

**Columbus Public Library  
Library Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025  
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

**Call to Order:** Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

**Present:** Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Shirley Berkley, Jim Schieble, Trina Reid, Nora Vieau, Merry Anderson, Dana Pike, Deb Haeffner, Sue Salter

**Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input:**

**Approval of the Agenda for June 17, 2025:** Shirley moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Agenda with the correction of the date to reflect the May Agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes May 20, 2025:** Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the May Minutes. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Not available from City.

**Bills:** Bills of \$9,353.33 submitted. Nora moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Budget Comparison:** Not available from City.

**Library Director's Report:**

Summer Library program runs June 9 through August 10 with 485 people (kids and adults) signed up. CPL continues to host summer camp on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

**Youth Programs:**

Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesdays. A regular CPL teen patron pitched the idea and runs the club with 15-25 people of all ages. Special thanks to Shirley Berkley who donated chess sets.

Stitching Stars crochet continue to meet with 23 crocheters.

For Dairy Month, Sassy Cow Creamery provided ice cream for 82 people. Thanks to Astico Perseverance 4H Club for running this event.

First guest Storytime reader of summer was Bill Breunig who read to an overflow crowd.

June 11 Storytime moves to Home Again assisted living.

**Adult Programs:**

May 23-Cherry and Jerry joined us for a ragtime performance.

May 24-Huma Siddiqui made fish tacos.

May 28-Adult craft night continues to be a hit with 28 people making bookmarks from old books.

June 3-Catherine hosted a workshop on converting recipes to an air fryer.

June 5-After Hours Book Club met in the 161 Building with 23 people in attendance.

June 9-new Romantasy Book Club had first meeting with 21 people in attendance.

#### Upcoming Programs:

June 19-With the sale of Cercis, the Books & Beer Book Club with Valerie Biel will meet in the Annex.

June 24-Dairy Month continues with Storytime at Royal Guernsey Dairy.

June 25-Krystal Larson will be our guest reader for Storytime. This will be her last week with the City of Columbus before her retirement.

June 27-CPL welcomes Robert Goodland to talk about his book Beneath the Surface.

Summer Programs: June 16-Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals

June 24-David Landau

July 7-Miss Mary Ann

July 14-Mark Warner Yo-yo Master

#### Meetings:

Library closed for two hours on June 5 so staff could attend City of Columbus picnic.

July 18-CPL will host Columbia County meetings.

#### Building and Grounds:

Light fixture in elevator was overheating. S&S Electric repaired

Merry noted middle upper window on west side of library building needs repair.

Library Stats: Visits up 5.7%; Community Use of Rooms up 6.6%. Wireless printing and faxing up 2.8%; Items borrowed up 6.4%. Public Wi-Fi and Public Computer Use down 8.3% and 11% respectively; Patrons added down 13%.

**Library Director's Goals:** See Director's Report. Department of Public Instruction has created a Policy of the Month Club to help libraries review their policies for upgrading and/or additions. Amanda reviewing CPL Policy Audit workbook to determine what needs work. Goal is to do a full rehab on CPL policies.

**President's Report:** None

**Literacy Council Report:** Completed transfer of \$3,000 from checking account to CD. Will begin to report quarterly financials.

**Friends of the Library:** The Library continues to cull books for the book sale which is also working to manage inventory. Pete presented his talk on library history and the purchase of the Annex. It was new information and well received.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Trustee Training:** None this month

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Election of Officers. The current slate of officers agreed to serve another term. Shirley moved and Deb seconded a motion to continue the current slate of officers which includes: Pete Kaland, President; Nora Vieau, Vice President; Merry Anderson, Secretary; and Jim Schieble, Treasurer. Motion carried.

Columbus Area Endowment Grant: Applied for a grant to replace the downstairs (Children's Library) circulation desk and back counter. Received a quote of \$2,200 from Pride Furniture in Cambria.

**Adjourn:** Nora moved and Jim seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting—June 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merry Anderson, Secretary