

Algoma Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Director Cathy Kolbeck, Lila Schlorf, Midge Swedberg, Diana Vlies, Sue Hass, Linda Sherman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nicole Meverden

The August 19, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Lila Schlorf at 4:03pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Lin Sherman, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Sue Hass, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Sue gave an update on the Library Friends and the Book Corner.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cathy gave an update on previous and upcoming library programs:

Our Summer Reading Program for children and teens ended on July 19.

The Outdoor Movie was held on Friday, July 19. The weather was great and the attendance was approximately 300 people.

We are holding our Annual School Supply Drive through August 23. The donations will be handed out to local teachers from public and parochial schools during our annual Teacher Meet & Greet held on August 27.

Story Walk on the Boardwalk went up on August 9 and will be taken down within the next couple of days.

- Tuesday, August 20, 1pm – Bookworms Book Club
- Some upcoming programs include a Sticker Swap, Book Page Pumpkins, and our Annual Halloween Party.
- Bug Tussel continues to come to the library once a month on Saturdays from 10:30am-12:30pm. Some upcoming topics include: Telehealth Basics (September 28) and Smart Home Devices (October 3).
- All of our recurring monthly programming will start back up again in September. That includes: STEAM Programming, Storytimes, After School Movies, Book Clubs, gaming programs & Afternoon Matinees.

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The library was awarded a grant to promote migratory bird conservation and Citizen Science initiatives through the SciStarter Flyways program. This is part of a nationwide effort to engage communities in the study and preservation of bird migration routes, known as flyways. Staff will be collaborating with Bird City Algoma and Friends of Crescent Beach on this. Key components will include hosting a screening of the film “Flyways”, and hosting projects related to migratory birds. We’ll have a kit go out on September 6th for Global Shorebird Day. The library will also host a couple of guest speakers on October 3rd to talk about identifying birds and using different apps to collect data on the birds that people are seeing. We will also have a STEAM program geared towards children.

September is Library Card Sign up Month. Library staff are working on fun ways to promote that.

JobPod Booth Installation Details: The Pod was ordered– production will take 8-10 weeks. Jodi, our KI contact, will work with the installers during production to determine an install date. Jodi estimates that install will likely be in the beginning of October. It will be neutral color with a hint of the blue and green from the logo. Once the booth is installed in the library, we will also have the JobPod logo placed on the side of the booth.

The library is currently has the Young Adult Librarian position open and is accepting applications.

TREASURERS REPORT: Revenues and disbursements were presented to the Library Board.

LIBRARY BILLS: A motion to approve the August expenditures was made by Lila Schlorf, seconded by Lin Sherman, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of 2025 library budget. A motion to approve the 2025 library budget was made by Lin Sherman, seconded by Diana Vlies. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Sue Hass, seconded by Diana Vlies to go into closed session regarding Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and regarding: (1) Young Adult Librarian Position. Motion Carried. Entered closed session at 4:17pm.

OPEN SESSION: A motion to go back into open session was made by Lin Sherman, seconded by Midge Swedberg. Motion Carried. Return to open session at 4:29pm.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION: No action taken.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJORN: A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Sherman, seconded by Sue Hass, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:29pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Minutes Recorded by Lila Schlorf
Minutes Written by Cathy Kolbeck
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