WEST FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting February 13, 2025
5 p.m. via Zoom (YouTube recording)

Board Members Present: Larry Schwartz, Tony Stukel, Alanna Rerick, Liann Hanson, Commissioner Roben Anderson
Board Member Absent: No board members were absent
Also Present: Library Director Jenna Kahly

I. Call to Order
Schwartz called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

II. Order of the Agenda
Stukel moved and Hanson seconded to approve the order of the agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment
No members of the public signed up for public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda
Commissioner Anderson moved and Rerick seconded to approve the consent agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2025
- Approval of Financial Reports

Regular Agenda

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

V. Overview of Proposed Legislation
Kahly provided an update on bills that are being proposed in the current Legislative session and their potential impacts on public libraries.

VI. Director's Report
Kahly presented the Director's report. Highlights included:

- Finances were 11% expended through January.
- The satellite library has furniture and shelves in place. Materials will be brought into space soon. March 18 is the anticipated opening date.
- Physical item circulation slowed down in January. However, electronic items are higher than last January. Total circulation is down slightly from last year.
- Door count is up from 2022 and 2023.
- 266 patrons signed up for library cards in January.
- Outreach services circulated 295 items in January with stops at Rustad Recreation Center, the new West Fargo City Hall as well as 7 daycares and 4 senior homes.
- There were over 700 program attendees in January. Attendance to programs include Art Supply Grab & Go, Monday Matinees, Storytimes and Saturday STEM. Commissioner Roben Anderson participated in How to Run for Office program.

- West Fargo Public Library is collaborating with Fargo Public Library and Lake Agassiz Regional Library in promoting libraries around the area.
- Giving Hearts Day is February 13. Marvin will match donations given to the Friends of the Library.
- The library applied for funding through the National Digital Inclusion Alliance as a subgrantee. The grant has been paused awaiting further evaluation, as directed by the executive order that has been put in place. We anticipate having more information about whether or not this is moving forward in March.

The March 13th meeting has been cancelled due to Library Director Kahly being on vacation. Hanson made a motion to cancel March's board meeting, Schwartz seconded. No opposition. Motion carried.

VII. Adjourn

Stukel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded. No opposition. Motion carried at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting is April 10, 2025.