

**Richmond Public Library
Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Park Community Center • 6:00-7:00 PM

Kayla Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Board members present were Lora Smith, Holly Karren, Kayla Robison, Melissa Larsen, Richard Carlson, Colin Misrasi, Fran Schumann, and Tori Fischer,

Minutes read by Richard Carlson. Colin Misrasi Seconded and Melissa Larsen approved.

Kayla Robison (Chairperson) Talked about the PBS kids read-a-thon in November. Received a \$500 grant to help with the read-a-thon.

Fran Schumann (Adult programming) Trying yoga one more time. Going to use the outdoor sign to advertise. Once a quarter might be better. Planning from January to May then start another plan for the rest of the year. Trying to plan farther ahead.

Holly Jo Karren (City Representative) Senior Center discussed. Open house tomorrow 6 to 7 tours followed by activities, raffles. Everyone should talk up the center. The senior center is for everyone. 9 to 3 for seniors then from 3 on for youth. Patricia will be going this month to talk about the library. How to get a card, how to use Libby and any other questions. Possibly have a flyer with information about the senior center to put in the library.

Tori Fischer (Teen programming) Did tie-dyeing and then had cornhole in September. Clue game in February. We may have to cancel our November knife activity because of weather.

RCYC Update

Colin Misrasi discussed their calendar items. Christmas party on Dec 16.

Lora Smith (Director's Report) This year there will be no Christmas party. March 1st we will have snacks and a meet-and-greet for first half hour, then the state board will do staff training. February library theme will be "Love your library" to encourage donations to the library. We are dropping the number of hot spot loans to 6. because they are no longer funded by the state library. City now needs to pay 1/3 of the cost. Next year the city will need to pay 2/3 of the cost.

Review Strategic Plan:

Lora shared minor changes to the wording. Library trying to have something for everyone from youth to seniors. Trying to get the word out on what the library is already doing. Occasionally not lot of people suggest ideas that the library is already doing. We need to gradually increase our digital materials budget to meet our needs to add titles, with all of the local libraries doing the same it really increases our available resources. This would be great for adult literacy.

We're trying to get more people in to the library so they can see all of the services we offer. Our book sale is the November 7th to the 21st. Smithfield, Newton, and Lewiston are also having their sales at the same time. Colin volunteered youth help if needed in the library layout.

Computer use has gone down lately, possibly because of how much can be done on phones, etc. Possibly donate outdated computers to the Senior center. We will be replacing computers as necessary rather than on a 2 year schedule.

Lora told us about people coming into the library and complimenting the library staff for their friendliness and helpfulness. This is much appreciated by our incredible staff.

Adjourned at 6:58

Next Meeting: January 4, 2023

Read and approved 1/4/2023
Wayne F. Henderson