

**Richmond Public Library
Meeting of Board of Trustees
1 August 2024**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by Becky Haskins (BH) Chairman of the RPL Board of Trustees; The meeting was also attended by Wendy O'Brien, Library Director; Barbara Rogers, (BR), Secretary and Elizabeth (Bonnie) McCarthy (BM), Treasurer.

Recognition and Comments of Guests

There were no guests.

Disposition of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous June 27, 2024, meeting of the RPL Board of Trustees were accepted. (BH1/BR2)

Treasurers Report

The July Treasurer's report was accepted. (BH1/BR2)

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Operating Account 22,533.84
Librarian's Account 423.70
Aram Gurian Fund 1,101.62
General Purpose Fund 1,047.40
Archives Fund 1,808.41
Orcutt Fund 1,087.50
Atkins Trust 3,411.91
Bartrum Fund 953.06
Bartram CD 15879 1,000.00
Bartram CD 15846 10,000.00
Total Bank Accounts \$43,367.44
Total Current Assets \$43,367.44

A donation of \$250 was accepted (BH1/BR2)

Library Director's Report

Ongoing Programs:

Knitting Circle: 8-10 attendees weekly.
Book Club: 4 attendees in July.
Teen Programming: On hold.
Mahjong Group: 6-9 attendees weekly.
Lego Club: On hold
"Richmond Reminisces": 8 attendees in July
Summer Reading/Storytime: Different families each week.

Occasional Programming:

- Summer Reading: “Adventure Begins at Your Library.” Trying new program, weekly nature observation journals, turn in for a gift certificate to Toadstool at the end of the summer. New journal pages will be available weekly at Library and the Town Beach. 4 kids have turned in journals so far.
- June 27: National Park Excursion: Hawaii, video program, 0 attendees
- July 12: Neith Boyce Lecture with Carol DeBoer-Langworthy co-sponsored with RHS, canceled due to speaker illness
- August 16: 4 Corners Store Remembered, with Ruth Blais Thompson co-sponsored with RHS (rescheduled from 8/9)
- August 25: Book Sale & Raffle
- September 25: Lincoln Reenactment Program, co-sponsored with RHS
- October 17: NH Humanities Program: “Homer’s Odysseus” with Sebastian Lockwood
- November 9: Holiday Raffle at RCUMC Veteran’s Day Fair

Checkouts	2023	2024
June Lending:	285	June Lending: 252

EBooks	
June lending:	757 June lending: 149

Interlibrary Loan	
2023	2024
June ILL Lending:	43 June ILL Lending: 45
June ILL Borrowing:	26 June ILL Borrowing: 50

Little Free Library: Empty for the past few weeks, have replenished weekly.

Archives:

Research Requests

- Research into genealogy of Rueben Parker, Revolutionary War veteran, buried in Barrus Cemetery.

New Accessions:

- Photograph album of Irene T. Baker.

Current Work

- Completed rescanning the Dorothy Robbins photograph collection
- Working on Dessert Theater, 250th Town Parade, and old deeds collections.

Old Business:

Library Layout/Reading “Nook”: Discussed new chairs and alternative uses for available space.

Homeschooling Research; Wendy reported the numbers of homeschoolers in the state and region. Figures are not available for Richmond. Discussed possible ways to reach homeschoolers; Wendy will write piece for The Rooster describing ways in which the library can help support home schoolers.

New Business:

*Building Usage Requests/Update Meeting Use Policy? Approved two requests for building use by the Richmond Master Plan Review Committee. Policy will remain the same. (BR1/BH2)

Proposed Read to Feed Storytime Program/Walmart Grant: Discussion of how RPL might use this program, with grants covering the cost.

August 25 Book Sale/Raffle: Wendy reported that volunteers have been lined up; contributions to the raffle are still being sought.

Wendy announced that PINs were being added for the Overdrive/Libby downloadable book patrons.

Volunteer of the Year: It was agreed to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to John Lewis in recognition of his service as a Trustee, his work in upgrading the building and grounds and for his long-time support of RPL endeavors.

Next meeting date and time

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the RPL Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 1:15.

Adjournment:

The meeting was called to close at 2:35 pm. (BR1/BH2)

Submitted 2 August, 2024
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