

Berkley Public Library Board Meeting Minutes 19 June 2019

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Rita Van Brandeghen, Chairperson; Carol Hermann, Christopher Rennie, and Mary Jo Armstrong, Board Members; Eileen Steadman, City Council liaison.

Meeting convened 7:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from 15 May 2019 meeting were approved.

Librarian's Report:

The Library Director presented his reports on programs, staff, technology, and the Spring book sale. Highlights of the report include:

- Matt continues to attend Berkley Art Fest meetings, DDA organization committee meetings, and department head meetings at City Hall.
- Programs were plentiful and well attended in May.
- Librarian Cathy Moras participated in mock interviews at Berkley High School.
- Vitrine Gallery & Gifts has partnered in providing art displays for the library.
- Emily Kirkwood & Heather Earnley attended Library of Michigan's Beginning Workshop.
- A charging station was donated to the library by Kaul Funeral Home.
- A toner and ink cartridge recycling box is now located in the library lobby.
- The Spring Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Berkley Library was a success.

Old Business:

- May circulation numbers, gate count, computer assistance and sessions, and library card issuance were all up over May of last year.

New Business:

- Many libraries in the consortium are moving to a fine-free model.
- Currently we expect to bring in \$15,000 in this fiscal year for overdue fines and miscellaneous fees, which includes room rentals and proctoring fees.
- We also expect to bring in approximately \$1,600 for lost and damaged items.
- Currently there is no consensus on how fine-free libraries in the consortium will handle fines for items borrowed by their patrons from other libraries. The

consortium will revisit this issue once the impact of the fine-free change has had more time to be assessed.

- So far impact to the Berkley Library has been minimal as most of the fine-free libraries are not in close geographic proximity to us. This may change soon as Oak Park Library is planning to become fine-free in July.

Update from City Council Liason:

- Eileen indicated that a public hearing on the LaSalette property regarding a rezoning proposal has been postponed and will not be taking place on June 25th as originally planned. A new date has not yet been set.
- City Council has decided to delay a decision on number and placement of marijuana dispensaries until after the State of Michigan deadline to create licensing regulations in December.

Other Matters

There were no other matters discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting – 7 p.m. Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hermann