

Montmorency County Public Libraries
Library Board Meeting
August 14, 2023

Call to Order

President Robin Smiley called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Atlanta Branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Mary Burek, Nancy Render, Robin Smiley, Diane Tokarski and Pat West.

Board Member Absent: None

County Commissioner: None

Staff Members Present: Lori Haas - Director

Visitors: None

Approval of Agenda

Mary Burek made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Robin Smiley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Pat West made the motion to accept the bills as presented, Nancy Render seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of Meeting

Nancy Render made the motion to accept the July minutes with following correction: delete the words Pat West and insert Robin under the Adjournment section, Robin Smiley seconded, with above correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Financial report

There is an error in the Interest - Investments amounts stated. Lori will investigate.

Directors Report

Lori reported that our computer tech Jake has sold his business to NMI Tech of Indian River, MI. Austin from that company will now be our computer tech. We received 9 new computers from a grant, which will replace our 'slowest' machines from the Hillman and Lewiston branches. Lori continues to explore grant opportunities. She is working to get the best price to purchase our Tee shirts. Mr. Kenyon from Kenyon Builders may be working with Lori on plans for our new addition to the Atlanta Branch.

The Librarian's reports:

Juli from Hillman reports: Total circulation - 826, Curbside pick-ups - 0, Patrons signed in to choose their own materials - 907, Laptops checked out - 1, Inside computer lab users - 117, Phone calls - 180, Patrons needed copies/faxes/scans - 79, Notarizations - 1, New library cards - 5, Items cataloged and added to our collections - 22, Laminating - 0, WIFI - 113, Puzzles- 48, Hotspots- 12. Good afternoon! The summer sure has been flying by! We have really enjoyed seeing all of the kids that have been coming in each week this summer. We had 47 kids that finished the summer reading program this year! They all had a wonderful time they said. They all enjoy the activities each week. Thank you Al for coming in and playing for Music & Muffins! Everyone really enjoyed learning how to play the harmonica. We had patrons from 1 year old through 86 years old; everyone did a great job learning to play. We had 9 kids come for story hour this month. I read "The Very Busy Spider", the kids made spider webs for crafts, and after they had web cupcakes for a snack with juice. We got an update on our landscaping, and it looks great! Stop by and check it out!!! The flowers are all blooming now, it's a good time to come over and check out all the beautiful blooms. Jake Larsen came in and installed 4 new computers. This will be very much appreciated; the other computers that he took out were very slow. The new ones are so much faster now. Thanks, and have a wonderful day!

Nicole from Atlanta reports: 773 - Total Circulation / June Circulation - 799, 0 - Curbside Pick-Up, 438 - Grab and go for material, 4 - Laptops were checked out, 153 - Inside computer lab users, 269 - Phone calls, 102 - Patrons needed copies/faxes etc., 4 - Notarizations, 13 - New library cards, 24 - Items cataloged and added to our collections, 0 - Items laminated, 1 - Games/puzzles/story kit, 150- Random people, 10 - Hotspots. July was the final wrap up for Summer Reading Program we had 34 kids complete the program this year and turn in their sheet for the tee shirt. Everyone had a great time with all the projects and take home activities. We held Music and Muffins in the morning on July 6th as part of SRP. We had 19 people attend Al did a great job with everyone showing them how to use the harmonica. Nothing else eventful for the month of July as Summer Reading Program was winding down. Janet has been working on weeding the Juvenile section. There are a lot of books to go through so it's an ongoing project as is weeding the Fiction section. Hopefully as August moves along we will get more time dedicated to weeding and fixing all the labels.

Wendy from Lewiston reports: 1011 Total Circulation, 0 Curbside pick-ups, 388 patrons signed in to choose their own materials, laptop was checked out, 218 inside computer lab users, 255 phone calls, 74 patrons needed copies/faxes/scans etc., 8 notarizations, 23 new library cards, 82 items cataloged and added to our collection. Our SRP program was a great success this year! All the Kids and Parents had so much fun!! We ended up with 25 kids complete their activity log. Music and Muffins went well, we had a great turn out and it was a beautiful sunny day. We had over 50 people sign up and 24 showed to get their free harmonicas. A few of our local adults had a great time with Al. July has been a very busy month here, I can't believe how many people that came through here, locals, summer people and people just on vacation here. I've met some really nice people and their children. We are in the process of deleting our VHS and CD Book collections and should be done by September, trying to make more room for our DVD/Blu ray collection. Plus no one is really checking them out due to reading on your devices. The FOLL held their book give away on July 1 and had a great turn out. Other than that we are all doing very well. I work with some great Ladies and enjoy them both very much!! I hope you all have a great day!

Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 at the Hillman branch of the Montmorency County Libraries.

Adjournment.

Robin Smiley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:19. Diane Tokarski seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat West