

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of September 15, 2008 Meeting

President Anne Schoenborn called the September 15, 2008 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 P.M. Present: Linda DeMeuse, Carolyn Wolske, Pat Cichon, Jim Barlow and Director Rita Schiesser.

Excused: Ron Welch and Jane McLaren

Motion by Barlow, second by Cichon to approve the September 2008 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wolske, second by Cichon to approve the August 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeMeuse, second by Barlow to approve the bills. Motion Carried

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

4,226 people visited the library in August 2008

Daily average: 169

Circulation: 7,960 items circulated in August 2008

Daily average: 318

Donations

\$25 was donated for the purchase of a book in honor of the retirement of Judy Rocque.

Library Issues

Library Staff and Trustee Jane McLaren will be attending the Wisconsin Library Association Convention in Middleton, WI, November 5 – 7, 2008. The Nicolet Federated Library System provides a grant to member libraries to be used by library staff toward continuing education opportunities.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Anyone who signs up for a new card or renews an expired card in September receives a coupon to be redeemed for a treat at one of the participating businesses, courtesy of the Algoma Library Friends.

The Corie Farley family won the family pack of tickets to the Jungle Jack Hanna show at the Weidner Center in Green Bay. Tickets were donated by Weidner Center Presents in partnership with the NEW Zoo and distributed through the Nicolet Federated Library System. People could enter the drawing each time they checked out books, September 2 – 12.

Baby Storytime begins on September 16 and Preschool Story Hour on September 19.

Two young adult book groups, for 5th and 6th grade, begin in September. The book discussions are held in the library after school. All students in 5th and 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Library staff is planning for the annual library Halloween party to be held on Monday, October 20 at 6 PM.

The library will again be participating in Christmas in the City on the first weekend in December.

The library received notification that the subscription to the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel has nearly doubled in price from \$250.80 to \$453.40 for Sunday through Saturday delivery. As this amount was not budgeted, the library will only be subscribing to the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel for Monday through Friday at least through 2009. The cited rise in cost is due to increased postage and fuel prices.

The library will be purchasing “Wish List” items, courtesy of the Algoma Library Friends, including: one computer/monitor; one chair for an internet station; new baby gate for Baby Storytime and headphones for the computers.

Building Issues

A window in the children’s room has been replaced.

Programs

There were 9 programs in August (5 for adults and 4 for families) with a total attendance of 172.

Algoma Library Friends

The Algoma Library Friends will be holding a bake sale on October 10, 2008 in the Algoma Chamber building from 9 – 4 PM.

The October agenda has no specific issues.

Next meeting will be October 20, 2008 at 4 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM on a motion by Cichon, second by Wolske. Motion Carried

Linda DeMeuse
Secretary