

ALGOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of January 16, 2012 Meeting

Vice President Pat Cichon called the January 16, 2012 meeting of the Algoma Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 P.M. Present: Carolyn Wolske, Nancy Kratz, Judy Wiese, Ron Welch and Director Rita Schiesser.

Excused: Ann Schoenborn, Diana McAninch

Open Forum: No comment

Motion by Kratz second by Wiese to approve the January 2012 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kratz second by Wiese to approve the December 2011 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Welch second by Wolske to approve the bills. Motion Carried

Directors Report

Statistics:

People:

3,735 people visited the library in December 2011

Daily average: 156

Circulation:

6,293 items circulated in December 2011

Daily average: 262

Internet statistics: 647 internet sessions (449 hours)

Wireless Use: 74 users, 169 sessions (140 hours)

Donations

Donation made for book in memory of Roland Holtz

Library Issues

The library is partnering with the Bay Area Workforce Development and Door County Job Center to offer two programs on January 26. Registration on the State of Wisconsin job site will be emphasized regarding new Unemployment Beneficiary rules requiring registration on the State site.

The Milwaukee Bucks Read to Achieve Challenge began on January 3 and will continue through February 28. Students can sign up and read to earn a voucher for a free Bucks game ticket. The program is a project of the Milwaukee Bucks, Milwaukee Federated Library System and Northwestern Mutual Foundation.

Baby Storytime and Story Hour resume on January 17 and 20 respectively.

The Elks United States Constitutional Scholarship Contest for high school seniors residing in Manitowoc or Kewaunee County will be held in the library on January 19 and 21. Students can compete for scholarship opportunities ranging up to \$3,200.

Library staff participated in Kindle and Nook e-book training through the Nicolet Federated Library System. The library has been receiving many requests for help from people who have these devices and need assistance in downloading e-books.

The library is now offering a new service called “Shoutbomb” which sends a text message to a person’s cell phone regarding items that are waiting to be picked up at the library. Patrons must sign up for this service.

A student aide position has become available as of January 31.

Programs

There were 32 programs in December (8 for adults, 13 for families and 11 for children) with a total attendance of 536.

Other Issues

The dvd collection was discussed.

The Nicolet Federated Library System Subprogram Library Services Grant was submitted for board approval. The board received the 2011 evaluation form and the 2012 grant proposal. Motion by Wolske, second by Wiese to approve the 2012 NFLS Subprogram grant to be used for children’s books. Motion carried.

Algoma Library Friends

The Algoma Library Friends will sponsor a fundraiser on July 22 featuring a performance by Jessica Michna portraying Mary Todd Lincoln during the White House years in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The library board supported this initiative.

February Agenda Items

Annual State Report and Library System Effectiveness Report – Action Items
2011 Financial and Statistical Reports

Next meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2012 at 4 PM.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Welch, and second by Wiese at 4:35 PM. Motion Carried.

Carolyn Wolske, Secretary