

DATE: October 23, 2023

LOCATION: Library Director's office, Central Library

PRESENT: Deborah Fiore, Yvonne Wollenberg, Sandee Nuccio, Marion Maruca, Georgianna Tippo, Katie Werth and Jason Neely

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

A motion for the acceptance of the minutes for the July 17, 2023, meeting was made by Sandee Nuccio and seconded by Marion Maruca and approved unanimously.

A motion for the acceptance of the minutes for the special September 18, 2023, meeting was made by Yvonne Wollenberg and seconded by Georgianna Tippo and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The laminator, delivered in May, has been working fine and the move from the basement is much appreciated.

After the renewal of the movie licenses, the Pearl Street branch has expanded their movie days to include Fridays and Wednesdays.

Re: the National Library Card Sign-Up Month Drive

In a town of approximately 45,000 we have about 13,000 card holders. That percentage is in line with most of the state. Sign-ups were held at local restaurants, the Senior Center and the Food Shelf. We acquired about 250 new patrons. Renewals are every three years.

The school program that brought Third Graders in to learn about the Library and get a card has been adjusted to Fourth Graders due to the Covid shutdown.

NEW BUSINESS

A video camera is pointed at the Ballot Box in the back lot and encompasses the Playscape.

There is an automatic renewal program available for loans that don't have a wait list.

The Summer Reading Program was very successful.

DVDs are not as frequently checked out. Video circulation is down 22%, but e-books and streaming went up 20%. Overall circulation increased by 2%.

Jason and Katie are continuing to weed out the collection. Last year they worked on Fiction; this year Non-fiction, particularly Medical materials. The collection is down 2,700, even after all the new purchases.

Program attendance is up 106%.

BorrowItCT reimburses us for out-of-town checkouts. We get additional funds if more from other towns come to us than Enfield patrons borrow from other towns. We've received \$6,600. We are one of the biggest libraries in the region.

DIRECTOR'S REQUESTS

- 1) A prison in our state has a program that does reupholstering. They will re-do two vinyl chairs for Pearl Street. Cost: \$340.00
- 2) A slide and scan device to be used for a box of unidentified slides found onsite. It will then be loaned out to patrons for home use. Cost: \$200.00
- 3) A Bluetooth Barcode Scanner for inventory and off-site library card registration, etc. Cost: \$60.00

Total costs: \$600.00

Yvonne Wollenberg moved to approve the purchases. Georgianna Tippo seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be January 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Marion Maruca moved to adjourn. Sandee Nuccio seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgianna Tippo
Recording Secretary