



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
February 15, 2011
Minutes

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at the Library Center with Vickie Hicks presiding.

Members present: Leslie Carrier, Martha Crise, Kenton DeVries, Cheryl Griffeth, Neil Guion, Vickie Hicks, Kim Kollmeyer, David Richards

Member absent: Rod Nichols

Disposition of Minutes: Carrier moved to approve the January 18, 2011 minutes from the regular and closed sessions. Crise seconded. Carrier yea, Crise yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth absent, Guion yea, Hicks yea, Kollmeyer yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Through January, the Library was 5.6 percent under budget. Year-to-date revenues totaled \$10,655,991 versus \$6,479,071 in expenditures. Tax revenues increased 2.44 percent from the previous year, and Railroad and Utility taxes increased 6.26 percent from the previous year. Income included the quarterly reimbursement from the U. S. Department of Education Missouri Parent Information Resource Center (MO-PIRC) grant as well as the Rotary Club of Springfield Racing to Read promotion.

Expenses included a replacement camera as well as computer equipment from Account 5232 Minor Equipment. The credit in Account 5321 Telephones reflected an AT&T e-rate reimbursement for July-November telephone expenses. Account 5371 Building Repairs included replacing parking lot lights at the Library Station, Brentwood and Midtown Carnegie branches. Account 6411 Office Furniture and Equipment included roller shades for the Ash Grove Branch.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Because of the snow, the Library was closed on February 1-2 and delayed reopening until 10 a.m. on February 3.

A minor depression developed in the pavement at the drive-up window at the Library Station. When outside temperatures get warmer, the Library will investigate the cause and do a more permanent hot patch.

The new name for the bookmobile will be "The Mobile Library". The new name better reflects the variety of materials, formats and services the Library now provides or might provide in the future.

The boiler at the Brentwood Branch was repaired in February. The heating system at the Brentwood Branch will need to be updated in a future budget.

Commercial realtor A. L. "Skip" Liebman will make a presentation at the March 8 meeting. The full board will be invited to attend.

Programs, Services and Technology Committee: Circulation in January decreased .6 percent with 326,831 materials circulating systemwide. Total branch traffic increased .5 percent with 150,910 patron visits. Systemwide, 1,688 groups used the meeting rooms with an attendance of 9,523. There were 512,795 searches from remote use of the Library's electronic products. The Web server recorded a total of 1,554,422 page views by 80,677 visitors during January.

Cheryl Griffeth arrived at the meeting.

Report of the Director: Executive Director Regina G. Cooper reported Fair Grove and Strafford Branch Manager Erin Gray saw a library patron at a Springfield Panera recently whose daughter ranked librarians as No. 7 in her list of the top 10 most powerful people in the world.

The Library has been awarded a \$6,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Targeted Collection Grant to purchase materials in the area of health literacy.

The second Food for Fines week ran January 23-29. Patrons brought in 8,357 pounds of food, and the Library waived approximately \$3,500 in fines. The food was donated to the Ozarks Food Harvest.

The Springfield Area 2011 Salute to Legislators was held in Jefferson City on January 26. The Library and the Arts Council shared the center exhibit area with a gallery displaying posters showing services offered.

Staff met individually with each member of the Library's legislative delegation at the Missouri Library Association's Advocacy Day on February 8, 2011 in Jefferson City. Librarians focused on MOREnet funding and a proposed senate bill that would restrict access to library materials for minors. Reps. Charlie Denison and Melissa Leach attended the evening reception. Rep. Leach will read to children during a storytime at the Library Station in March.

National Bookmobile Day is April 13. The interior plans for the new bookmobile have been completed and sent to the vendor.

The Library will soon become an Affiliate Library with the FamilySearch (Family History Library) in Salt Lake City, Utah. This affiliation will allow patrons to order and view microfilm at the library from this genealogical resource.

The Library District was mentioned in a Springfield News-Leader story about why Springfield is attractive to young professionals.

The Library Center's address is featured in a new children's book by Kate and Sarah Klise, "Till Death Do Us Bark: 43 Old Cemetery Road, Book 3," scheduled for release in May. The authors wanted to pay tribute to libraries because of the importance of them in their lives.

New Business: Richards moved to accept the Gift Policy after correcting a grammatical error. Crise seconded. Carrier yea, Crise yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Guion yea, Hicks yea, Kollmeyer yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items: Brentwood Branch Manager Marilyn Prosser was presented with an album of photographs with memories of her seven years of service with the Library District.

Crise moved the board adjourn to closed session to discuss the executive director's annual evaluation. Guion seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Carrier yea, Crise yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Guion yea, Hicks yea, Kollmeyer yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:35 p.m.

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Debbie Eckert, Director of Business Operations