

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES

July 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee, Paula Dugan, Trustee Megan Silva, Library Director Carol Buote, and Friends President Danielle Nicolet. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021 were read and approved as amended.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Twenty-nine (29) make and take craft kits were offered featuring Build and Decorate Your Own Kite.

StoryWalk featured *What Would You Do With A Tail Like This?* By Steve Jenkins. A new story will be installed for June.

The Summer Reading program began on June 13 and will run through August 7th. This year's theme is Tails and Tales. Online and paper options will be available for participants. A prize pack will be given to early literacy participants (ages 0-5) and raffle items for independent readers (ages 6-17). Sixty-Three (63) participants registered in June.

Southcoast libraries (Dighton, Somerset, Rehoboth, Berkley, Swansea, and Fall River) are collaborating on a summer reading activity. Each library chose an animal and is hiding a "tail" for visitors to find. The Summer Reading Passport Adventure challenges participants to visit local libraries in search of their animal mascot's tail; when they find it they collect a sticker for their passport. When participants find "tails" from all five libraries they return their passports to their home library to collect a small prize. Berkley's summer mascot is a piranha. The prize, a small, moveable piranha printed from the 3D printer was presented at the meeting. The program begins July 6th.

New materials were ordered for summer and online browsing links were updated with new titles. The Children's Room continues to have families visit with masks and hand washing/sanitizing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Buote submitted and read a report for the past month.

The Virtual Trivia Event was held on June 19th with 24 attendees. The next Virtual Trivia event is scheduled for September.

The Book Club was held on July 1st with 9 attendees and featured *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. August will feature *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler.

Collaborative events: When Objects Talk Back: The Paranormal Couple in collaboration with the Berkley Cultural Council had 34 attendees (2 from Berkley) The next event in collaboration with the Berkley Cultural Council will be held on July 26th outdoors at the Somerset Library: The Squeezebox Stompers, an American roots band specializing in Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Folk and original music.

Summer Reading started June 13th with good participation.

Security Control Systems- Steve Morgan coming in week of July 13th to finish the installation and a final target completion date.

Free Hotspots will be coming this month.

Attended ARIS training, working on reports.

FY21 reviews for Cynthia, Erica, & Amy were completed.

No proposed changes to the COVID restrictions.

FY21 Library Annual Report was presented to the Board for review.

Community relations efforts include the newsletters and posts. Patrons are coming in for books they saw in a newsletter or on a post. SAILS shared the results of their survey. A Materials Recommendation link was added to the Adult News page on the website. There was already one on the YA page.

Fine Amnesty and Food Pantry Week- August 7-13 Come in with a food pantry donation and get your late fees, past and present, waived. Should publish as much as possible and specify no expired food.

FRIEND'S REPORT

The Flamingo Flocking Event is now taking place and will run through Labor Day. To date Seventy-One (71) people have been "Flocked" & Two (2) have paid for insurance. For a donation of \$20.00, lawn flamingos can be placed on friends/family/neighbors' lawns in Berkley for 3-4 days. For the same donation amount, lawns can be "insured" from the Flocking Event! To sign up you may stop by the Library or email friendsoftheberkleylibrary@gmail.com.

The Friends are organizing a Read-A-Thon event that will be in the fall. More information will follow.

Glow Bike Parade- August 20th bring your bike decorated with glow sticks and ride around the library (road will be closed for this event) and also enjoy an Ice Cream Party.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bristol Wealth Group attended the Friend's Meeting. They are proposing a donation max of \$5,000.00. Thinking of 2 projects: 1) Rejuvenate Nonfiction- Childrens \$3,000.00 & Adult \$1,000.00 2) Purchase Amazon Fire Tablet and E Audio Books for the Tablet \$1,000.00 A suggestion was made to purchase 2 tablets to have one as a backup.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Chairman Ross-Lyman told the Board there was not much to discuss. An attempt is being made to find an account number for a past town account from 1996 for the construction fund. This will help to get a report to verify the balance of the account.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Library Director – Carol Buote reported a donation for the Summer Reading Program was made by the Moreau Family, thank you note to be sent.

SAILS- Telecommunications Grant- \$871.55 this brings the FY22 telecommunications fee down to \$223.34 from the original fee of \$1,031.41.

SAILS- Small Libraries in Network Grant- \$2,525.00

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

August 10, 2021

September 14, 2021

December 14, 2021

October 12, 2021

November 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather J. Almy, Secretary