

# Gering Public Library

1055 P Street  
Gering, Nebraska 69341  
www.gering.org/library

Phone: (308) 436-7433  
Fax: (308) 436-6869  
Email: [gpl@geringlibrary.org](mailto:gpl@geringlibrary.org)

The Gering Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, August 15th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gering Library Community Room.

## AGENDA

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Public Comments (Board reserves the right to limit the length of time a citizen may speak)
- 3) Approval of minutes as written
- 4) Reading and approval of statistical & financial reports
- 5) Approval of the bills
- 6) Library Director's report
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
- 9) Closed session (Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary)

## MINUTES OF THE July 18th, 2023 BOARD MEETING

### Present:

Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Brad Gross, Lexi Tallmon

Library Director: Christie Clarke

Gering Public Library Foundation Liaison: Jay Skiles

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Next, board members reviewed the June 2023 board meeting minutes. Kelley asked for a motion to approve. Gross moved to approve the minutes and Tallmon seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Tallmon, Kelley. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore, Robinson. The vote passed unanimously. Next, the board reviewed June stats and expenditures. Gross motioned to approve expenditures and financial reports and Tallmon seconded the motion. The vote was called. "Ayes": Tallmon, Kelley, Gross. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore, Robinson. The vote passed unanimously.

### Director's Report:

1. Clarke reported that the summer reading program had ended with much success. She shared the program's stats with the board.
2. Clarke shared that one of the adult summer reading grand prize winners who won the hot air balloon ride was tearfully grateful for the prize. The 80 something year old woman was thrilled to cross this activity off of her bucket list.
3. Clarke noted that Public Services Librarian Sherry Preston had added 14 new names to the newsletter list from the participants of the very popular Wine 101 programs.

4. Clarke reported that local author, Andrea Myers, would be at the next Food for Thought book discussion group.
5. Clarke noted that the Teen Anime Night program was cancelled due to a tornado warning.
6. Clarke reported that security cameras had been installed and Intralinks was working out any kinks. Also, the new public adult computers have been installed.
7. Clarke stated that the library had to close for the last 2 hours on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> due to a power outage.
8. Clarke reported that she had her budget meeting with the city finance director and city administrator. This budget includes the full-time youth services assistant, \$50,000 towards the ADA ramp project and \$50,000 for a new circulation desk.
9. Clarke reported that Library Assistant I, Josh Jensen has submitted his resignation effective August 26, 2023 to return to school. The job will open immediately and close on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to conduct interviews the second week in August.
10. Clarke communicated that there has been a \$1,000 donation to the Gering Library Foundation Décor Drive.
11. Clarke shared that the library is trying to promote its news database, Newsbank, by creating helpful materials with simple instructions. She passed out the materials and asked the board to give them a try as a beta test and to provide her with this feedback.
12. Clarke noted that Library Assistant Hayley Grams was now conducting a new book discussion group once per month at Heritage Place.
13. Clarke stated that S. Preston has added another ALL program to be held in the evening at Northfield Haven. She did this to accommodate working adults with developmental disabilities who could not attend the other ALL programs held during the day.
14. Clarke shared that the summer reading pool party that had been cancelled due to weather in June will be held this Friday on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
15. Clarke reported that a particular patron that had been causing problems in the library had been trespassed from all city property. This act was not pursued by the library but by the city.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

None

Kelley adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Christie Clarke  
Library Director