

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

January 24, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Casey Hinkley, with Erick Peterson and Lori Davis, present to form a quorum. Also present was Maria Duron City Counsel Liaison, and Mark Rose, Library Director.

2. READING OF MINUTES

A. November 29, 2023

The minutes were approved with corrections.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Update – Technology and Internet Access.

No action is requested at this time. Staff, legal counsel, and the IT department have been asked to offer input on this policy. Changes will be assembled and presented at the next board meeting.

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

A. January Directors Report

Mr. Rose also explained an idea Michelle Munroe of the Friends of the Library suggested at their last meeting. It is a way of honoring donors by placing name plates on the vertical portion of the new interior stairs. While unusual some examples can be found and preserves other space for more books.

B. 2024 2nd Quarter Statistics

It's great to see a 20% increase in circulation this is still below pre-covid numbers. E-Books/Audio numbers are an unexpected increase, however, with the renovation we hope to offer many more E items which we hope our customers will want to use. Interlibrary loan items will likely change considerably during renovations. Door counts show minor increase in activity when considering circulation.

Programming numbers are down largely to reduces hours and programming. Budget expenditures are in a good position, with the changes of the renovations some additional flexibility will be planned for.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

8. NEXT MEETING

A. February 28, 2024

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.