

Berkley Public Library
Board Meetings Minutes
April 17, 2024

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Carol Hermann, chairperson; Amanda Rohda, Rita Van Brandeghen, Jordan Paterra, and Margaret McGee, Board Members; Ross Gavin, City Council liaison.

Meeting Convened 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from March 20 meeting were approved as printed (motion made by Margaret McGee and 2nd by Jordan Paterra).

There was no public comment

Librarian's Report:

The Library Director presented his reports on staff, building and grounds, programming, finances, technology, and the Friends of the Berkley Public Library fundraising.

Highlights of the report include:

- Matt Church met with the city finance director and manager regarding the library's 2024/25 budget.
- Rebecca Stout, youth librarian, served as a judge at Rogers Elementary Battle of the Books.
- The library was able to provide reading time with a therapy dog four times in March. Many thanks to Berkley resident and City Council member, Jessica Vilani, for bringing her dog, Bonnie.
- The Friends of the Berkley library purchased several juvenile puzzles for the library's circulating collection.
- The library started providing more adult in-person programming.

Old Business:

Circulation: Circulation increased from last month, and increased from 2023 April.

New Business:

Berkley Library is asking patrons to complete a community survey to learn more what the community wants and needs. This project is made possible in part by the University of Michigan School of Information, the Library of Michigan, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Library Services and Technology Act.

The meeting was adjourned – 7:33pm

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Rohda