

Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: February 6, 2020

Members Present: Mark Cayer, Abdifatah Afrah, Darby Ray, Dan Jenkins, Anne Kemper, Ted Walworth, Sarah Gillespie

Also Present: Lisa Cesare, Karen Jones, Marcela Peres

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Minutes of January 2, 2020 unanimously approved

Collection Services Department report- Karen Jones

New additions up 10% this year

Last year was one of the highest years for items withdrawn/weeded out of the collection

New intern helping out in this department

Working on a few "back-burner" projects i.e. sorting donations for the book sale carts and Friends sale, rearranging children's entertainment DVDs to be arranged by title, not accession number, and adding e-books and audiobooks to the searchable catalog

Library Director's Report

Discussed getting a card for Ed Barrett, city administrator, upon his retirement for all of his support of the library over his tenure

Flat funding materials budget since cuts from 2014 were restored, therefore we have asked for a modest increase from the City (3%)

Kanopy not reflected in this year's data for usership. Will be reported starting in 2020

Children's librarian has begun the process of weeding and overhauling the collection. Less books will actually increase readership

Library working on creating a mechanism to capture in-library reader usage, particularly of periodicals and children's books. Emphasize to patrons to not reshelv their own books so that the library can capture those books as having been read or looked at

Review of year-end Library statistics

Adult new books are up 9%, very encouraging!

Modest decrease in Teen and Video holdings potentially partially due to an increase in streaming services availability

Children's programming attendance way up, good news! Adult program attendance appears to be stable from last year, but with Marcela's absence last year, this number is actually likely an increase considering the decreased number of events.

Total circulation down 2%, but this number is not worrisome.

Changes to budget for FY2021: Biggest projected costs are for building repair and maintenance for this coming year.

Auburn Public Library Report

Still short a Development Coordinator - need full-time position

Planning for annual auction and fundraiser

Old Business

Unanimously elected Darby Ray to position of secretary

Board members encouraged to choose an area of the library they are passionate about to invest in and promote! We can talk more about it next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm