

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Agenda

Aug. 21, 2024 4pm

Agenda:

Review of Minutes:

Correspondence:

Treasurer Report: Kitty Crow

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Archivist Report: Catherine Oag-Miller

Curator Report: Max Walters

Old Business: Picnic Review, Updated Employee Handbook

New Business: Jacka Fund spending policy

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Minutes

July 17, 2024

Members Present: Jeff Adams, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Max Walters, Catherine Oag-Miller, Kathy Petersen, Linda Prechtel, Dave Dengler, Mark Twichell, Margaret Gray, Kitty Crow, Pat Stokes

Members Absent: Jon Weekly

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: absent

Review of Minutes: Dave moves to accept, Linda 2nds, accepted

Correspondence: thank you rec'd from National Honor Society volunteer

Treasurer Report: written plus Kitty reports that expenses are in line, payroll slightly up. Some receipts are not getting to Amy at BLB in time for monthly report. Boltz activity will be reported yearly. When we can get a projection of expenses from Amy, some of savings acct could be put in CDs.

Mark moves, Linda 2nds, report accepted

Village Representative: Hawk's roof repair bill went to BLB by mistake, nearly got paid, but now has gone to the Village for payment

Librarian Report: written report reviewed & accepted

Archivist Report: written report reviewed & accepted

Curator Report: written report reviewed & accepted

Old Business: *electrician will be installing additional outlet in Childrens' Room, moving CR bathroom light switch, & moving open sign, (gratis!)

*Melissa Sorci has measured for new museum window shades & will provide quote

*Wilmington Trust/Morris Miller – Peter Clark is doing discovery

*Picnic – head count by Aug. 5. Max will put together menu & order from Marlene & Mark will pick up. Set up at 3:00. Jeff will get drinks,

Jeff & Graham will shop. Linda will organize door prizes. Special recognition will be given to Marie. Kitty will do some desserts.

Abbreviated meeting at picnic?

New Business: Employee Rules of Conduct will be reviewed & updated – policy committee will reconvene. Relatives & personal relationships:

amended to include volunteers. Approved unanimously.

Calendar: picnic meeting Aug. 13

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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Library Report

The Art of Robert John Holland – art reception had 39 attendees to view the art of the recently deceased Mr. Holland. Our thanks to Tom Annear for his curation of the exhibit and the celebration of one of our greatest local artists!

Summer Reading Programs

Two different groups for age ranges, the Wanderers (pre-k to 2nd) and the Champions (3rd – 8th), consisting of story times and activities, plus visits from:

Buffalo Museum of Science

Erie Zoo

Magician Cris Johnson

Sun Dance Kids Farm

Artmobile

Children and YA Book Giveaway – 7/27 – Our annual book giveaway was a smash success, with children, teens, and their parents helping themselves to a vast array of books from both our donations and provided by the Friends. We had 82 attendees that bright Saturday morning.

Bucket of Junk contest – participants received a bucket with 32 different items. From these items, they created the ultimate adventuring accessory - whether it be food, clothing, a vehicle, a tool, or even a friend - something (anything!) you couldn't imagine going on an adventure without! We had seven participants this year, and the winners are on display in the case by the fountain.

Manga and Anime Teen Tuesdays – introduced teens to the new Comics PLUS app and showed anime films.

Door Count – 3,759 in 2024, compared to 2,846 in 2023 and 2,845 in 2022

July 2024 Programming Stats

CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions (PreK-2nd): 8

Attendance

Kids 107

Adults 62

Program sessions (3rd-8th): 3

Attendance

Kids 23

Children's Events

7/12 Buffalo Museum of Science

Kids 24

Adults 16

7/13 StoryWalk

Kids 20

Adults 20

7/19 Erie Zoo

Kids 24

Adults 12

7/26 Magician Cris Johnson

Kids 23

Adults 10

7/27 Book Giveaway

Attendees 82

YOUNG ADULT Comics Plus Program:

Sessions: 2

Attendees: 2

ADULTS

7/11 Art Reception

Attendees 39

Computer programs

Individual tutoring: 9 participants

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Archivist's Report

Grape Belt Digital Collection

- Items Catalogued = 742
- Items Online = 335

Collections

- Grape Belt, Canadaway Creek Anthropology Project, and Village Papers Collections are ongoing.
- WWI Photograph album indexed, processed, and available to researchers
- Home locations for 19 items and 143 items catalogued in Past Perfect, relating to the Grape Belt collection
- Received microfilm rolls of the Chautauqua News (Sherman, NY) from 1879-1998 and the Mayville Sentinel 1844-1921

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Curator's Report

Programs

- We began the summer educational program in July in cooperation with the Fredonia-Pomfret Recreation Department—students went on a tour of the *Fredonia Un-Censored* printing exhibit, followed by an educational activity revolving around the creation of their own custom newspapers based on a template called *The Fredonia Youth Censor*, which was printed and donated by the *Dunkirk Observer*. Turnout for July was 20.

Outreach

- Fredonia Farmers Markets have been tabled by Barker staff and volunteers, whom we gratefully acknowledge while also celebrating the increased visitation and outreach these events represent. In July there were 134 engagements at the Barker's table, as well as numerous sales of merchandise including 20 postcards and 5 books.

Fundraising

- Many thanks to the Friends of Barker Library for funding the purchase of 30 new copies of *The Fair Chambered Corridor: Explorations of the History of Fredonia NY*. 100 copies have been sold in person since publication last August.

Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in July (Museum only): 56
- Visitation to outreach events (Farmers Market): 134

Visitation

