

Montmorency County Public Libraries
Library Board Meeting
November 8, 2022

Call to Order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. at the Lewiston Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

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

Board Member Absent: None

County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas - Director

Visitors: None

Approval of Agenda

Mary Burek made the motion to approve the agenda, Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Robin Smiley made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of Meeting

Mary Burek made the motion to accept the October minutes with following correction: next meeting date should say: November 14, 2022, Ellen Klein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

There have no changes to the COVID plan. Pat West cancelled her resignation and will continue to serve as Secretary of the board.

New business:

Plans were made for our Christmas Party next month. The Board will meet December 6, to discuss the Director's evaluation.

Director's Report: Nothing new to report, other than the financial data.

Financial Report: Lori discussed the financial data. **Diane Tokarski made a motion accept the transfer of money from the fund balance to the budget, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

The Librarians reports:

Juli from Hillman reports:

727 Total circulation, Curbside pick-ups 0, Patrons signed in to choose their own materials 775, Laptops checked out 0, Inside computer lab users 117, Phone calls 176, Patrons needed copies/faxes/scans 80, Notarizations 1, New library cards 9, Items cataloged and added to our collections 61, Laminating 0, WIFI 115, Puzzles 22, Hotspots 12. Hope everyone is doing well! We started the Lego Club back up this month and it is doing very well. We have 10 students coming each week. The kids put their builds on display each week if you would like to stop and check them out. We had 17 adults participate in the Adult Painting Workshop that we did in October, everyone had a lot of fun and is looking forward to the next one. Clients from Mental Health came along with their workers carved our pumpkins again this year, they carved 10 pumpkins and they turned out great. These guys do a wonderful job each year for us. We had 239 Trick or Treaters this year, we had some very cute costumes come through.

Stay warm & have a wonderful month!

Juli

Nicole from Atlanta reports:

725 Total Circulation, 0 Curbside Pick-Up, 133 Grab and go for material, 0 Laptops were checked out , 122 Inside computer lab users, 232 Phone calls, 80 Patrons needed copies/faxes etc., 4 Notarizations, 9 New library cards, 39 Items cataloged and added to our collections, 0 Items laminated, 3 Games/puzzles/story kit, 148 Random people, 5 Hotspots. October seemed to go by quickly this year. We have had a few activities for the month of October too. We started the month out with our Hocus Pocus giveaway basket; patrons had to check out a scary movie or book to be entered. We had 47 entries, a young patron named Cameron won and he was very excited. On October 4th we had an adult drop in-craft; patrons were able to paint a fall wooden design or a ceramic leaf. We had 10 ladies show up they all enjoyed themselves and their projects turned out great. Kim had her first Storyhour and Homeschool on the 7th with a small turnout of 11 kids she is doing a great job at teaching the Homeschool group, hopefully in the coming months more parents will utilize this group . There was also a Takeaway Science Project in the month of October. On the 21st we had the Atlanta School kids come to volunteer at the library. There were 11 kids that came from 10am-12 pm, they went quickly though all the projects we had set aside. The kids really helped get small projects we needed to get done both outside and inside the library. To finish up the month of October we had Halloween with a good turnout of 160 kids. Big thanks to Janet and Mary this year for handing out candy and books to trick or treaters.

Thank You,

Nicole Kinney

Wendy from Lewiston Reports:

675 Total Circulation, 0 Curbside pick-ups, 257 patrons signed in to choose their own materials, 0 laptops were checked out, 213 inside computer lab users, 226 phone calls, 66 patrons needed copies/faxes/scans etc., 3 notarizations, 17 new library cards, 36 items cataloged and added to our collections, 0 items laminated. Good Afternoon Ladies, I hope you all had a great October! Mine was great, went and sawn my brother's new place in Texas and had a great time!! We have had a great turn for ladies night and Chelsey did a great job, she said she had a great time. Our story hour is going great, we had six kids, this month. Chelsey read the book "The Scarecrow" and we had found a Scarecrow craft to do. They had so some much fun!! For our Family Movie basket giveaway 34 patrons entered and our winner was the Angel Prall Family. On October 3 we held our drop in fall craft with 8 adults and 3 children. The take away Science project went really well. They were gone in no time! Halloween was great! Great Weather and lots of community member's participation with the trunk or treat. Cindy and I are thinking we saw Around 300 kids this year. We have slowed down here at the Library, I think with the nice weather we have had, people are getting more done outside. I hope you have a great day.
Wendy

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022 at the Atlanta branch of the Montmorency County Libraries.

Adjournment.

Diane Tolarski the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00, Pat West seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat West