

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
May 3, 2022

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 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Margaret Cousin in the 2nd Floor Community Room of Peoria Public Library Main Library.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Margaret Cousin, Cathie Neumiller, Cathy Curtis, and Tom Menger

Committee Members Absent: Steve Buck, Roberta Parks, and Barbara Van Auken

Staff Present: Randall Yelverton, Roberta Koscielski, Jennifer Davis, Alyce Jackson, and Sarah Couri

III. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes

Due to lack of a quorum, these minutes will be brought to the June meeting for approval.

IV. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

A. Ballot Drop-off Box at North Branch – Collaboration with Election Commission

Randall Yelverton reported that the Election Commission requested placement of a ballot box at North Branch. A concrete pad would be laid and the box would be bolted to the pad during election periods. The box would be unbolted and remove after each election period which last around 40 days. The box will likely be placed at the far end (west) of the parking lot.

B. Make Art Your Superpower!

Sarah Couri showed a slide show which will be completed and sent by Friday as part of the final report of the grant project. The application for the next grant period has been submitted. If funded, programming will occur sometime during July through September.

C. Peoria Reads!

Alyce Jackson reported on the following events that have been held:

- Author Melody Warnick Zoom presentation
- Community walks led by Pedestrians in Peoria
- The Art and Science of Happiness program at Methodist College
- Volunteer Fair at North Branch

Upcoming programs include:

- Outdoor Storytimes at off-site locations
- Good Neighbor Day on September 28

D. Mental Health Awareness Month programs

Alyce Jackson reported on programs related to mental health that have been planned by Jamie Jones and held at North Branch

E. Summer Reading Program

Alyce Jackson distributed summer reading bookmarks and reported that the program will run from June 5 through July 16. Sign up begins on May 15 and participation can be done via paper log sheets or online reporting. For those who participate at least 5 weeks, the final party will be held on July 19 at Peoria Zoo from 5 to 8 p.m. The final party for adults who have participated at least 5 weeks will be held on August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at North Branch.

F. Social Work Intern working with Alzheimer's Association

Alyce Jackson noted that social work intern Logan Nickerson has booked "Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" for May 31 at Lincoln Branch; "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" for June 22 at Main Library; and a program to be announced for July 23 at Lakeview Branch.

G. Local History & Genealogy Tours in collaboration with Peoria County Genealogical Society

Alyce Jackson reported that Amber Lowery has conducted two tours of the local history and genealogy area in March and April and will do one more on May 14.

H. Other Outreach events

Alyce Jackson mentioned the following recent or upcoming events:

Apr 29 – Manual High School – Jamie Jones instructed on databases, apps, library cards

Apr 30 – Kindergarten Round-up – Jacob Roberts and Alyce Jackson staffed a table

May 4 – Parent University at Roosevelt School – Jennifer Jacobsen-Wood will attend

May 7 – Whittier reading event – Alyce Jackson will represent PPL

May 12 – Luthy Botanical Garden – Rose Farrell will provide storytime

May 13 – Trewyn Rotary Readers – Andrea will present a program for them at Main and each child will be presented with a book pillow sewn by American Legion Auxiliary members and a children's book provided by Friends of Peoria Public Library

May 14 – Springdale – Rose Farrell will provide storytime

May 14 – PNC Worldwide Day of Play – Katy Bauml and Rose Farrell will staff

May 21 – Sculpture Walk Ribbon Cutting – Alexa Cary will represent PPL

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Roberta added that Elise Hearn will supervise a social work intern during the 2022-2023 school year at Lakeview Branch. Cynthia Smith of Lincoln Branch is working on a new collaboration with the Fine Arts Society.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Margaret E. Cousin

Margaret Cousin, Vice Chair

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