

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 23, 2025

A Library Advisory Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM at
Library - Flex Space, 240 W. 13 Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER

at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Hill.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Becky Hill
Vice Chair Jennifer Nagle
Council Representative Alternate Bill Mier
Kristina Mentzer
Regina Juska-Svoba
Jeffrey Scott
Staff Liaison & Library Director Vanessa Verdun-Morris

ABSENT

Council Representative David Soltis
Toya Aaron
Amanda May
Student Representative Zebe Pritchett
City Manager Melissa Marsh

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes from January 22, 2025, meeting.**

Motion made by Vice Chair Nagle, Seconded by Mentzer. Approved unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public present.

REPORTS

2. Friends of the Library Report

Mentzer reported the next book sale is on May 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and features beach reads. The next meeting is tomorrow and will focus on outreach events they want to attend.

3. Library Director's Report

Verdun-Morris reported a sound study was completed with sound masking recommended for the quiet study area.

In March, the President issued an executive order reducing the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) to its statutory functions. The funds from IMLS in Michigan are primarily spent at the state level for services like MelCat interlibrary loan delivery and databases, including practice tests, automotive repair, and more. Loss of these services would affect our library, but a financial impact isn't yet determined.

The first local author fair had around 50 attendees. Currently, the Exhibit Room has an exhibit called "For the Love of Reading" featuring letters to the children of Madison Heights.

WORK PLAN REVIEW

4. Work Plan Review 2025

Scott reported the policy subcommittee met and went over the recommended policy.

Motion to replace Mentzer with Juska-Svoba on the Policy subcommittee.

Motion made by Mentzer, Seconded by Scott. Approved unanimously.

Mentzer reported the tween subcommittee met. The next Zine date is May 21 at 6 p.m. and future programs are scheduled for September and December.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Motion to recommend combining the existing "Safe Child Policy" and "Unattended Children and Disruptive Behavior Policy" into updated "Safe Child Policy" with the inclusion of Human Relations & Equity Committee suggestions on removing time limits and making it clearer that parents are contacted before police.

Motion made by Council Representative Alternate Mier, Seconded by Mentzer.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Policy Review and Updates - Create Flex Space Meeting Room policy.

Verdun-Morris requested that the policy committee consider creation of a Flex Space Meeting Room Policy next.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentzer asked about student representatives and service on the library board.

Verdun-Morris requested the board help with recruiting students, and noted the board can have up to three student representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Hill.