Board Minutes
November 22, 2021

Board Members
Present: Charlie Anderson, Miranda Finn, Dr. Hollie Stewart, Mandy Steward, and Nancy Stovall

Board Members
Absent:

County Staff
Present: Sean Brown, Deputy County Attorney

Library Staff
Present: Terri Lesley, Larissa Stalcup

Hollie called the meeting to order at 4:02pm at the Campbell County Courthouse Commissioners Chambers.

The following consent agenda items were presented to the library board:

1. Minutes – October 25
2. Financial reports – October
3. Voucher register – November 19
4. Expenditure report – October

Nancy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terri reviewed COVID-19 conditions.

Terri reviewed progress on processing book challenges. The library has received 56 Request for Reconsideration forms from 17 patrons with 29 unique titles. The first challenge was received August 9. Eighty-four percent of people submitting a challenge have received a response letter. A parent survey regarding the location of the parenting collection will be developed in the coming months.

Terri addressed the misinformation about two titles in the collection. Lawn Boy, by Jonathan Evison, is housed in the adult fiction collection, while Lawn Boy, by Gary Paulsen, is currently housed in the children’s fiction collection. People are confusing the Evison with the Paulsen book, incorrectly believing Evison’s adult fiction book is shelved with children’s books.

Miranda made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Hours and Other Closures as presented. Mandy seconded. Motion carried.

Hollie appointed Miranda Finn, Mandy Steward, Darcy Acord, and Terri Lesley to a committee to address parenting collections/collection development.

Discussion was held on how the board would like to receive public communication. Under the new County system, an email form is setup on the county website. Public communication goes to the library director who forwards emails to all board members. Incoming emails do not reveal the email address of the recipient. Email responses from board members will display their email addresses.

An appeal by Helen Hayden regarding a decision by library staff to retain Mary Wears What She Wants, by Keith Negley, in the Children’s Fiction collection was presented to the Library Board. After discussion, Charlie motioned to grant Ms. Hayden’s appeal to remove Mary Wears What She Wants, by Keith Negley from the Children’s Fiction collection. Miranda seconded. The motion resulted in five “nay” votes, and so the appeal to
remove Mary Wears What She Wants, by Keith Negley, from the Children’s Fiction collection failed.

An appeal by Helen Hayden regarding a decision by library staff to retain Meena, by Sine van Mol, in the Children’s Fiction collection was presented to the Library Board. After discussion Miranda motioned to approve Ms. Hayden’s appeal to remove Meena, by Sine van Mol, from the Children’s Fiction collection. Charlie seconded. The motion resulted in one “aye” and four “nay” votes, and so the appeal to remove Meena, by Sine van Mol, from the Children’s Fiction collection failed.

An appeal by Helen Hayden regarding a decision by library staff to retain Trans Mission: my quest to a beard, by Alex Bertie, in the Young Adult Nonfiction collection was delayed when Susan Sisti, a second challenger, asked to assist Ms. Hayden with the appeal at the next meeting thereby giving Ms. Hayden a chance to finish reading the book. Miranda motioned to table the appeal until the December 20 meeting. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

An appeal by Helen Hayden regarding a decision by library staff to retain The V-Word, by Amber Keyser, in the Young Adult Nonfiction collection was presented to the Library Board. After discussion Miranda motioned to approve Ms. Hayden’s appeal for The V-Word, by Amber Keyser. Charlie seconded. The motion resulted in one “aye” and four “nay” votes, and so the appeal to remove The V-Word, by Amber Keyser, from the Young Adult Nonfiction collection failed.

Terri reviewed the Director’s report.

Several people provided public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Library Board, Hollie adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

The next library board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021, 4pm, Campbell County Public Library Wyoming Room.