

**Burlington Public Library Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024, 7:00pm**

Attendees: Jodi Papazian, Teri Beck, Debbie Fields, Sandy Hiert, Sarah McCusker, Mary Art, Sanford Mazeau, and Jenn Cavallari. **Absent:** Danny Cooper and Craig Winter

1. **Call to Order** 7:00pm
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Debbie Fields and seconded by Sandy Hierl
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - a. **Friends of the Library**
 - Income balance is ahead of budget with generous donations from donors and Memorial contributions.
 - \$6000 grant received from the Main Street Community Fund for Hoopla
 - Fall book sale will be October 18 and 19th. Volunteers still needed to help with the sale.
 - b. **Designated snacking areas**
 - We tried the snack designated area over the summer with table and wipes but was not used much. After discussion with staff, it was decided that a designated space was not needed.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **New Children's Librarian**
 - Hilary Kennard has joined the staff as the new Children's librarian. Children's programs will begin in October.
 - b. **Library of Things Policy**
 - The Friends received a \$2000.00 donation. After discussion, it was decided that the Library will begin to offer a Library of Things. The collection will include a variety of items from board games to small kitchen appliances. The library will also have a specific list of wants/needs if patrons would like to donate items.
 - The Board will work on a new policy for borrowing items from the Library of Things including a waiver for specific items.
7. **Director's Report:**
 - a. **Library Statistics:**
 - Monthly statistics were reviewed.

- Summer attendance was lower this summer after the departure of the Children's librarian where several activities were cancelled. Teen attendance was very high and the library received a lot of positive feedback regarding the teen program.
- Hoopla continues to thrive with an uptake in usage.
- LSC, Library Speaker Consortium has seen many views from archived talks. There are several programs planned for the fall that incorporate viewing parties.
- Meeting rooms have seen a great deal of use.
- b. **Budget:**
 - Budget reviewed and nothing outstanding.
- c. **Building Report:**
 - Payment stations for the EV chargers are being looked into at this time to help offset the high energy costs.
- d. **Upcoming News and Events:**
 - Fall programs have begun and there has been strong registration numbers for activities.
 - The Friends of the Library will be hosting An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe on September 28th at 6 PM. Tickets are still available for \$10.
 - Library staff and Friends of the Library volunteers will be staffing a table at Tavern Day on September 15th. The library will be issuing library cards to residents and the Friends have some giveaways planned.

8. Adjournment: 8:05pm

Next meeting will be October 1, 2024, at 7:00pm
Submitted by Teri Beck