

Berkley Public Library Board Minutes
May 15, 2024

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Carol Hermann, chairperson; Amanda Rohda, vice-chairperson; Rita Van Brandeghen, Jordan Paterra, and Margaret McGee, Board Members. The City Council liaison was not present.

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting.

The minutes were approved as written. Moved by Board Member Van Brandeghen; Seconded by Board Member McGee. All approved.

IV. Librarian's report.

The Library Director presented his report on staff, programming, finances, and technology. Highlights include:

- The Library gave out 2,500 solar eclipse glasses to the public between April 1 and April 8. The glasses were provided by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Space Science Institute through its Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries program.
- State Representative Regina Weiss held a community conversation on April 26.
- The Friends will meet at the Library on Monday May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The Friends are running a book sale from Friday May 17, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday May 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The Library received \$6,385.00 from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.
- April was a busy and well attended month regarding programming.
- RFID project is being discussed and likely will be implemented. The Library Director is having discussions with TLN.

V. Old business.

a. Circulation statistics.

The Library Director reviewed the circulation statistics. April was another good month. Increase from April of 2023. Circulation was slightly lower than March, but that statistic is consistent through the years.

VI. New business.

No new business. In April 2024, the Library sold over \$9,000 in yard waste tags.

VII. Update from City Council Liaison.

The City Council Liaison was not present. The City Council Liaison provided updates through the Library Director concerning Berkley Days, budget, and the interim city manager.

VIII. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next Library Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jordan Pattera.