

## **Bartlesville Public Library Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

On Tuesday, July 9 at 4:30, the Bartlesville Library Board was called to order in the Administrative Services Board Room at the Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville, Oklahoma pursuant to the notice filed in the office of the City Clerk, 401 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville, Oklahoma on July 2, 2024 and posted the same day on the bulletin boards at City Hall and the Library at 5:00 PM.

### **Members present at roll call:**

Katie Franz  
Rob Fries  
Eric Gray  
Rhonda Hudson  
Stacy Lewallen  
Kim Miller  
Martin Patzkowski  
Julie Pranger

### **Also present:**

Shellie McGill, Library Director  
Cindy Yell, Assistant Director

### **Members absent at roll call**

Dylan Smith

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rob Fries at 4:34 PM.

Ms. Miller made the motion to approve the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Gray seconded. Aye: Franz, Fries, Gray, Lewallen, Miller, Patzkowski, Pranger. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Ms. McGill presented the May/June Director's Report. The library averaged 555 visitors per day, and checked out 65,577 items.

June marked the beginning of this year's Summer Reading Program, and the library held 56 programs for children and teens, with over 3,000 attendees.

The literacy department held a total of 101 programs and classes in May and June, with over 4,500 people attending or viewing online. These programs are largely funded by grants through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL), and the library was recently notified of a reduction in funds in ODL's grant program. Library staff are exploring other avenues to make up for the shortfall.

The reference department helped an average of 73 customers per day in May and June, and lent 352 loans to other libraries through the Interlibrary Loan service. The local and family history department answered 187 questions relating to genealogy and local history, and answered 316 questions regarding White Rose Cemetery.

The library added 300 new items to the collection in May and June, with purchases slowing down as the end of the fiscal year approached. Orders will pick up again in July after the new budget becomes available to spend.

Ms. McGill provided updates on library building projects. The library's skylights were replaced in early June, and the library closed June 7, 8, and 10 due to the risk of falling objects. The new skylights bring in lots of light, and only need a yearly cleaning to last another 30 years.

Ms. McGill also shared some statistics regarding the library's utilization of Hoopla, a service that allows library users to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, music, magazines, and more. Bartlesville ranks #6 in Oklahoma for the number of patrons using Hoopla, allowing Bartlesville users to access 12,000 titles worth \$385,000 for only \$34,000 in the past year.

The Collection Development, Distribution of Materials, and Photography & Videography policies were reviewed, and no changes were made.

Kiley Roberson has been named the new Library Director, and begins work July 22. She comes to Bartlesville from Tulsa, where she was Chief Operations Officer for Tulsa City County Library.

Mr. Patzkowski made the motion to re-elect Rhonda Hudson as Chair, and Rob Fries and Vice-Chair for the coming year. Seconded by Ms. Lewallen. Aye: Franz, Fries, Gray, Lewallen, Miller, Patzkowski, Pranger. Nay: 0. Motion passed.

In board member comments, Mr. Gray asked about the new digital signboard. Ms. McGill thanked the sponsors who supplied the grants that funded the new sign, and the sign itself is expected to last about 20 years. Mr. Patzkowski thanked Ms. McGill for her years of work for the library.

No public comments were made.

Items for the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting include the review of policies.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM. The next meeting of the Bartlesville Library Board will be September 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM in the Board Room, Administrative Services Office at the Bartlesville Public Library.



Submitted by Cindy Yell, Assistant Director  
Bartlesville Public Library & Bartlesville Area History Museum