STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

TIME: 6:30 P.M.



LOCATION: Stoughton Public Library – Carnegie Meeting Room, 304 S. Fourth St. in downtown Stoughton **PLEASE NOTE** This is a hybrid meeting with a virtual option via Zoom. Access with a computer via Zoom Meetings - https://us02web.zoom.us/i/6269031450?omn=83486101573. Members of the public may also attend using dial-in number (301) 715-8592, access code 626 903 1450.

- I. Call to Order by President Lora Klitzke
- II. Review of Agenda & Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
- III. Consent Agenda *
 - A. Review/Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2024 (enclosure)
 - B. Review/Approval of Fund 215, Fund 217, and Stoughton Area Community Foundation account statements for September 2024 (enclosures)
 - C. Review/Approval of Fund 215 & Fund 217 Bills for October 2024 (enclosures)
- IV. Friends of the Library Report
- V. Recognition Opportunities
- VI. Public Comment Period
- VII. Review/Discussion of Correspondence
- VIII. Education Updates
- IX. Board In-service: Trustee Essential #9: Managing the Library's Money (enclosure)
- X. Director's Report
 - A. Statistics for September 2024 (enclosure)
 - B. Administration report (enclosure)
- XI. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance: met 9/24/24 (enclosure)
 - B. Personnel: should meet before end of year for Director evaluation
 - C. Planning: will meet in November
 - D. Policies: did not meet
- XII. Old Business
 - A. NONE
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Welcome to our new trustee: Katie Roberts

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 Library Operating Budget * (enclosure) (Finance Committee recommended approval 3-0 on 09/24/24)
- C. Approval of Memorandum of Mutual Accountability for Beyond the Page and the Ripple Project * (enclosure)

XIV. Pending Agenda Items

- A. Discussion of library closure on federal holidays not currently designated as paid holidays by the City of Stoughton: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day. (Planning Committee will discuss at next meeting)
- B. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress towards the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year
- C. Discussion of additional funding sources for library programming and operations

XV. Adjournment *

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 20, 2024

An * indicates an action item.

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STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ken Axe
Lora Klitzke, President
Teri LeSage
Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative
Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Vice President
Erin Meinholz
Trista Richards
Katie Roberts
Mande Shecterle
Siri Vienneau, Student Representative

Finance: LeSage, Meilahn Bartlett, Meinholz

Personnel: Axe, Klitzke, Richards, Shecterle

Planning: LeSage, Ligocki, Meilahn Bartlett,

Vienneau

Policies: Axe, Klitzke, Meinholz, Roberts

cc: Mayor Tim Swadley, City Attorney, City Council Members, Department Heads, City Hall Receptionist, Library Staff, Stoughton Newspaper

Agenda Notes: Library Board meeting of October 16, 2024



XIII. New Business

- A. Welcome to our new trustee: Katie Roberts We will officially welcome our newest trustee, Katie Roberts, who was appointed by Mayor Swadley at the City Council meeting on August 27. Katie replaces Dayna Verstegen and will be finishing out her three year term, which runs 2024 2027. President Klitzke will likely move this item to the top of the agenda after the meeting is called to order.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 Library Operating Budget * (enclosure) I will present the 2025 library operating budget. The budget includes a 3% cost of living adjustment for library staff (identical to the adjustment for all City staff, union and non-union). Our only personnel request, for a new 22 hr/week Adult Services Library Assistant, was not included in the mayor's budget. Overall, the 2024 budget is a 1.3% increase over 2023, from \$1,048,778 to \$1,062,629. The Board's Finance Committee recommended approval at their meeting on September 24.
- C. Approval of Memorandum of Mutual Accountability for Beyond the Page and the Ripple Project * (enclosure) This memorandum was drafted by Dane County Library Service (DCLS) to serve as a guiding document for Dane county libraries' participation in the Ripple Project, DCLS's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative. The document commits the library to participating in the Regional Equity Teams and joining in county-wide humanities programming with an equity focus.

