

Owen Public Library
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Library Board Meeting
April 13, 2016 5:00pm

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - B. Financial Report
- II. Business
 - A. New website!
 - B. Digitization project progress
 - C. Summer Reading update
- III. Closing
 - D. Concerns and Comments
 - E. Next meeting date
 - F. Adjournment

Owen-Public Library Board Meeting

The Owen-Public Library Board met at 5 PM on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, with Tom Nelson, Roxana Reitz, Nancy Garrett, Jeffer Scheuer, Jan Stommies, Debra Smith, Mike Ojanpera and Lorelee Petersen in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with a motion by Tom, seconded by Roxana. The motion passed.

Lorelee then presented the financial report. Jeffer moved the report be approved; seconded by OJ. The motion passed.

Under new Business, the Iowa Atlas needs to be taken down to Des Moines Iowa to see if they would like to take possession of the item.

The Annual Report was presented. There has been an increase in the e-book circs from the state library and a decrease in the print book circs. The report was approved with a motion by Jan, seconded by Nancy. The motion approved.

Next on the docket was the statement concerning public library system effectiveness. Lorelee feels WVLS has been helpful. Jeffer made the motion to give Lorelee the go-ahead to write a statement reflecting her views on the effectiveness of WVLS; seconded by Nancy.

The Digitization project; the Sentinel newspaper would like to partner with the Library on the project. The plan is to have digitization day during the fair and have the items in question to be digitized be Owen Junior Fair related. It is also hoped that Friends of the Old School also be involved. Lorelee plans to attend their meeting on Sunday. The summer reading program theme is Ready, Set, Read! The emphasis is on fitness.

Lorelee then brought us up to date on meetings, grants, programs and outreach.

After concerns and comments, (there were none), the next meeting was set for Wed. April 13th at 5 PM.

Roxana made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jan. It was approved with enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffer Scheuer, secretary.

Director's Report
April 2016

Circulation

Months	2015	2016
January	2,130	1,685
February	1,777	1,804
March	2,150	2,089

News

- Our new website is up and running! It still needs work but it is visible and functional. You can view it at www.owenpubliclibrary.org. Next, I want to order refrigerator magnets with the library's contact information and hours to give away.
- This week is National Library Week.

Programs and Outreach

- Story Time is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 and the theme is Earth Day. There will be one more story time in March and then we will take a break for summer.
- The Summer Reading Program will introduce the Try It Challenge. It will encourage patrons of all ages to try new types of books, games and activities. The Summer Reading Program and Summer School will have a joint kick off at the O-W Elementary School.
- At the end of Last Month I attended an introductory digitization workshop. Digitizing and cataloging items is a lot more complicated than I originally thought. The more I learn about it the more I realize I don't know. But I guess everyone has to start somewhere! I'm meeting with Inese from WVLC on April 26 to work more on learning the process.