



The Colfax Public Library Board
February 20, 2024

President Claudia Kressin called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in person.

Attendance

- Members present: Nancy Baumgartner, Claudia Kressin, Jeanne Herrick, Megan Cormican, Gary Stene, and Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt
- Non-members present:

Quorum: A quorum has been established.

Open meeting law: We are in certification of compliance with the open meeting law.

Approval of Agenda

- Gary Stene made a motion to accept the agenda. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes

- Gary Stene made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2023. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Bills

- Gary Stene made a motion to approve the bills for December 2023 and January 2024. Nancy Baumgartner seconded the approval. Unanimously approved by the Board.

Director's Report

- The Library's 2023 Annual Report has been completed, signed by Library Board President Claudia Kressin, and submitted to IFLS; IFLS submits it to DPI.
 - Library visits increased by 55%, program attendance increased by 35%, and circulation increased by 3%.
- A group report for Dunn County librarians was compiled. Boyceville has seen the same trends as far as increased library visits, program attendance, and circulation.
- Adult readership increased. While children's books remain our primary source of checkouts, adult readership went up by 9%.
- E-book use went down minimally because of the switch to e-audio. Physical books remain more popular among readers still.
- Facebook and website engagement are improving. There is an average of 220 views per library video.
- In 2023, \$576 was generated in fine money. "Fine" money includes reimbursement for lost and damaged items.
- Book sales and copy money went up 60% to \$999 in 2023.

- The library was given an electronic magnifier by the family of our late patron, David Felland.
- More items were donated by patrons. This includes a Cricut Machine, an “I Love Bugs” kit for children, and bulk snacks for children (from a Story Time mom and Kyle’s Grocery Store). Also, Annie from Little Itlay has not charged the library the last two times cookies were ordered.
- Kaitlyn from the Health Department came to Story Time to make connections with parents and pass on information about Dunn County resources. Also, there is an American Heart Association grant that targets rural libraries. An application for the \$1500 was submitted.
- Library Director Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt applied for a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dunn County to continue funding 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. If given the full amount, the program will be funded for several years.

Monthly Reports

Village Board Representative—Gary Stene

County Board Representative— Gary Stene

School Representative— Megan Cormican

- Last week, Spring conferences were held in the school district.
- This is the last week for the Scholastic Book Fair in the Elementary Library.
- Thursday, March 7 is an Early Release followed by No School for students on Friday, March 8. Spring Break begins the week of March 18. There is no school on Friday, March 29.

Building Remodel Group Representative—Nancy Baumgartner

Current Business

Next Meeting: March 19 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjourn 5:59 P.M.