XIV. Pending Agenda Items

A. Discussion of library closure on federal holidays not currently designated as paid holidays by the City of Stoughton: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day – This item was added to pending agenda items at the request of the Board at the meeting on September 20, 2023. The Board would like to discuss this further at a future date. Per our discussion at last month's Board meeting, the Planning Committee will discuss this item at their next meeting.

- B. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress towards the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year This item was added to pending agenda items at the request of President LeSage at the Board meeting on January 17, 2024, as a reminder to the standing committees throughout the year regarding their 2024 Board Goals.
- C. Discussion of additional funding sources for library programming and operations – This item was added to pending agenda items at the request of Jean Ligocki at the Board meeting on May 15, 2024.

^{*} indicates a potential action item

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, @ 6:30 P.M. HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM & VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Lora Klitzke, President; Teri Le Sage (virtual); Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Vice-President (virtual); Erin Meinholz; Trista Richards; Mande Shecterle, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee ABSENT: Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative; Katie Roberts ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Bosky, Adult Services Librarian

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:32 P.M. by President Lora Klitzke
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW. Klitzke moved up item XIII.A.
- III. WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEE: MANDE SHECTERLE. The Board welcomed Shecterle and everyone introduced themselves.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion to approve: Meinholz. Second: Richards. Vote: 6-0.
- V. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT. n/a
- VI. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. n/a
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. n/a
- VIII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared an email requesting donations of books.

[Axe arrived at 6:38 p.m.]

- IX. EDUCATION UPDATES. n/a
- X. BOARD IN-SERVICE: TRUSTEE ESSENTIAL #22: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND INQUIRY. Ramsey presented and mentioned that National Banned Books Week is September 22 to 28.
- XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. In addition to his written report, Ramsey reported that he has seen the draft of the Mayor's proposed budget for 2025. The Finance Department has discovered that the Library has been over budgeted for substitutes and shelvers. It is unlikely that the Library's Adult Services position request will be filled. Construction on the Library's block of Fourth Street is scheduled to begin next week and will continue through October. The Library will be offering incentives to patrons to visit during construction.
- XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Finance: did not meet
 - B. Personnel: did not meet.
 - C. Planning: did not meet
 - D. Policies: Items D., E., and F. under New Business
- XIII. OLD BUSINESS. n/a
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Approval of resolution regarding exemption from the county library tax. Motion to recommend that the City Council approve this resolution: Axe Second: Richards Vote: 7-0.
- B. Approval of 2025 closed dates. *Motion to approve*: Richards *Second*: Meinholz *Vote*: 7-0. There was some discussion of the four federal holidays on which the Library is open: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day. The Board can choose to close the Library on those days, but they cannot make them paid holidays for staff unless the City agrees. Meilahn Bartlett suggested that the Planning and Personnel Committees investigate the matter further.
- C. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of Outdoor Meeting Space Policy.</u> *Motion to accept the policy as presented:* Meinholz Second: Axe Vote: 7-0.

Motion to consider items D., E., and F. as a block: Meilahn Bartlett Second: Axe Vote: 7-0.

- D. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to Special Gift Fund</u> Policy.
- E. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to Gift, Donation, and Bequest Policy.</u>
- F. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to Records Retention Policy.</u>

Motion to approve items D., E., and F. Richards Second: Meinholz Vote: 7-0.

XV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. <u>Discussion of library closures on federal holidays not currently designated as paid holidays by the City of Stoughton: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day.</u>
- B. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress toward the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year.
- C. Discussion of additional funding sources for library programming and operations.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.*: Richards *Second*: Meilahn Bartlett *Vote*: 7-0.

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette.

