

**CITY OF ESCANABA
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

September 26, 2016

A meeting of the Escanaba Public Library Board of Trustees was held September 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Room C102 of the Escanaba City Hall/Library Complex, Escanaba, MI 49829.

PRESENT: Elizabeth Keller, Priscilla Green, Patricia Baribeau, Janice Hallett, Kathy Mason, Carolyn Stacey, Library Director.

ABSENT: Neil Hivala

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS(S) TO MINUTES: The minutes of August 22, 2016 were accepted on consensus

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financials: Standard summary reports for the library fund and Bezold were provided. K. Mason requested a regular report showing the running fund balance. The report will be provided beginning next month.

Administration: Library director will attend the annual meeting of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation on Thursday, September 29th in Marquette. Agenda topics include social media marketing for libraries and online publishing tools. Keynote speaker is author John Smolens. The library is working in cooperation with Bay College to conduct a "community conversation" based on the Harwood Institute community engagement program. Board members are invited to participate. The library director is exploring potential projects for new Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. A competitive grant cycles opens this fall. Awards will be from \$50,000 - \$225,000 with a possible total of \$500,000 over three years. Only one to three proposals will be approved for the entire state. The library is included in a new online resource called the U.P. Arts and Culture Map, developed by the Bonifas Art Center at www.upartandculture.com

Library Programs / Services

The library will start a monthly outreach service to Northwoods Assisted Living in October. Residents may choose from a selection of books and/or learn about the library's digital collections. The library is partnering with the League of Women Voters to present a program on the electoral process for students in grades 4-6 in October. The library and the Friends sponsoring a teen book club in cooperation with the Escanaba High School. The group will meet at the library on Saturday mornings. Library staff have been at the Farmer's Market each Wednesday in September to promote library card sign-up month. Fall/Winter program planning is in progress. Popular altered book art classes will continue in October and December and a family event will be offered on "deer day." The adult winter reading program will take place in January and February. The library and the Friends will Celebrate Friends of the Library Week Oct 16-22 with special promotions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 5:30p.m. on consensus

Respectfully Submitted,


Carolyn Stacey, Library Director

Approved


Elizabeth Keller, Chair