

CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A meeting of the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 6:09p at the Cranston Central Library.

Present were:

Jack Tregar

R. Drayton Fair

Michael Goldberg

Larry Warner (6:07p)

Ed Garcia, Library Director

Julie Holden, Assistant Library Director

Allyson Quintanilla, Secretary for the Board of Trustees

Excused: Jen Cowart, Diane Schaefer, Regina Spirito

INTRODUCTION: 6:09p

The meeting was called to order at 6:09p.

MINUTES: 6:09p

A motion was made by Michael Goldberg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2023. Larry Warner seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION REPORT: 6:10p

Administration

-Drayton Fair, Michael Goldberg and Jack Tregar were all reappointed to three-year terms to the Board of Trustees. 8/1/2023 - 7/31/2026.

-The library completed our three year registration with the DMCA Designated Agent Directory. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA") provides safe harbors from copyright infringement liability for online service providers. In order to qualify for safe harbor protection, certain kinds of service providers—for example, those that allow users to post or store material on their systems, and search engines, directories, and other information location tools. There is a minimal \$6.00 registration fee.

-Innovex is upgrading our copiers system wide. We needed to sign a revised contract that was reviewed by the Purchasing Agent.

-The library joined the Omnia Partners Master Purchasing Agreement. Omnia Partners negotiates contracts and purchasing agreements with vendors across the country. CPL can take advantage of these MPAS to receive discounted pricing. Our admin assistant Ally Quintanilla discovered Omnia in discussions with one of our primary office supply vendors Quill to receive deeply discounted pricing.

-The library received a \$6,000 grant from the Public Library Association for digital skills training. The library will partner with the Providence Public Library to offer digital literacy classes at the Cranston Senior Center.

-The library in coordination with the William Hall Library Trust submitted an application to the Champlin Foundation for \$105,000 to replace the boiler system. The awards will be released in November 2023.

-Julie attended a Town Hall at the Senior Center with Congressman Magaziner. The hot topics of conversation concerned the high price of medications, the confusion surrounding what is or isn't covered in Medicare, and the noise from the police department firing range. One woman said "we need a course at CCRI on how to navigate insurance." The library occasionally hosts Medicare programs at the library, but perhaps we need more.

Buildings & Grounds

-The Fire Marshal completed inspections of our locations (attached). We will be reviewing and addressing all deficiencies noted in the reports. The fire alarm upgrades are still in process. The signal tests have been completed by Metro alarm and the Fire Department. Currently waiting on quotes for each building to complete the work.

Programs

-Summer Reading Program Kick-off

Over 450 people attended this year's summer reading kick-off and free book fair at Sprague Mansion on June 16. This is the first time youth services held a kick-off since 2019, and attendance was more than double what we had at any other kick-off. We gave away 216 books for young people, and 71 of them were for young people in grades 6 & up, which is a population that is harder to reach, but which actually has required summer reading. Fortunately, youth services staff included a number of titles on the middle school summer reading list, thanks to our collaboration with the public school librarians. Adult Services also had a presence at the event and offered adult titles to give away, which were also popular with the high school students who attended. The summer reading kick-off was our first volunteer opportunity of the summer, and we had 50 volunteers who set up the book fair, handed out and collected vouchers, and assisted with children's activities on the lawn.

-On June 20, youth services collaborated with the Western Cranston Garden Club to offer a unique program for children. After an outdoor reading of Miguel's Community Garden by library staff, 15

children and teen volunteers helped beautify the front of the library by planting flowers with the help of Garden Club members. The Garden Club donated the plants as well as providing tools and guidance. It was a terrific program where the participants not only learned a new skill, but also gave back to the community through their learning. As you walk from the parking lot to the library, the flowers are located in the foundation plantings on the right.

-During the month of June the Central Library launched the "Food Is Medicine" Cooking Demonstration Series with local nutrition and culinary arts educator Kathi Masi. Each session was filled to capacity. We also hosted several authors with appreciative crowds: John Houle talked about his Buddy Cianci-inspired novel, "The King-Makers of Providence," and several authors from Stillwater River Publications held a workshop on how to get published.

BUDGET REPORT: 6:32p

The budget report was distributed reflecting July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

We are still processing the final invoices for FY23. We will bring final figures to the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:47p

A motion was made by Larry Warner to adjourn the meeting. Michael Goldberg seconded. Motion carried (3-0).