

Montmorency County Public Libraries  
Library Board Meeting  
June 13, 2022

Approved August 8, 2022

Call to order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. at the Hillman Branch of the Montmorency Public Library.

Board Members Present: (in alphabetic order) Mary Burek, Ellen Klein, Robin Smiley, Diane Tokarski, and Pat West.

Board Members Absent (in alphabetic order): none.

County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas-Director.

Visitors: Dan Smith CPA

**Approval of Agenda**

**Mary Burek made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approval of Bills**

**Pat West made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Mary Burek make the motion to accept the minutes, with one correction. Under 'Minutes of Meeting', "seconded by Robin Smiley" is to be added. Robin Smiley seconded the minutes with above correction. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comments**

**Dan Smith, the CPA of the Library Board was present at the meeting. He explained and commented on the status of our financial account. He stated our financial status had improved over the last year.**

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

No new business.

## **Director's Report**

Our attorney has moved to a different company, but she will continue to serve us. Lori has hired 3 new part-time employees and there has been a change of position of one present employee. The 'Summer Reading Program' started today and there were many kids here to start it off. There will be no Summer Reading Picnic this year. This allows us to purchase many 'take home' projects that the kids really enjoy. Lori has purchased "Hot Spot" devices, 3 for each library, which can be checked out. We can turn off the devices if not returned on time. The board members thanked Lori for her work in obtaining grants this year that allowed us to do so much for the libraries and most of all for our patrons, young and old.

## Librarians Reports

Juli from Hillman reports:

May stats: 812 Total circulation, 1 curbside pick-up, 719 patrons signed in to choose their own materials, 0 laptops checked out, 126 inside computers users, 235 phone calls, 115 patrons needed copies/faxes/scans, 3 notarizations, 15 new library cards, 42 items cataloged and added to our collection, 1 lamination, and Wifi 168. Hope everyone is doing well. We are trying to figure out where the month has gone. We have been busy getting ready for the summer reading program. Stop in and see what 'Toothless Harry and One-Eyed Sally' are up to (our resident skeletons). The knitting/craft group has started back up. They are meeting every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. They have offered to teach anyone that would like to learn how to knit or crochet. With the weather warming up we are starting to see more of the summer people starting to return. We are starting to get busier; it is nice to see all the summer people coming back. The electrician has installed 10 of the new lights, and WOW does it make a difference. We cannot wait to get the rest of the lights done. Thanks, and have a wonderful day! Stay safe!

Juli

Sheila from Atlanta reports:

May stats: 627 Total circulation, 1 curbside pick-ups, 279 patrons signed in to choose their own materials, 0 laptops checked out, 108 inside computers lab users, 302 phone calls, 92 patrons needed copies/faxes/scans, 4 notarizations, 11 new library cards, 80 items cataloged and added to our collection (plus an additional 3 games and puzzles), 0 laminations, 3 games/puzzles/ story kits, 151 people came to visit. May was a quiet month as we geared up for the start of the Summer Reading Program. Our only programming was the Toddler Story Hour and the Michigan Reads. We ended up with 6 children and their grown-ups for the story hour and we did give out all our books for the Michigan Reads. Nicole is doing wonderful with her cataloging and has been training with me to step into my position. She is going to do an excellent job! And as always, Janet has been right there every step of the way to help ease the transition and help with training. Kim Craddock is going to be an excellent addition as well. Her enthusiasm is going to fit right in and I have no doubt that our team here in Atlanta will be stronger than ever. I am going to miss our library family - both my co-workers and patrons. I have been blessed to work in such a happy, upbeat environment. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of all of this. I'll keep in touch.

Sheila Stephenson.

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Wendy from Lewiston reports:

May 2022 stats: 455 Total circulation, 0 curbside pick-ups, 214 patrons signed in to choose their own materials, 0 laptops checked out, 153 inside computers lab users, 81 phone calls, 90 patrons needed copies/faxes/scans, 8 notarizations, 10 new library cards, 69 items cataloged and added to our collection, 0 laminations. May was a busy month here making sure SRP was all ready to go and we are ready! Our Michigan read book "The Women of Copper Country" went over well, we gave out all 30 books. It was such a great read that it's now a book club read here in town. I also had 25 copies left of "Burnt Records" and we gave out all of them! We started our DIY Craft for the Farmers Market in the Reading Garden, I think it went well. I have had a few kids come in and show me their completed projects. I have put out Create your own Neon Puzzle, Silly String Slime, Scratch Art, and Watercolor Painting. Thanks to Lori for putting the few weeks together for us. Nicole did Toddler Story Hour this month and we had 2 children coming in with their grandmothers. She read the book "The Seed" and did a fun craft with them. We have all our Yard games set up and ready to be checked out! We have caught up on labels and shelf weeding for the summer and it feels good, lighter in here. Hope you all have a great day! Wendy!

**Next Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Atlanta Branch at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Pat West made a motion and Mary Burek Smiley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:56.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat West

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