

Gering Public Library

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The Gering Public Library Board will meet on Tuesday, September 19th, 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) City Council Liaison Report
- 8) Gering Library Foundation Liaison Report
- 9) Unfinished business
- 10) New business
 - Discuss closing early on October 12th.
 - Discuss policy change to include Saturday holiday closures.
- 11) Closed session (Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary)

MINUTES OF THE August 15, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Present:

Board Members: Jeff Kelley, Brad Gross, Mary Robinson

Library Director: Christie Clarke

Gering Public Library Foundation Liaison: Jay Skiles

City Council Liaison: Rebecca Shields

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Next, board members reviewed the July 2023 board meeting minutes. Kelley asked for a motion to approve. Robinson moved to approve the minutes and Gross seconded it. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Robinson, Gross. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore. The vote passed unanimously. Next, the board reviewed July stats and expenditures. Gross motioned to approve expenditures and financial reports and Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was called. "Ayes": Kelley, Gross, Robinson. "Nays": none. Abstaining: none. Absent: Moore. The vote passed unanimously. There was no report from the city council. Jay Skiles, Foundation liaison, reported that the ADA access ramp project that Director Clarke had proposed to the Foundation had garnered support in the form of fundraising if necessary. Also, Skiles reported that the Foundation will pursue purchasing a digital sign for the outside of the library.

Director's Report:

1. Clarke reported that interviews had been held for the Library Assistant I position and a decision should be made by the end of the month.
2. Clarke shared that internal job packets were given to the Library Assistants who were slated for consideration as the new full time Library Assistant Youth Services position. Interviews are set for September 11th.
3. Clarke noted that four new pieces of furniture had been ordered for the adult lounge area. This purchase was made possible due to donations from a patron, the Gering Library Foundation, and a library memorial fund. The furniture should arrive by the end of the month.
4. Clarke shared that the Nebraska Library Association is sponsoring a state-wide event this fall to celebrate ALL Nebraska libraries and the good work they do in our communities! It is called Nebraska Library Week and the theme is "Connecting Communities". It will be held November 12th -18th. Sherry Preston came up with a Putt Putt Fundraiser idea to hold in the library with the Foundation taking lead with the help of the Gering Library Friends and the Library Board.
5. Clarke noted that the security cameras were lagging so Intralinks collaborated with the vendor, Bollide, to fix the problem.
6. Clarke reported the library would be closed on September 9th due to road closures for the gravel race that day.
7. Clarke stated that there had been some interest in the new makerspace items, the Cricut in particular.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

None

Kelley adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Christie Clarke
Library Director