

**Wasco County Library Service District
Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Location: Southern Wasco County Library & Zoom**

Board members present: Rita Rathkey, Dave Mason, Tina Coleman

Staff members present: Jeff Wavrunek, Valerie Stephenson, Rita Squires

Called to order at: 4:39 p.m.

Visitors: none

Minutes: Dave Mason moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Rita Rathkey; the minutes were approved

Director reports:

Dufur – via email: The Dufur library is working with an author for a visit with one of the 4th grade classes. Micah has really increased the adult circulation by attending Potlatch. The seed exchange seems to be gaining traction; this year there were more attendees and they brought seeds to share. Micah is wrapping up her preschool storytimes for the school year. I am looking forward to seeing the impact it makes for the kiddos next year who have had her come into the classroom and read.

A school staff member crocheted the pieces for the very hungry caterpillar and donated it to the library. We've been sharing with everybody who has come in. All age groups are really enjoying it.

The library has started offering tutoring for high school students (this seems to be a spring trend) it has been pretty well attended.

Tina reported that she has not heard back from the superintendent yet. (Jeff said that he had a call from Josie, they are wanting to know what the budget is going to be.) Still no update on the installation of the bookdrop.

Maupin – The Leon Speroff event was very well attended, there were 60 people. On May 6th there was a partnership with the school, and they had a program with Red Grammar, from Los Angeles. He was at the school, answering questions and working with kids. That evening there was a family event with him.

On May 4th Josephine Woolington gave a very good presentation.

Maupin Daze was last weekend; Valerie estimated that there were about 200 people. The book sale brought in \$1,175. Alex Zerbe performed in the park, though he was hindered by wind.

There is a watercolor class on Thursday. The 4-H cooking classes are done for now. The book clubs are going well. Minecraft Mondays has been popular; they will take a break over the summer.

Summer Reading is ready to go, lots of fun and activities planned.

The part-time person has given her notice; the job posting will be posted soon.

The Dalles – Jeff met with the County Commissioners regarding the county budget. He shared with them a story about kids not wanting to leave the library because they were having too much fun. There is more interactive equipment to be installed in the kid's room. The Second Saturday Storytime is going well. This month the theme was outer space and one of the staff members, Corina, dressed up in an alien costume. This was a big hit. Corina's tap dance class is going well. She recently started Giggles & Wiggles for toddlers, which is becoming popular.

In June, every Friday the library will host Lunchtime Concerts on the Deck from 11:30 – 1:30. There will be music from noon until 1:00 and a food truck available.

The library received a grant for \$5,000 from LSTA. The state library liked the idea so much that they gave the library an additional \$2,000. The grant money will be used to purchase a privacy booth for one person that patrons can use. This will be great for those people that need a quiet space to do a Zoom meeting for school, a job, etc. Jeff has written another grant to purchase a larger, 3–4-person unit. The library has not heard yet whether it was accepted.

Jeff shared that the city has approved a new Clerk II position for next fiscal year.

Old Business:

Security Camera Policy – third and final reading; again, there were no concerns or questions. Dave Mason moved to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Rita Rathkey; and the policy passed.

HVAC – It is a priority; the City is having issues getting quotes. The City Council wants it done next fiscal year.

Carpet – Everyone wants to move forward. The building is on solid rock and it is thought that the floor was purposely slanted. However, if there are cracks in the floor when the carpet is pulled up, it will be addressed. Quotes for the new carpeting are being solicited.

New Business: Good news from the county, they are issuing a credit card to the Library District, which should simplify things when it comes to paying invoices. This would be

for things such as the Sage consortium fees, Overdrive for digital books, and Ingram for print books. Things are moving toward a more unified county service district. The 2024-2025 budget has been approved by the county budget committee, but still needs to go to the County Commissioners for final approval on June 5. The board would like to follow the by-laws on term limits and go back to an expiration date of June 30th for each member. (Expiration dates had been affected because of board members who had resigned before completing their terms.) Rita Squires will update this information for the board by the next meeting. According to the by-laws, the board is supposed to have input regarding the library director's evaluation. Tina Coleman will check with the city manager regarding this.

Financial review: A lot of areas are still under budget; Jeff explained that any money not spent will roll over, and could be used for future big money expenditures, such as expansion.

Adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 18th at 4:30 p.m. in The Dalles.

**Wasco County Library Service
District, Board of Directors**

Tina Coleman, Chairman

Corliss Marsh, Vice Chairman

Rita Rathkey, Board Member

Mary Beechler, Board Member

Dave Mason, Board Member
