

## OWEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Owen County Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

### **Call to Order**

President Petzinger called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Attending the meeting were Rachele Cobb, Glenn Manns, Mark McMillen, Martha Hamilton, Assistant Director Kim Hunter, and Director Cyndi Clifton. Wes Petzinger attended via Zoom.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Approval of minutes**

Trustee Petzinger made a motion to approve the minutes for January. Trustee Hamilton seconded. All voted aye.

### **Financial Reports and Disbursements**

The general operating account and the reconciliation details were reviewed as well as the credit card expenses for the month. All expenses were in line with the approved budget. The Director reported we still must collect \$150,000 to meet our budget. Trustee Manns made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Trustee Petzinger seconded. All voted aye.

### **Library Statistics**

On the Library Statistics Report for January 2025, we had 1739 patrons who used all library services. 30 programs were held with 285 participants. Public computer users numbered 229. The website had 765 hits. Circulation was 5385. Inter-library loans numbered 30 for the month, and Hoopla/Overdrive had 764 users. Numbers were lower this month because the library was closed for snow on several days.

### **Regional Librarian Report KDLA**

KDLA has arranged for Northeast Document Conservation Center to provide a full-day emergency planning and response workshop in March. Attendees will learn risk management and mitigation strategies, and they will practice salvage techniques. There are two locations with registration due on March 11. The UK School of Information Science has announced a three-year public library trustee project. It is a nationwide study led by Dr. Shannon Barniskis. Trustees are encouraged to complete a survey and to participate in work groups and interviews. KDLA is hosting the Fourth Annual Statewide Job Fair during National Library Week. Last year 29 school, academic, and public libraries hosted onsite job fairs and resume preparation classes.

### **Librarian's Report**

**GED Testing Center** – The equipment has arrived, and the computers have been configured. We are waiting on the necessary approvals. The goal is for testing to begin in late March.

**Summer Reading Program** – The planning group for summer reading has begun their work. It will take place in June and July with major programs on Tuesdays in June.

**Puzzles** – OCPL is now circulating puzzles, an idea presented by Joan Goderwis. We have circulated 23 puzzles since January 21. Patrons like this option.

**Staff Development Day** – OCPL is partnering with Carroll County P.L. and Gallatin County P.L. for a Staff Development Day at General Butler State Park. Jay McCord will be the speaker with a roundtable discussion in the afternoon. The library will be closed on Thursday, March 27, to allow all staff members to attend.

**The Thrive Initiative** – Lyndsi McNally of Three Rivers District Health Department sent 3 handouts about a new program she is leading on addiction recovery.

**March Board Meeting** – The director will be out of town on March 18. This is the meeting in which the Board does her performance evaluation. The Board decided to change the meeting to March 11.

**Business Items**

**Trustee Vacancy Discussion** – The trustee vacancy has been posted on Facebook. We are waiting to hear from interested individuals. We have one application from Facebook thus far.

**Legislative Session 2025**

**SB71** – Information is changing daily. As of now, the bill omits both KDLA and the local library board from the trustee selection process. Our advocates are pushing for a compromise of removing only KDLA.

**HB182** – No updates. There does not appear to be any movement on this bill.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:30 at the Owen County Public Library. Trustee Petzinger made a motion to adjourn. Trustee McMillen seconded. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martha Hamilton, Secretary

