

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday May 19, 2008. Edgar Village Hall, Board Room.

Present: Paul Buchberger, Scott Winch, David Eckmann, Audrey Ascher, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: Tim Gierl, Gina Cornell, Sharon Hunter

Others: Deborah Gauerke, Edgar Branch Library  
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager  
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Paul Buchberger.

**Motion was made by David Eckmann to appoint Paul Buchberger to lead the board meeting in the absence of the President and Vice-President. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.**

Paul Buchberger welcomed the visitors to the meeting and thanked Deborah Gauerke and the Village of Edgar for their hospitality.

**Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from April 21, 2008. Seconded by David Eckmann. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by David Eckmann to accept the Bills & Services reports. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.**

President – no report

Other Board Members – Audrey Ascher

- Working with WVLS on the Northwoods Conference in the fall
- Jim Backus and Audrey Ascher will be leading a conference with the Southwest Library System and a future conference with Milwaukee System

Phyllis Christensen presented the Director's Report.

Drive-Up Window:

- Opened 4/21/08
- Article in the Daily Herald regarding the Drive-Up
- Statistics from the Drive-Up are being kept to show growth in usage

Staff Updates:

- Looking at other options for lead librarian position
- Rebecca Smith is leaving to be the Director of the Philipps Public Library
- Filling two vacant positions

Summer Library Program:

- Programs start 6/2/08 and end 8/23/08
- Theme is "Catch the Reading Bug"

- Teen Programs with the Theme “Metamorphosis @ Your Library”

Board Committees – no report

Friends of the Library – written report

MCPL Foundation – Spring Mailing will be mailed by the end of May

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends – written report

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – no report

The Exterior Stairway Project Committee is finalizing some issues regarding the project. They hope to have bids to the board for approval at the June meeting.

Phyllis Christensen explained Report Highlights from the Best Practices Review: Public Library Services. Marathon County Public Library has incorporated several best practices already into our structure and continue to look at more efficient approaches. Service Targets were discussed regarding the library and how we fit into the levels of service.

The Economic Contribution of Wisconsin Public Libraries to the Economy of Wisconsin was discussed.

The Trustees Essential 5 was discussed regarding hiring a library director and the related job description.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02.

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Library Director