

# Algoma Public Library

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

### September 16, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Director Cathy Kolbeck, Lila Schlorf, Midge Swedberg, Diana Vlies, Sue Hass, Lin Sherman, Braelyn Dempsey, Nicole Meverden

The September 16, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was called to order by Nicole Meverden at 4:00pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Sue Hass. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algoma Public Library was made by Diana Vlies, seconded by Lin Sherman. 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:

- Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-4pm: Remote Control Racers for Teens/Tweens
- Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-5pm: Sticker Swap
- Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am: Telehealth Basics with Bug Tussel
- Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Bug Tussel –Smart Home Devices
- Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm- Evening Matinee
- Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6pm: Bad Art Night for 14 yrs. and up
- Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – Books to Movies
- All of our monthly programs are back up and running. (STEAM Programming, Storytimes, After School Movies, Book Clubs, Gaming programs, and Afternoon Matinees)

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. Key components will include hosting a screening of the film “Flyways”, and hosting projects related to migratory birds. Programming with this Grant to include:

- Stephanie hosted a special STEAM program building Bird Houses last Thursday.
- Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm John Walch & Tom Zenner will be in to talk about Bird Migration and how to use different apps to enhance birdwatching experience.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, we will be showing Flyways, a documentary on Migrating Shorebirds.

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We were just awarded a Family Dollar Youth Literacy Grant for \$2000. The Library will be using this funding towards our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

We were chosen as a recipient of Science in a Bag STEM kits courtesy of the Wisconsin Science Festival. Activities will be appropriate for ages K-12 and feature science and research happening in the state of Wisconsin. These kits will be available beginning October 14 while supplies last.

Faith Petrina was hired as our new Young Adult Librarian.

As a reminder, the Library will be closed on September 26 to allow staff to attend Nic-Con, an all-day and all-staff training in Green Bay.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of 2025 Library Budget

**NEW BUSINESS:** 2025 Library days closed was presented to the board. A motion to approve the 2025 Library days closed 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) Staff Wages. Motion Carried. Entered closed session at 4:20pm.

**OPEN SESSION:** A motion to go back into open session was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Lin Sherman. Motion carried. Return to open session at 4:42pm.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION:** Braelyn Dempsey motioned, seconded by Lin Sherman, to approve wage increases as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**ADJORN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Midge Swedberg, seconded by Lin Sherman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:00pm.