

**Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015**

Call to Order

The Neenah Public Library Board of Trustees on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., in the Carpenter Conference Room. Members present: Merry Whipple (president), Carol Codner (vice-president), Tom Widener, Jan Sarnecki, Randy Fieldhack, Beth Irish, Lisa Hemes and teen representative Cassidy Kemppainen. Members excused: Patricia Rickman, Tami Erickson (Aldermanic representative) and Tim Kachur (Neenah Joint School District representative). Also present, Gretchen Raab, director; Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm, assistant director; Nancy Britten, circulation manager; Katrina Collins, youth services manager.

With Whipple in the chair, the library board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public questions & comments

None.

Minutes

On motion of Sarnecki, seconded by Codner, the Board approved the minutes of the Library Board Meeting of September 16, 2015. Whipple abstained.

Statistical Report

Circulation of Playaways is up 21% and youth books are up 6% for the year. Electronic circulation continues to increase and is up 18.82% for the year. Customer count is down slightly, 1.01%. Overall program attendance is up 9.13%. Volunteer hours continue to increase dramatically, 25% over 2014.

4:03 p.m. Cassidy Kemppainen arrived.

Bills for Consideration

On motion of Hemes, seconded by Fieldhack, the Board unanimously approved payment of the October bills.

2016 Library budget

The budget was submitted to the City and staff expect the Mayor's recommendations to be available within a few days. The director will notify the Library's Finance & Personnel Committee of the date for the workshop with the Committee of the Whole.

Snacks for sale at the library

On motion of Widener, seconded by Irish, the Board approved the sale of snacks. Widener, Whipple, Irish, Fieldhack voting aye; Sarnecki, Hemes voting nay; Codner abstained.

Library Supporter thank you

Staff are working on an event in early 2016 to thank donors, volunteers, and library supporters.

Gardens

Staff continue to work with Winnebago County Master Gardeners on the two large garden areas. There are plans in place for both areas for 2016 growing season.

Adjournment

On motion of Fieldhack, seconded by Codner, the Library Board adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Raab