

## OWEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Owen County Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Approval of minutes**

Trustee Petzinger made a motion to approve the minutes for December. Trustee Cobb 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 commented that income is higher and expenses are lower than this time last year. Trustee Petzinger made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Trustee Manns seconded. All voted aye.

### **Library Statistics**

On the Library Statistics Report for December 2024, we had 2215 patrons who used all library services. 34 programs were held with 1254 participants. Public computer users numbered 306. The website had 746 hits. Circulation was 5075. Inter-library loans numbered 54 for the month, and Hoopla/Overdrive had 613 users. There were 14 adult ed appointments. The Director commented on the increase in circulation over last year.

### **Regional Librarian Report KDLA**

KDLA welcomes the new Regional Library Consultants. Caleb Conover will be serving the South Central Region. The new consultant in the Southeast Region is Wendy O'Connor. KDLA has released its 2025 Annual Library Survey. It will be open until January 24, and all library employees are encouraged to give their input on KDLA services.

### **Librarian's Report**

**GED Testing Center** – The equipment has arrived, and the computers have been configured. The Director is working with the testing company on necessary approvals. Photos must be submitted of the room set up for testing along with other photos such as locked storage for the test taker's personal items. The goal is for testing to begin in late March.

**Kaileigh Burgess Tuition Reimbursement** – Kaileigh has provided documentation of class work for this semester. At the end of the semester, she must provide documentation of satisfactory grades and then she will receive reimbursement.

**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. The theme will be Color Your World.

**Business Items**

**Trustee Vacancy Discussion** – The trustee vacancy has been posted on Facebook. We are waiting to hear from interested individuals. Trustee McMillen has expressed a willingness to serve a second term.

**Legislative Session 2025**

**SB71** – It would remove the Library Board and KDLA from the trustee selection process. The advocacy group is working on alternatives to this bill.

**HB182** – It would remove the word “free” from description of government services using public funds. There are no co-signers on this bill.

**Legislative Day** – It will be February 13. All librarians, trustees, and Friends of Library are encouraged to attend to meet with legislators. The Gallatin County Public Library director is seeking an appointment with Gex Williams, and Henry County director is seeking an appointment with Felicia Raybourn. The Owen County people who are present at Legislative Day will be able to attend those meetings.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 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 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martha Hamilton, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Hamilton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.