



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

5:15 PM

La Crosse Main Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order

Present: Kathy Ivey, Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel (left 5:45pm), Mac Kiel, Bryan Morris, Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill

Absent: Ross Seymour

The Chair, Ms. Ivey, called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm

Agenda

1. 2023 Winding Rivers Library System Resource Contract

The 2023 resource contract was reviewed. Ms. Ivey noted that La Crosse Public Library is the Resource Library for the Winding Rivers System, the contract is reviewed annually by the Board, and the 2023 contract is for the same amount and provision of services as in 2022. A motion to approve the contract will be on the agenda for next week's Board meeting.

2. Overview of Materials Budget Allocation

Ms. Grant provided an overview of the materials budget allocation, which included a breakdown of collection areas. She noted that some payments for annual periodicals and digital services have not yet been expended. Taking pending expenses into consideration, the materials budget is estimated to be roughly 81% spent. Collection Management Librarian Lindsay Schmitt will be presenting at next week's Board meeting.

3. Expressions of Concerns for Library Resources: Staff Tools

Training and resources are provided with the goal of educating staff so they are more comfortable handling these situations. The majority of instances are dealt with before a formal process is started. Programming and social media challenges (modeled after the materials selection policy) were also discussed. Talking points will be provided, and Ms. Wacek will present additional training to the Board at the November meeting.

4. Proposed Updates for Materials Selection Policy

Only minor changes to language were noted, along with formatting and timeline cohesiveness. A suggestion was made to standardize the term "patron" and not use "citizen" or "customer". Suggested changes will be made and documents emailed to the Board prior to next week's meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ivey adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 5:59 pm