

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of December 21, 2015 Meeting

President Ann Schoenborn called the December 21, 2015 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4 PM. Present: Diana McAninch, Carolyn Wolske, Pat Cichon, Nancy Kratz, Julia Lasecki

Excised: Jim Barlow

Also Present: Director Rita Schiesser

Public Comment

None

Motion by Cichon second by McAninch to approve the December 2015 agenda. All yes Motion Carried.

Motion by Lasecki, second by Kratz to approve the November 2015 minutes. All yes Motion Carried

Motion by Kratz, second by Wolske to approve payment of bills All yes Motion Carried

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

2,878 people visits to the library in November 2015

Daily average: 120

Circulation:

5,107 items circulated in November 2015

Daily average: 261

Internet statistics: 443 sessions for 281 hours

Wireless Use: 456 wireless uses (52 per day)

Donations

Memorial donation to complete the newspaper online project was received in honor of Maynard and Clarice Feld.

Memorial donation for the purchase of a microfilm machine in honor of Ora Durst.

Algoma Library Friends donated funds for purchase of 2 i-pads and kiosk

Donation to purchase holiday books for children

Undesignated donation was received

Library Issues

The library board welcomed Amanda Burns as incoming library director. Amanda served as director of the Suring library before coming to Algoma. Rita Schiesser is retiring as of December 26, 2015.

Algoma's newspapers 1873-1960 are now available online thanks to a generous donation and in partnership with the Algoma School District.

The new microfilm machine has been delivered and will be installed when the computer and other equipment arrive. Installation and staff training will be provided by Integrated Imaging.

The Ron Daggett watercolor/ink/pencil paintings were framed courtesy of the Algoma Library Friends and are now on display in the genealogy area. These original watercolors of Algoma from the 1960's and '70's are part of the permanent art collection in the library.

Board members received copies of the OWLSNet Membership/Automated Library Services Agreement for review and approval.

The library carpet has been cleaned. The tiled area will be stripped and sealed before the end of the year.

The library will be closed December 24, 25 and January 1. The library will close at 3 PM on December 31.

Library staff are looking at ways to participate in "Live Algoma" to help our community become and stay healthy.

Library Activities : Middle school students conducted special Story Hours in December; 104 people attended Milk and Cookies with Santa sponsored by the Algoma Optimists; baby storytime, teen advisory board holiday card making for LTCU; stuffed animal sleepover, after school movies; bookworms; book clubs; gingerbread house craft; afternoon matinee for grownups, adult coloring program and other craft activities.

Programs

There were 33 programs in November (6 for adults 10 for families and 17 for children) with a total attendance of 341..

Other Issues

Board reviewed the OWLSNet automation agreement. Moved by McAninch, second by Cichon to approve the agreement. All yes. Motion carried

Moved by McAninch, second by Kratz to approve payment of end of year budgeted/approved expenditures. All yes, motion carried.

Algoma Library Friends

The Friends donated funds to frame the Daggett art collection and for the i-pads and kiosk in the children's area.

The Friends provided a brochure regarding the retirement of director Rita Schiesser.

Moved by McAninch, second by Kratz to adjourn. All yes, motion carried 4:30 pm

Julia Lasecki, Secretary