

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

Shakespeare Room

In Attendance: Mat Bose - CPL Assistant Director, Jeremy Clemans, Chris Casco,
Norm Kinsler, Michelle Marino, Charles O'Leary, Ali Sekou
Guest: Fatawa Issah

1. J. Clemans calls the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. Accept minutes of the June 26, 2023 Monthly Meeting - A. Sekou motions to accept, C. O'Leary seconds; All are in favor.
3. Public Comment
 - Fatawa Issah introduced himself. He is a prospective Trustee.
4. Library Director's Report and Monthly Update given by Mat Bose, who is filling in for Todd Fabian.
 - Mat shared the efforts of the City to make the city website and library services' website more accessible and translatable to the community.
 - A Google widget in the bottom right-hand corner of the CPL website allows patrons to select a language (over 100 options). The site language changes to the selected language. The language may not translate to any PDFs on the site.
 - The Microsoft Edge browser has a read-aloud language option that reads PDFs.
 - In the CPL online catalog, the vendor has a built-in language feature. In the top right bar on the site, there is a language option

that translates the menu options on the top of the CPL site changes to the selected language.

- The CPL catalog also has an accessibility mode that makes the catalog compliant with the ADA guidelines.
- The Assistant Director asks the Trustees for any recommendations on how the library can serve community members whose first language is not English.
- Summer statistics: Circulation and museum passes were up. Summer reading numbers are not in yet. It has been very popular.
- The Heights Community Center - circulation was good.
- Penacook usage has not changed. There is a good buzz about the building. The new branch building is estimated to open in the fall of 2024.
- The eBikes were out a lot this summer, even with all the rain in June - National Night Out, Market Days, and the Sunflower Festival, to name a few.
- One eBike trailer is having unexpected maintenance. No issues with the bikes.
- Six to eight staff members are trained to use the eBikes.
- Staffing levels are good – the Library is almost fully staffed. The Library did some recent hiring and moved people up internally. There is one five-hour position that still needs to be filled; however, those hours may go to another staff member if interested.

- There was an intern over the summer. Her term finished in August. She was hired in September for 28 hours a week.
- The next big programming event is Jason Moon, a true crime speaker from NHPR, who is doing a talk on the Bear Brook podcast on September 19th, sponsored by the Foundation.
- Future events: Wings and Wheels, the Multicultural festival, and Halloween Howl.
- Jennifer, the new archivist, is doing very well. She started in June and is getting out into the community (ex., senior living communities) and doing archival conferences.

5. CPL Foundation Update

- The Foundation presented the Yates Award to two recipients this past Saturday in the CPL Children's Room.
- A joint meeting with the Foundation and the CPL Trustees is a possibility next month to discuss what we can do together as advocates for the Library.

6. New Business

- Discussed Trustee positions. We will discuss it at the October meeting.

7. Old Business

- We are still looking for new Trustees.

8. Next meeting October 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

9. C. Casco motions to adjourn at 6:39 pm, N. Kinsler seconds; All are in favor.