



Library Board Minutes March 04, 2025

Chairperson:	Alexandria Bennett
Vice-Chairperson:	Lori Pelkey
Board Members:	Madison Stepherson and Vacancy
Board Members Absent:	Danielle Pedersen
Staff Members:	City Recorder Lori Ross Librarian Amanda Pelkey
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Chairperson Bennett at the hour of 5:32pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: None present.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 7, 2025 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: No comments or concerns.

- Pelkey **motioned to approve the January 7, 2025 Library Board Minutes and was seconded by Stepherson. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Pelkey, Stepherson and Bennett. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF FILLING A LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY: Bennett introduced applicant Pat Rufo. Rufo reviewed her application and added that she believes the Library is a core piece of the community that reaches all ages. She would like to be able to offer her support and bring new programs if needed.

- Pelkey asked if she has attended any programs in the past. Rufo replied that she did assist with the technology literacy class.
 - Stepherson **motioned to recommend to the City Council that they appoint Pat Rufo to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2025 and was seconded by Pelkey.**
 - Pelkey asked about the term ending date of June 30, 2025. Ross informed the board this was the ending date of for the open term. She will need to run again before the end of the fiscal year.
 - **The motion then passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Stepherson, Pelkey and Bennett. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

STAFF REPORT: M. Pelkey informed the Board attendance for all programs is down which she attributes to sickness.

Crafting Club: A few times with low attendance and other times with 6-8 participants. Bennett thinks it will be pick up in the springtime with the time change. Bennett also asked about having a theme. L. Pelkey stated the club prefers not to.

Teen Book Club: Currently suspended.

Story Time: Less attendance than usual. Pelkey commented that she hears good things about the program. M. Pelkey to begin using the early literacy toys again soon. Rufo asked about the early literacy grant and if it was continual. M. Pelkey replied it was a one time grant.

Baby Story Time: Consistent attendance.

Lego Club: Steady, but small numbers. M. Pelkey asked about orientation for Jakob. Ross informed Pelkey he still needs to submit his volunteer application.

Grief Support: Bennett has no update, but she will follow up. M. Pelkey stated that Cheryl Spangler did pick up the attendance sheets. The location of the event is not clear. M. Pelkey did add that Cheryl Ressler has moved and is no longer volunteering for the program.

Cooking Class: No information. The date still needs to be decided.

Summer Reading Program: M. Pelkey asked for all Board Members to assist with the Carnival scheduled for August 8th from 10am to 1pm held at BN Park.

- Bennett asked if you need to be an approved volunteer for an event like this. Ross to research and get back to Pelkey. Rufo thought you couldn't have one on one contact with a child if they're not an approved volunteer.
- M. Pelkey would like to have a volunteer for each station. Stations from last year included a cotton candy machine, slushy machine, ring toss, three legged race and prizes.
- Ross suggested reaching out to some local programs for volunteers. Stepherson suggested reaching out to Harrisburg Christian Church. Bennett suggested reaching out to The Guild and thinks we need to find ways to get The Guild more involved.

Others:

- M. Pelkey referred to **Addendum 1**; Bingo cards for the Barnes and Noble Gift Cards which are part of the Summer Reading Program.
- Bennett asked about holding a dance this year. M. Pelkey replied they have decided not to hold one.
- The Summer Reading Program kicks off June 13th where they will hand out the Bingo cards in backpacks.
- Bennett informed the new Board Members that the Library can have a float in the 4th of July Parade. A driver and a trailer would be needed. Discuss details at the next meeting scheduled for May 6th.

With no further business, the Library Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 6pm.

Level Up at Your Library

Harrisburg Library Summer Reading Log

Get 2 Bingos win a \$5 Barnes and Nobles gift certificate. Up to 2 gift certificates per patron.



Read a Bird Book	Read a Cat Book	Read a Dog Book	Read a Space Book	Read a Fairy Book
Read a Car Book	Visit the library	Talk to a Librarian	Come to a library Program	Read a Non-fiction Book
Visit the library	Read a kindness Book	Free space	Read a Non-fiction Book	Read a Ocean Book
Read a Non-fiction Book	Talk to a Librarian	Come to a library Program	Read a Scary Book	Visit the library
Come to a library Program	Read a Non-fiction Book	Read a Beach Book	Read a Camping Book	Come to a library Program