

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

Shakespeare Room

In Attendance: Todd Fabian, Library Director; Jeremy Clemans, Chair; Chris Casco, Ceillie Clark-Kean, Fatawu Issah, Michelle Marino, Charles O'Leary

1. J. Clemans calls the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
2. Accept minutes of April 1, 2024 Monthly Meeting - C. Casco motions to accept; J. Clemans seconds; All are in favor.
3. Public Comment
 - None
4. Library Director's Report and Monthly Update
 - CPL gave out 2,500 pairs of glasses. After the eclipse, the Library was accepting the return of eclipse glasses; however, the entity that was collecting returned eclipse glasses has been inundated and we are looking for a new vendor to repurpose them.
 - The City Council approved some of the committee's retention and recruitment recommendations, including library cards for all Concord city employees. These city employee library cards will expire annually on September 1st and can be renewed each year. Of the approximately 450 city employees, only approximately 20% live in Concord. New patrons can sign up remotely for library cards. New patrons must then visit the Library within 30 days of signing up online, or the card will expire.
 - The Concord Reads author event is next week. A large attendance is expected.

- Attendance for general programming has been inconsistent across the board. People are not RSVPing but are attending. The Library is doing more RSVPs for that reason.
- The Summer Reading program will kick off mid-June.
- The City Manager will present his budget to the City Council this Friday. At that point, the Director will be able to see where the potential new library building is in the CIP.
- The launch of the Library's updated website has been successful.
- The CPL app is up - CPL Catalog. The new version is coming soon.

5. The CPL Foundation Update

- C. Casco went to the Foundation's April meeting with the Director. The Foundation mostly discussed the Concord Reads program.
- The Foundation discussed the possibility of WKXL recording a piece related to the Concord Reads program. The piece will air on the day of the author event.
- *Unlikely Animals* has been the most popular Concord Reads book since *The Last Policeman*.
- The Foundation is meeting on Tuesday, May 21st, a week after the author event. Trustee C. Clark-Kean will attend.

6. New Business

- New Trustee position discussions. Norm K. for Chair, Charles O. for Vice Chair, Chris C. for Secretary. We will vote in July.

7. Old Business

- A few years ago, the City arborist notified CPL of a few trees that needed to be removed from the property on Prince Street. A maple and a sourwood will be removed, the land graded, and three new sourwoods will be planted.
- The Penacook branch could open in early September. In the fall, perhaps the Trustees will hold a meeting at the new library branch.

8. Next meeting: July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library's Shakespeare Room. There will not be a June meeting.

9. C. Casco motions to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., J. Clemans seconds; All are in favor.