

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

September 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee Paula Dugan, Trustee Megan Silva, Library Director Carol Buote, and Friends of the Library President Danielle Nicolet. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2022 were read and approved as amended. Megan Silva motioned, Carla Ross-Lyman seconded. All voted in favor.

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

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Erica Grady submitted a report from August 9, 2022-September 13, 2022: There were roughly 209 visitors to the Children's Room. Four Story Times were held with 56 in attendance and two guest presenters. Four VolunTEENS put in a total of 17 hours of community service this month by re-shelving, prepping crafts, etc. Three new volunteers put in a total of 6 hours. The Children's Room newsletter is now reaching 84 people. Paula presented at the Dighton Rock Story Time on August 13 with 10 attendees and recorded by Cable Access. Summer reading ended August 16 with 124 registered readers who read a total of 44,878 minutes. The Handprint Fundraiser was held with the Friends of the Library on August 20 with 18 attendees, and \$60 was raised for the Friends. Karaoke with Rick F was held in collaboration with the Council on Aging on August 22 with 15 attendees. Other future programs were discussed such as Berkley Cultural Council grants, LEGO Night, 3-D Printing Class, Caramel Apple Event, Spooky Pumpkin Walk and Pumpkin Decorating Night. Taking down and storing the tent in front of the library was mentioned as well as buying easy popup canopies. The Board reviewed and discussed the report.

Megan Silva made a motion to continue the Storytelling Program at Dighton Rock during the summer of 2023. Paula Dugan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Buote submitted and read a report for the past month. The Book Club met on September 1 with seven attendees and discussed *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. The Knot Just Knitting Group met on August 10 with 2 attendees and August 18 with 3 attendees. A Virtual Trivia event was held on May 21 with 16 attendees. For Adult Summer Reading, a record number of 23 brochures were returned with the prize drawing being on August 15. Carol Buote discussed meetings and proposals she has been working on. The Consumer Reports Database has been discontinued. Those funds will be used for Over Drive purchases. The Director also discussed and reviewed the FY2023 budget. It was discussed going fine free for juvenile patrons. This is for late fees, not for lost or damaged items. It was also considered changing the overdue notice schedule to 14 and 21 days, as well as the number of days overdue for assumed lost to 60 days. The Board agreed to vote next meeting.

FRIENDS' REPORT

Danielle Nicolet gave the Friends of the Library Report. She discussed past fundraisers, such as Handprint Fundraiser with the Children's Department as well as a fundraiser with Papa Gino's. The Annual Fall Book Sale will be October 15. The Drag Show held at Chamberlains Farm will be September 25. Tickets are on sale until September 21. The Pumpkin Walk will be back by popular demand in October.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Paula Dugan proposed alternative devices for children's audios. The Board discussed. The Board also discussed Pop-Ups.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and reviewed memo from Town Hall regarding FY23 Special Town Meeting, held on November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Berkley Community School.

ADJOURN

Megan Silva made a motion to adjourn at 8 p.m. Paula Dugan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
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	Paula Dugan	AYE
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The next meeting is scheduled for the following date:

October 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Chloe DeFaria