the pass after use. More museums will come onboard later.

About a year and a half ago Jason requested the AV system be upgraded. At this time, 90% is installed. There are eight mounted speakers in the ceiling for more even coverage. The room, when divided, can still have another microphone in use.

The Friends of the Library are moving to the Annex. Building and Grounds are cleaning and painting the space. The Town Manager has been very supportive.

Over the Winter Break there were several successful programs. The children's New Year's Eve party was a real treat.

The Reference stacks shelving has been replaced with unused pieces from the Nathan Hale School. It refreshes the whole area. Jason, Katie and Lisa are weeding out the Reference materials.

Two boiler issues over the last month were addressed and remedied by Building and Grounds allowing the building to be kept open following the repairs.

The Enfield Culture and Arts Commission received an open-ended \$1,000 grant from the Connecticut Office of the Arts. The money will go to circulating various art kits, presently only at the Central branch. Some of the kits: watercolor painting, wood blocks, card making, stamping and quilting. Culture and Arts will replace broken/lost kits. Patrons will pay a nominal fee for consumable media, watercolor paper and linoleum blocks. These fees will pass through the Board to replenish supplies. Monies provided by Anne Saylor in memory of her son and the previous 2019 \$5,000 donation from Connie Boyajian will support the program. Kits will rollout during National Library Week in April 2023.

Requests were made by the Children's Department for translucent letters, numbers and shapes for the light table and soft blocks to replace a well-loved worn set. Price: \$95.00

Programming staff requested a document camera for use with the overhead projector. It will be particularly useful during Rhyme Time to help those in the back of the room read the lyrics. Price: \$85.00

Pearl Street requested a bench for a reading nook in the Children's Room. Price: \$153.00

The total amount of \$333.00 was moved to accept by Sandee and Yvonne. All approved.

There being no further business, Yvonne and Marion moved to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on April 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library. The remaining calendar is as follows:

July 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Pearl Street

October 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library

January 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library

Respectfully submitted,
Georgianna Tippo
Recording Secretary