

Owen Public Library
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Library Board Meeting
June 08, 2016 5:00pm

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Director's Report
- II. Business
 - A. Summer Reading Program Update
 - B. Digitization Project Update
 - C. Elections
 - D. Library Maintenance
 - 1. Rug cleaning
 - 2. Landscaping concerns
 - 3. Extra shelves
 - E. Owen Fair
 - F. Amazon credit card
- III. Closing
 - G. Concerns and Comments
 - H. Next meeting date
 - I. Adjournment



**Owen Public Library's
Summer Reading Program
The "Try-It" Challenge
Begins June 13!**

April Library

April 13, 2016 Owen Public Library Board

The Owen-Public Library board met on April 13, 2016 at 5 PM with Debra Smith, Jeffer Scheuer, Tom Nelson, Roxana Reitz, Nancy Garrett, Jan Stommes, Mike Ojanpera and Lorelee Petersen in attendance. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved with a motion by Tom Nelson, seconded by Roxana. Jeffer moved that the financial report be tabled, seconded by Jan. It was approved. Under new business, we have a new website! It is www.owenpubliclibrary.org. Lorelee plans to get refrigerator magnets with the library info to gift to patrons.

The digitalization project might need to actually happen before the fair, as many of the people that would be part of the process are already involved with the fair in other capabilities. It was decided that Saturday, June 11th would be a good date to have people bring their items. A 'soft opening' was also proposed, perhaps with just the FOS group. Lorelee will attend the FOS meeting this Sunday to discuss the project.

The Summer Reading Program will introduce the 'try-it' challenge to encourage patrons of all ages to try new types of books, games and activities. Lorelee is still looking for an entertainer/presenter.

The slight decrease in circs might be due to the on-line activity which is not counted in the totals at this point in time.

The next meeting will be held June 8th at 5 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 with a motion by Jeffer, seconded by Nancy.

Director's Report

June 2016

Administrative

- The June V-Cat meeting was held on Thursday, June 8 in Wausau, followed by a "listening session" where directors can discuss their concerns with WVLS staff.
- The 2015 statistics book has been compiled and distributed by WVLS. Some interesting news: Circulation has been steadily falling in our county since 2010. Owen's has dropped by nearly 28%. Loyal's loss is the greatest at 62%. Over approximately the same span of time, ebook circulation has gone up exponentially. The state first began tracking ebook checkouts in 2011, when Owen had 69 total. In 2015 we racked up 1,246 checkouts. Hopefully those checkouts will soon be added to our total circulation by the state. Now we are not allowed to use them. In spite of our circulation being down, our number of borrowers (those who have Owen listed as their home library on their account) has risen slightly.

Programs and Outreach

- You are all invited to take the summer reading Try It Challenge
- I have installed the Rescarta digitization software on my computer and it works with our scanner. I just need to find a regular time to work on this project.
- We have received our Welcome Baby kits and are ready to hand them out to parents of newborns. Along with other "freebies" parents will receive a card while in the hospital that tells them they can stop in and pick up a kit.

Misc.

- We needed to replace the ink cartridge in our fax machine. Barb at Pike's sent us her last cartridge and said that they had been discontinued. We need to consider replacing our fax machine within the next year.
- People have been pleased to receive our magnets. They seem to feel having our information at hand will be helpful.

Owen Public Library Summer Try-It Challenge



Check out a book about someone who isn't like you. Read about someone from a different culture, race, religion, or time period.	Check out a cookbook and learn to make something new. Brownie points for trying new foods or making something healthy.	Check out a book about someone who lives in a different place than you. Maybe someone who lives in a different region of the U.S. or a different country or even a different planet.	Check out a book on a topic you've never read about before.
Try reading in a new format. Listen to an audio book or read a graphic novel or a book in verse.	Complete the library scavenger hunt or nature scavenger hunt.	Read a book that's based on a movie or TV show. How are they different? How are they the same?	Check out a book that makes you laugh.

The Owen Public Library's Try It challenge was inspired by Gene Luen Yang, graphic novelist and the current Ambassador for Young People's Literature. His platform as ambassador is "Reading Without Walls." Yang states "The purpose of the program is to get kids to read outside their comfort zones and to explore the world through reading."

