



Meeting Minutes: Library Advisory Committee

Date: 3/14/2024 Galaxie Library Apple Valley, MN

Committee Members Present: Kevin Hendricks-District 2, Robin Cerio-District 3, Rien Harms-District 5, Lynette Cargill-District 6, Pat Schoenecker-District 7, Shefali Meagher -Youth at large members.

Staff Present: Margaret Stone-Director, Jennifer Reichert Simpson-Deputy Director, Heather Stephenson-Asst. Director, Kathy Peterson-Admin support, Tyler Williams-Manager Galaxie

Call to Order: Robin called the meeting to order at 5:30. There were no public comments. The Consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Galaxie Library: Tyler introduced himself to the committee and gave presentation on the activities at Galaxie including there were over 200 people signed up for and received tax help, 130 signups for Winter Reads for which Galaxie staff Katie Hawk and Laura Miller created some amazing displays. Right now Galaxie staff is preparing for Summer Discovery and the large increase in circulation and foot traffic that always occur in summer. Tyler reported that Galaxie has seen a 15% increase in gate count-the first to rise above pre-COVID numbers.

Public Conduct Policy: Heather invited committee member to review and comment on the proposed policy saying it had been updating for clarity, usefulness and inclusion. Members commented that the policy seems kind, modern and useful. Heather said that most customers aren't aware of the policy until they called out on an infraction. A simple verbal notification is usually all that is needed.

The policy is not exhaustive and can't really be "enforced" but Margaret said the library is looking into having social workers on staff to help serve customer who may have mental health needs.

Director's Report: Margaret summarized the official opening Kaposia, relaying the diversity of cultures and languages that were represented. She said that NARCAN kits will soon be provided for staff to hand to customers if so requested. Self Service Hours are coming to each branch where registered customers can applied for a second card that gives them limited access to services until 11 PM. National Library Week is April 7-April 14. And the library app is back! The next remodel will be Wentworth and is set for later this Spring.

Updates from Committee Members: Kevin, Lynette and Robin all chimed in with what a "lovely, vibrant grand opening" they experienced at Kaposia.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting will be May 9 at Kaposia.