



**CITY OF NEWPORT
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NEWPORT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER
May 24, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jo Bailey called the Newport Library Advisory Committee meeting to order at 5:30pm on May 24,2022.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (4) – Jo Bailey, President; Christina Rahm, Committee Member; Barb Wilcziek, Committee Member; Anita Wasmundt, Committee Member.

Absent (1)- Beverly Bartl, Committee Member.

Others Present- Sara-Marie Malewitz, Library & Community Center Coordinator.
Roz Johnson City Council Liaison.

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Motion by Committee Member Wilcziek to approve minutes of the November 23 2021 meeting.
Second by Committee Member Wasmundt Approved 4-0.

4. LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Coordinator Malewitz shared that volunteers David Current, Emy Current, and Mark Culkins have returned to regular volunteerism. We have also added Katie Muller to the volunteer staff. With these additions the Library’s current hours are: Monday 9am-8pm, Tuesday 2:30pm-5:30pm, Wednesday 1pm-8pm, Thursday 1pm-6pm, and Saturday 12noon-5pm. The Monday hours are the earliest daytime hours the library has had in many years.

The Newport Library and Community Center has seen more patrons the last few weeks. Beside the extended hours, we have had school groups walk down two afternoons from Newport Elementary School. This has brought in families after school hours as the children have wanted to return.

Coordinator Malewitz talked about the progress of the Cataloguing. There are approximately 896 holdings recorded in the new program. We were able to update to a faster processor. We have a manual backup set-up and are working on an automated back-up for the data. Coordinator Malewitz showed all in attendance the new library cards. Cards are being given to the staff who are working with the program. We look forward to having the system at a point we can issue the new cards and use the new system to track holdings.

A Books By The Bag Sale is going on now. Patrons may fill a paper grocery bag with sale shelf books for the cost of \$5 per bag.

Upcoming Programs include:

Paper Flower Making Every Thursday all summer long.

Family Storytime Saturdays at 1pm.

Books Alive Outdoor active Story Time Mondays at 1pm.

Paws to Read on Tuesdays June 7th and 21st at 4:15pm.

A History Talk on Wednesday June 8th at 6:30pm.

A Fathers Day Craft will be available during open hours June 13th-18th.

A Patriotic Craft will be Available during open hours June 27th -July 2nd.

Rainy Day Movies will be available during open hours any day it rains.

Washington County Library System's Summer Reading Program starts June 1st, 2022. Coordinator Malewitz encourages everyone to participate. There are programs for children, teens, and adults. The Newport Library will have the game cards available in house. Coordinator Malewitz is working on a way for the young patrons of our library to show their participation with a visual at the Newport Library.

President Bailey inquired about the success of the Outdoor Holiday Sing-A-Long last December, noting the snow storm that hit the evening before. Coordinator Malewitz reported that a small group congregated, sang, and enjoyed refreshments. Coordinator Malewitz made a display board using the pictures from the Service Member Slide show we use for the Holiday Event each year and that remained up in the Library space until we began the New Year.

Committee Member Wasmundt asked if we have given any thought to how changes in how the South Washington County School District uses their facilities may impact library publicity and patronage. Coordinator Malewitz shared that she has been reaching out to schools in the vicinity including Newport Elementary, Pullman Elementary, Bailey Elementary, and Oltman Middle School sharing our events calendar. If there is a change to the use of the facility on 6th Street, Coordinator Malewitz responded "I will work with what is in front of me."

5. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bailey reported that the Historic Preservation Commission's (HPC) History Month event held at the Newport Library was a success. They struggle to get more people to attend. The HPC is looking to bring in Larry Millett to speak in the future.

Committee Member Wasmundt shared that she has seen an increase of visitors when she is at the library. She commented that she is glad to see in person events returning.

Committee Member Wilcziek spoke with Emily White who will get the planter in front of the Library building filled.

President Bailey will check with Public Works and Administration on plants for the south side flowerbed in the library yard.

President Bailey recognized Councilor Johnson

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committee Member Wasmundt to adjourn the Library Advisory Committee meeting. Second by Committee Member Wilcziek. Approved 4-0.

The meeting of the Newport Library & Community Center Advisory Board adjourned at 6:05 pm on May 24, 2022.

Sara-Marie Malewitz,
Library & Community Center Coordinator

Jo Bailey
President