

Ballston Spa Library BoT Meeting 9/12/23

Meeting start: 7 pm

Minutes approved for 8/8/23 by BoT Group

Treasurer's Report - P. Tesch

Clerk Account - \$ 8,801.90 (last noted)

Trustee Account Library Fund - \$21,413.50 (last noted)

Invoices and deposits to the treasurer from Andrea will occur monthly at each BoT Meeting.

Librarian's Report

Andrea reviewed monthly circulation statistics, monthly audit, and programming. Staff were treated at the recent staff meeting to thank you gifts for a superb job carrying out the various Summer Reading Club tasks and activities. Programming related to Thursday storytime sessions were very popular including the mystery guests. Tween and teen adult reading clubs went well. Intro to Fencing was popular. Shelf reading will become a maintenance routine for staff, to be sure the children's and adult's sections of the collection are in good order going into the Fall.

The BoT group and Andrea discussed a possible online survey for tweens and teens to gather input on what interests them related to the library. Perhaps involving them in the Great Give Back Event or approaching the Junior Honor Society students for input, would be good.

A Mandala Workshop will be held on 9/28 at 5:30 pm with the owner of Nourish.

A food drive is being planned along with gathering toiletry items for the Library's Blessings Box.

September was a busy month for library card sign-ups.

Old Business

Andrea will check in on the status of a defibrillator.

Hoopla as an alternative to Kanopy is being reviewed. Most libraries are using Hoopla now as it offers more mainstream programs.

General Library Items

Capital Campaign Update

1. ***The BoT group voted unanimously in favor of submitting a grant application for the NYS Department of Library Development (DLD) via Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) for Phase 1a of the Library Master Plan. The submission will go in by Wed. 9/13/23.***
2. The BoT group would like to invite Paul Mays architect to attend the Oct.10th meeting to answer questions and show current drawings.

Fundraising Progress

Our working group is gearing up to approach more grant/foundation organizations within the next month.

The Welcome Back to School event and the Columbus Weekend The Way We Were Car Show both seem to be great venues for promoting the Library's Master Plan.

FOL Updates

Dan Berggren is confirmed for a benefit concert on Thurs. Oct. 19th at the Saratoga County History Center (Brookside Museum) - 6:30 refreshments, 7 pm concert. Lori will stop by the Elms to check in on fall refreshment options.

Misc.

BoT member Jason B. will attend the Nov. 1, 2023 Staff Meeting, BoT member Patty T. will attend the Feb. 7, 2024 meeting, and Andy M. will attend the May 1, 2024 meeting.

The BoT group will work on updating critical policies on the Library's website

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