
DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 20, 2024

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Danielle Gabor at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Cheryl Bannon, Danielle Gabor, Jamie Hollon, Gabe McKeever, Dustin Sharp, Susan Swaney and Susan Topping were present. Eric Gustafson, Library Director, Debbie Thomas, Assistant Library Director, Hannah Adamson, Youth Services Coordinator and Tami English, Office Manager also attended. Mark Staats was absent.

Public Forum: None

Approval of Agenda: Cheryl Bannon moved to approve the agenda as written. Motion seconded by Gabe McKeever. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2024 meeting: Dustin Sharp moved to approve the minutes as written. Cheryl Bannon seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Correspondence and Communications: None.

Financial Reports: Eric Gustafson presented the October financial report, highlighting a continued decline in DVD availability as the market shifts towards eContent.

Gabe McKeever moved to approve September's financial report. Dustin Sharp seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Director Report:

Ebsco database usage increased significantly this month, likely due to increased research activity.

Derby Library staff made a significant contribution to the recent Kansas Library Association Conference, presenting 8 sessions, approximately 10% of the total presentations.

A successful literacy night was held at the library, organized by Hannah Adamson from the library and the Derby Schools Special Services Parent Advisory Committee. Over 80 community members attended, engaging with three authors and three therapy dogs.

Friends of the Derby Library donated books to give to preschoolers during Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week November 18-22 at the library.

Digital room signage project is nearing completion. Equipment installation will complete by year's end.

Derby Derm, El Paso Animal Hospital and Security First have each donated \$500 to be sponsors of the upcoming Christmas in the Park. The event is December 14 at Madison Avenue Central Park. We are actively looking for volunteers for the event.

Committee/Special Reports:

Arts Council:

- Gathering Space Gallery: We have a new art installation by the Derby Photo Club. The show features 17 artists, most living in Derby and will run through January 5.
- We had a double art reception honoring Derby Photographers from the Photo Club and David Birmingham. Two musicians played live for our guests.
- The lobby display case features John and Vanessa Calls lifetime collecting Dickens Village, A Christmas Story. December's Zoom magazine will feature the display.
- A new art show is coming to the High Wall Gallery in December. Barbara Haynes will share her mixed media artworks.

Unfinished Business:

- Outdoor Area – The site and electrical have received final approval. Next steps – out to bid.

New Business:

1. 2025 Holidays and Board Meeting Dates: Discussion. Dates approved per policy manual.

Adjournment:

Cheryl Bannon moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Topping seconded. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m

Danielle Gabor, Chair

Susan Topping, Vice Chair