

Call to Order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. at the Hillman Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Pat West, Robin Smiley and Diane Tokarski

Board Members Absent (in alphabetical order): Ellen Klein  
County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas —Director,

Others present: Dan Smith, CPA

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Dan Smith, CPA**

Dan Smith presented audit, good review and bank reconciliation was discussed.

**Minutes to Meeting**

**Mary Burek made the motion to accept the April 12, 2021 minutes as written, Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

none

**Old Business**

Hillman hot water heater problem discussed. Nothing to be done until health department water sample comes back. Lori will check into new privacy rules by Michigan Library Association and will check with our attorney.

**New Business**

None

**Directors Report**

LSTA grant was approved for children's and teen projects. Regarding the Rural Connectivity Grant, more research being done to see if it will benefit our libraries. Michigan governor guide lines for Covid were discussed and all previous procedures will be followed except glove wearing and book quarantines. Summer reading program will remain the same as last year due to Covid precautions. Connect four games are a big hit with patrons making plans for the summer.

### **Librarian's Report**

Tina Mulka – Hillman Branch

Spring is in the air again! We are starting to see a return of our summer patrons. It's easy to pick out the returning patrons from FL, they are the ones questioning the mask mandates!! The last children's activities were well received, all were passed out. We have 6 adult crafts left. The MI program for May seems to be getting some interest. Since going back to our full work schedule, we are catching up on cleaning, gardening & working on labels. Zach Kazyaka is mowing the lawn again this year.

Up North Heating & Cooling along with John Burr from the Village came to the library on 4-21-21. Up North flushed the water heater and John observed what was in it. On 4-22-21 John Burr returned to the library and while talking on the phone to Lori, turned the hot water heater up. He has not been back.

Wendy Rieck – Lewiston Branch

April has seen a lot of our Snowbirds return home! I am one happy camper! Our Branch has seen a lot of activity this past month and it's been great catching up with Patrons who we have missed seeing. We are almost done with getting SRP put together and can't wait to see the kids. CFCU gave us some great packets to give the kids to teach them about starting a savings account and saving. Out of the 40 we had 28 kids take one. The adults love the wooden sign craft and they all went really fast (29). We also had a "Travel the World" reading challenge. For the month of April, not one adult participated and 2 kids from the same family had a blast with this one. They were the winners of our snack basket. Congrats to the Snyder kids Koa and Kaliana! Here are our totals for the month of April.

Curbside 135

Phone calls 138

Fax 26

Wifi 35

Copies 44

New Cards 5

Grab and go 77

Scans 64

Sheila Stephenson – Atlanta Headquarters Branch

Good afternoon.

Life here at the library is feeling a little more normal! We're pleased to be back to working our typical schedules and being together again. It's been a long 5 months of working only one person at a time. Surprisingly, despite the spike in Covid-19 cases, our circulation remained steady at 757 items checked out during the month of April. Our other stats are as follows:

-121 Curbside pick-ups (down 85 from March)

-190 patrons signed in to choose their own materials (down 20 from March)

-1 laptop was checked out (down 9 from March)

-80 inside computer lab users (up 22 from March)

- 257 phone calls (down 46)
- 128 patrons needed copies/faxes etc. (up 6)
- 3 notarizations
- 6 new library cards
- 52 items cataloged and added to our collections (up 25 from March)

We offered 2 student educational/craft projects during the month of April. Community Federal Credit Union donated 40 bags per branch filled with a book about saving money, coloring pages, and little toys. We provided a lesson and project on Rocks, Minerals, & Fossils. Adults were treated to a wooden pallet sign painting craft. For our monthly reading challenge “Travel the World in Books”, we had 56 adults and children participate. The winner of our International Snack Basket was Bailey Broughton and the basket was almost as big as she was!

Currently we are sponsoring a fun filled “Made in Michigan” theme for May. We have a community reads book based on the Flint Water Crisis and 2 books by a local author that are available to patrons for free. Participating in the community discussion, checking out Michigan based authors or books, or checking out movies with either Michigan Producers or filmed in Michigan earn you an entry in our drawing for fun Michigan products. I am extremely pleased with how many entries we’ve gotten so far.

We are now ready for the start of the Summer Reading Program. Make sure to check out our displays and bulletin board when you stop in. We’ve been spreading the word and interest is high. Flyers will go to the school for the children’s Friday Folders in the next week or so.

Patrons have expressed their pleasure at being able to come back into the building for longer visits. The majority of them are also pleased to share that they are fully vaccinated. It’s music to our ears!

Thanks for all you do,

Sheila

### **Next Meeting Scheduled**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at the Lewiston Branch, 1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**Mary Burek made motion to adjourn, at 3:15pm. Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Burek

Approved on June 14, 2021

Accepted January 11, 2021