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215-55110-50326	PERIODICALS	5,400.00	3,378.43	00.00	2,021.57	62.56
215-55110-50327	E-RESOURCES	18,000.00	16,867.04	00.00	1,132.96	93.71
215-55110-50328	AUDIO VISUAL	00.000,6	5,730.12	631.61	3,269.88	63.67
215-55110-50329	BOOKS	52,000.00	38,729.32	5,315.75	13,270.68	74.48
215-55110-50340	WORK SUPPLIES - OPER EXP	3,000.00	1,993.38	00°0	1,006.62	66.45
215-55110-50341	OPERATING EXPENSES-SPECIALIZED-1	50.00	9.16	0.00	40.84	18.32
215-55110-50342	OPERATING EXPENSES-SPECIALIZED-2	00.000.9	4,713.54	377.53	1,286.46	78.56
215-55110-50350	BLDG REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	0	285.86	1,513.80	84.86
215-55110-50408	EMPLOYMENT TESTING	00.00	28.00	28.00	(28.00)	100.00
215-55110-50409	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (NONCAPITAL)	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00
215-55110-50444	NON-COLLECTION DAMAGE CHARGES	700.00	1,018.52	89.94	(318.52)	145.50
215-55110-50810	CAPITAL-EQUIPMENT	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00
215-55110-50820	CAPITAL- COMPUTERS	00.00	00.0	00.00	00.0	00.00
215-55110-50900	CONTINGENCY	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00
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Fund 215 LIBRARY FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance	
*** Assets ***			
215-00000-11100 215-00000-11102 215-00000-12550	PRIMARY CHECKING US BANK - CC PREPAID EXPENSES	356,107.28 9,094.91 833.39	
Total A	ssets	366,035.58	
*** Liabilitie	s ***		
215-00000-21100 215-00000-21700 215-00000-26600	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCRUED PAYROLL DEF INFLOW - PROPERTY TAXES	737.58 25,223.44 185,396.25	
Total L	iabilities	211,357.27	
*** Fund Balan	Ce ***		
215-00000-39501 215-00000-39600 215-00000-39900	NONSPENDABLE - PREPAID ASSETS FUND BALANCE RESTRICTED FUND BAL UNASSIGNED (DEFICIT)	4,332.00 49,379.09 (4,332.00)	
Total F	'und Balance	49,379.09	
Beginni	ng Fund Balance	49,379.09	
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TOTAL REVENUES	51,000.00	94,710.90	2,078.15	(43,710.90)	185.71
Expenditures Dept 55100 - COMMUNITY COMMITMENT 217-55100-50499 DEPT DEFICIT	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.0	0.00
Total Dept 55100 - COMMUNITY COMMITMENT	00.0	00.0	0.00	0.00	00.00
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Total Dept 55110 - LIBRARY	51,000.00	41,953.66	3,989.62	9,046.34	82.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	51,000.00	41,953.66	3,989.62	9,046.34	82.26
Fund 217 - LIBRARY SPECIAL GIFT FUND: TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENDITURES	51,000.00 51,000.00	94,710.90 41,953.66	2,078.15	(43,710,90)	185.71 82.26
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	52,757.24	(1,911.47)	(52,757.24)	100.00
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	1,099,778.00	966,878.50 808,822.04 158,056.46	65,239.90 78,850.01 (13,610.11)	132,899.50 290,955.96 (158,056.46)	87.92 73.54 100.00

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Fund 217 LIBRARY SPECIAL GIFT FUND

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*** Asset	S ***		
217-00000-11100 217-00000-11102 217-00000-11302		33,028.40 1,342.73 347,132.86	
То	otal Assets	381,503.99	
*** Liabi	lities ***		
Total Liabilities		0.00	
*** Fund Balance ***			
217-00000-39600 FUND BALANCE RESTRICTED		328,746.75	
Total Fund Balance		328,746.75	
Ве	eginning Fund Balance	328,746.75	
En	et of Revenues VS Expenditures ding Fund Balance otal Liabilities And Fund Balance	52,757.24 381,503.99 381,503.99	

Account Holder(s) Stoughton Area Comm Foundation **Account Number** 536-14515-1-0 **Financial Advisor** Jessica L. Knutson, 608-873-7131 400 W Main St, Stoughton, WI 53589

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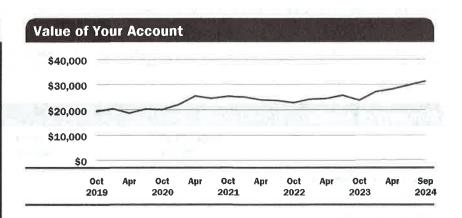
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Portfolio Objective - Account: Balanced Toward Growth

