

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 6, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken in the 2nd Floor Community Room of Peoria Public Library Main Library.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Margaret Cousin, Barbara Van Auken, Lucy Gulley, Cathie Neumiller, and Tiffanie Duncan

Committee Members Absent: Cathy Curtis and Tom Menger

Staff Present: Randall Yelverton, Roberta Koscielski, Jennifer Davis, Alyce Jackson, and Karla Wilkinson

III. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Approval of June 1, 2021 Minutes

Margaret Cousin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Lucy Gulley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Nominations for Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame due July 31

No nominations have been received yet.

C. Little Free Libraries

Randall Yelverton reported that Sweet Cece's returned the Little Free Library. Barbara Van Auken talked to someone at the Boys and Girls Club. They would appreciate a Little Free Library at their Grinnell location.

D. Memorial Bench at McClure Branch

The family who placed the memorial bench at McClure Branch would like to plant flowers and maintain the area around the bench. Barbara Van Auken received permission from the City for them to do that.

IV. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

A. RAILS Continuing Education Grant

Randall Yelverton reported that the library received a grant of \$2,000 from RAILS to provide unconscious bias training from HR Source for staff day in October. Staff from area libraries will be invited to participate as well.

B. COVID Program on June 30 at North Branch

Alyce Jackson reported that the program was not well-attended, but the speaker was very good.

- C. OSF Career Fair on July 13 at Main Library
Jenni Davis reported that OSF will be using the Main Library Auditorium to hold a job fair.
- D. OLLI Study Group and Class in Fall 2021
Roberta Koscielski will be participating in an OLLI study group on the works of Native American writers and a class on literary lions. These will take place in August, September, and October.
- E. Media Literacy Plan in collaboration with Peoria Public Schools
Randall Yelverton stated that the state legislature is going to pass a bill requiring media literacy in schools. The library would like to share resources with the schools.
- F. Richard Rothstein *The Color of Law* virtual presentation on October 13
Alyce Jackson reported that we will be partnering with 49 other libraries to offer a virtual presentation by the author of this book.
- G. Music in the McKenzie music programs at North Branch on August 17 & 22
In-person music programs have resumed at North Branch.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Cathie Neumiller shared that Heather Placko and Lottie Fiddes are leaving the museum for other employment.

Roberta Koscielski reported that Marjorie Getz from Methodist College contacted her about the possibility of having students do some programs at the library for clinical experience.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Van Auken adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Barbara Van Auken, Chair
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