

County of Wood Library Board minutes

Jan. 16, 2020

Board members :

Francis Cherney
Hugh O'Donnell
Joe Zurfluh
Brad Hamilton
Linda Schmidt
Dave Barth
Jean Anderson
Bill Clendenning

Library Directors:

Lori Belongia, Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library
Tammy Hardinger, Pittsville Public Library
Andrea Halbersma, Lester Public Library of Vesper
Darla Allen, Charles and Joann Lester Library of Nekoosa
Andy Bartlett, McMillan Memorial Library
Stacy Kunding, Lester Library of Arpin

Chairman Fran called the January 16, meeting to order at the Lester Public Library of Vesper. The minutes were read and approved. The county board approved the 2020 Library Budget. Andy explained how the formula for reimbursement works.

Library reports:

Andy is excited about all the renovations that have been done and will be done this year, the fiftieth year of McMillan Memorial Library! He plans to renovate the whole theater from top to bottom. There also will be a new adult room. The cost of 15,000 feet being renovated will cost about 2 million dollars. They will host Arty Grau this year.

Stacy added Christmas and New Year's story hour. She said that they will be changing lights to LED for children's and youth rooms. Mark Jocham brought in some resources for Stacy to use. She said her son is doing a computer program for Book Bingo. March 7 will be Murder Mystery night.

Jean said that she will attend the Wild Wis. Winter Conference in Jan. She said that Marathon County still doesn't know when they will join South Central.

Andrea was awarded a grant for new computers. She will need to be trained and will be required to teach computer classes. This includes tech support. She is starting a new adult craft series. Andrea and the Lester Public Library of Vesper were awarded the honor of being a Three-Star top 30 library in the nation according to class 10K-49K. Congratulations, Andrea!

Lori is retiring at the end of April and is looking for a new Adult Service Librarian. She has an Adult Winter Reading Program. They are reading Sand County Almanac. Lori is working with the Wood County Master Gardeners. She will have the show "The Public" which is about homelessness on Jan. 29 at 6:30. She plans to have a party for teens. Friends of the Library will read "Timeless Tales" and then have music and dessert.

Tammy has been focusing on cleaning the library. Some leather furniture was donated. She had a Mingle and Jingle Christmas sing which was fun. She has an Adult Winter Reading Program. She hosted a

Japanese tea ceremony. Tammy has computer classes at the community center. There is a knitting and crocheting group called "Yarnies".

The April 16th meeting will be at Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library. Motion was made, seconded , and carried to adjourn.

Secretary,

Linda Schmidt