

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 29, 2009

ORDER The meeting was called to order by Chair Neal Leathers

ROLL CALL Members present were: Beth Antonopulos, Brenda Jackson, Neal Leathers, Christine Prescott and Honore Bray. Excused were Margaret Wafstet and Rita Henkel

CITIZENS COMMENTS
None

MINUTES Minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting were approved. A motion was made by Brenda Jackson, the motion carried.

CLAIMS Christine Prescott made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried

STATISTICS No comments

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Packet

Honore added that Playaways will soon be added to the collection. The Foundation has given \$1500 and the Friends \$1000 to start a collection. These items will be great for all patrons but we are very excited to offer this service to the Senior Citizens and young Children as an alternative to downloadable audio. Each device contains one book and patrons will need to supply their own headphones. Batteries will be supplied in the devices before they circulate.

The bookdrops will be powder coated soon. The cost is \$650 each including pickup, sandblasting, powder coating and delivery. The bookdrop at Barnes and Noble will not be repainted at this time but the one at Kmart will. Friends will pay for painting two bookdrops.

OLD BUSINESS

DVD Exchanger – Cataloging is taking place and the machine will be operational in a couple weeks.

Water Rights – We have been granted the variance for the Water Rights with the stipulation of a flow meter being installed on the system. Johnson Controls will be completing this work in the near future. Robert will need to report the readings of the meter to the DNRC yearly.

Sign for Swan Valley Branch – Steve Niday the county surveyor that completed drawings for the Swan area has sent a drawing so the Library Board can determine where they would like a sign. The drawing is attached. The decision is a wooden sign by the building facing the highway would be a good thing to have and could be made locally but the desired signage would be a half mile from the library on each end of the community so people know there is a library in the vicinity. This is a process that will need to be granted through the State Highway Department. During this process we will seek permission for a sign at the Frontage Road in Frenchtown.

Clinton Branch possibilities – Honore has not had time to attend a meeting at this time but she is working on some ideas to present.

Policies - Unattended Adult Policy in Children's department will be removed from the policy because it is discriminatory. Beth Antonopulos made a motion to strike the language "Unattended Adults in the Children's Department – Adult patrons in the YA or children's department who are not accompanying children may be asked to move to the adult area of the library if they have no legitimate purpose for being there." Motion passed with one descending vote from Christine Prescott.

Library staff in all departments will rove the library with the intent of helping patrons find the services they need. Parents are responsible for what their children are doing in the library.

Age limit for Child without Parents will continue at the next meeting.

Telephone Service for Overdue notices – North Valley Public Library has started using an automated system for notices if the user record has a phone number. This would cut the cost of the notices we now send. The cost for the service is .07/call. Elizabeth will be looking into this.

Homebound – The home delivery module is getting closer to happening. Claire Morton worked on this for the library from Alaska and passed her finding on to us. Now the Circulation Department and Honore are working out the bugs so we can begin to try the system. A patron will need to have a cash account established with the library in order to have materials delivered to their homes.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Loan Periods – The Missoula Public Library Loan Periods will change to coincide with the Montana Shared Catalog suggestions.

Beth Antonopulos made the motion that MPL will abide by the Partner Agreement when choosing policies for the circulation system. The following are the possibilities that may be chosen from. Partner libraries will make the decisions based on the following.

Loan periods – 24 hours, 7 days, 14 days and 28 days

Fine amounts – no fine, .10 per day, .25 per day or \$1.00 per day

Renewal limit- unlimited, 2 renewals or none

Grace period – none

Max fine - \$5 or \$10

Max items – 2, 5, 10, or unlimited.

Motion carried

Other New Business –

NEXT MEETING - November 18, 2009

ADJOURNMENT 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Honore D. Bray, Director Date

Board representative: _____
Neal Leathers, Chairman Date