

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY August 20, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
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The Bellevue Public Library Board met on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 5:35 P.M. with President Curt Zeimet presiding

The roll was called as follows: Present: Board members Curt Zeimet, Ann Bernhard Hoff, Linda Nudd, Myia Steines, Katie Dondlinger and Heather Wood. Samuel Felderman was absent until 6:20. Also present was Michael Burris, current Director and Secretary, and Danielle Reimers, the new Children's Librarian.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Zeimet asked the Board for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda of July 9, 2024. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Nudd and seconded by Dondlinger. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, President Zeimet asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Wood and seconded by Dondlinger to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

No correspondence was presented.

Director's Report

The children's Lego club is a going concern, run by a patron. His team and the library team are consulting to get the events on the right days for maximum attendance. So far, attendance has been low. Our new Children's librarian has jumped into the position and is doing well. Inventory has begun, as well as limited weeding. When both processes leave enough space, the adult fiction and nonfiction will be shifted to make them as contiguous as possible. The Children's collection will begin shifting the day after this meeting. Director Burris is moving the collection around so that all books will be shelved in call number order, so that the new employees (himself included) will be able to locate them.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Director presented the library bills for the month of August 2024. A motion to approve the library reports and the bills was made by Steines and seconded by Dondlinger. Unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The library's Centennial celebration was noted among the patrons as an inspiring get together and was also noted by city residents that did not attend as something they heard that they should have attended. Discussion of hosting similar events in the future did not reach a conclusion, weighing cost versus positive community impact. Director Burris suggested "town hall" type meetings to gauge community interest in topics in the collection. Discussion concluded that less formal events would work better.

Felderman noted best practices would involve exit interviews being done with departed staff. The hiring committee will oversee and conduct those interviews.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no members of the public to speak at the meeting.

The September 2024 library calendar was presented to the Board. The library will be closed for Labor Day on September 2. The next regular Library Board meeting will be September 17, at 5:30 pm in the Council chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Zeimet adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Burris, Director and Secretary