



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Library Advisory Committee

Date: 01/09/2025
Time: 5:30pm
Minutes prepared by: Chrissy Harrington
Location: Inver Glen Library

Attendance:

- Robin Cerio District 3
- Kari Cahn District 4
- Lynette Cargill District 6
- Patricia Schoenecker District 7
- Shefali Meagher At-Large Youth
- Margaret Stone Director
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson Deputy Director
- Heather Stephenson Assistant Library Director
- Mona Frank Circulation Supervisor Inver Glen Library
- Chrissy Harrington -Sr Library Administration

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Robin Cerio at 5:35pm. There were no public members in attendance during this meeting.

Consent Agenda

- The Consent agenda from November 14th, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

Inver Glen Library: Mona Frank Circulation Supervisor

- Mona gave the 2024 Key Performance Measures for the Inver Glen Library

- 101,406 visits to the library
- 189,184 Checkouts
- 71,441 people attended the programs at Inver Glen Library
- Self-Service Hours has been a welcomed addition to the Library
- 531 patrons have enrolled in the Self-Service Hours
- Inver Glen Library has been awarded both 2024 Gold and Special Recognition for the City of Inver Grove Heights' Sustainable IGH program
- Both the adult and youth programs have successfully seen attendance increase in the of year 2024
- Inver Glen Library will celebrate its 25th Anniversary of being part the Inver Grove Heights community on March 11th 2025 from 2pm-4pm with Commissioner Joe Atkins in attendance

Election of New Officers

- Robin Cerio will stay as the Committee Chair
- Lynette Cargill will stay as the Vice Chair
- This was approved unanimously by the rest of the board

Annual Work Plan

- The Committee unanimously approved the 2025 annual work plan
- Key Performance measures have shown improvement following the pandemic
- Programs throughout all ten libraries are going strong
- Meeting rooms reservations have seen an increase since the Self-Service hours were implemented

Director's Report

- Margaret Stone updated the committee on the Wentworth Library remodel
- The redesign is almost complete
- Wentworth Library will be closed from April 2025 to April 2026 timeline is subject to change as the project is developed
- A temporary location will be set-up in the Northern Service Center for pick up and drop off of materials
- Hours of operation is the following Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm
- No Self-Service hours at the Northern Service Center
- Material Policy selection has change due the new law that went into place in 2024
- The biggest change for the library is the Reconsideration of Materials procedures.

- The first step is the book will get review by the Library Staff Review Committee
- Then if the patron still wants to challenge the book even further then it will go to the Library Advisory Committee for review
- The Wescott Library received a generous donation of \$796,054.01 from the Estate of Elizabeth and Rolad Kolstad
- Wescott Library is reviewing all options on how to honor the memory of Elizabeth and Rolad Kolstad

Updates from Committee Members

- Robin Cerio said that her daughter is loving the study group that she is in at the Galaxie Library and is grateful on how close it is to her school
- Kari Cahn's son has also expressed that it would be nice if seventeen year olds could have there own Self-Service access badge so he could use the library to study

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 6:43pm

Adjournment/Next Meeting

Date: March 13th 2025

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Pleasant Hill Library Hastings