Account Value	
\$31,161.96	
1 Month Ago	\$30,686.41
1 Year Ago	\$24,517.56
3 Years Ago	\$24,776.95
5 Years Ago	\$19,250.45



	This Period	This Year
Beginning Value	\$30,686.41	\$26,981.84
Assets Added to Account	0.00	0.00
Assets Withdrawn from Account	0.00	0.00
Fees and Charges	0.00	0.00
Change in Value	475.55	4,180.1

For more information regarding the Value Summary section, please visit www.edwardjones.com/mystatementguide.

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Your Personal Rate of Return for	This Quarter	Year to Date	Last 12 Months	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
Assets Held at Edward Jones	6.39%	18.93%	31.16%	8.97%	10.60%

2024 EXPENDITURES: FUND 215 OCTOBER

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VOTE:	

Inv. Date	Payment	Line Item	Vendor	Description	Aı	nount
09/30/24	10/16/24	50211	Baker & Taylor	fuel surcharge	\$	34.71
09/30/24	10/16/24	50211	Baker & Taylor	fuel surcharge	\$	7.66
10/03/24	10/16/24	50211	Ingram	fuel surcharge	\$	42.00
10/04/24	10/16/24	50221	Alliant Energy	AE 100424	\$	107.66
09/24/24	SB prepaid CC	50240	Amazon	AZ 092424 240	\$	35.10
09/17/24	10/16/24	50240	Gordon Flesch	GF091724copier2	\$	119.67
10/03/24	10/16/24	50240	Gordon Flesch	GF100324copier1	\$	145.26
09/19/24	10/16/24	50289	SCLS	SCLS 091924	\$	83.36
09/28/24	JR prepaid CC	50289	Donor Tools	DT 092824 TECH	\$	39.00
09/18/24	10/16/24	50300	SCLS	SCLS 091824	\$	35.95
09/27/24	SB prepaid CC	50313	Amazon	AZ 092424 CC	\$	58.35
10/01/24	SB prepaid CC	50313	Amazon	AZ 092424 CC	\$	21.78
09/02/24	JR prepaid CC	50326	WI State Journal	WiSJ 090224 per	\$	1,144.00
09/15/24	AB prepaid CC	50326	New York Times	NYT 091524 326	\$	56.00
09/24/24	SB prepaid CC	50328	Amazon	AZ 072924 JDVD	\$	39.92
09/24/24	10/16/24	50328	Playaway	FA091124ABCD	\$	131.98
09/30/24	10/16/24	50328	Baker & Taylor	BT 082824 ADVD	\$	74.15
10/03/24	10/16/24	50328	Ingram	AD/TE materials	\$	159.45
09/17/24	10/16/24	50329	J. Appleseed	JA 090624 TN	\$	500.00
09/27/24	10/16/24	50329	DCLS	DCL 092724 AN	\$	61.50
09/30/24	10/16/24	50329	Baker & Taylor	AD/TE materials	\$	1,156.90
10/03/24	10/16/24	50329	Ingram	CH materials	\$	1,589.57
10/03/24	10/16/24	50329	Ingram	AD/TE materials	\$	940.70
10/09/24	10/16/24	50329	Cengage	AD/TE materials	\$	73.64
09/07/24	SB prepaid CC	50340	Amazon	AZ 090424 OS	\$	206.69
09/16/24	SB prepaid CC	50340	Walmart	WM 091624 OS	\$	33.04
09/22/24	SB prepaid CC	50340	Amazon	AZ 092024 OS	\$	11.91
09/18/24	JR prepaid CC	50341	Asleson's	ASL 091824 key	\$	15.57
09/13/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Amazon	AZ 091124 LS	\$	139.35
09/24/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Amazon	AZ 092324 LS	\$	33.64
09/26/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Amazon	AZ 092624 LS	\$	24.70
09/26/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Amazon	AZ 092624 LS	\$	18.59
09/28/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Amazon	AZ 092524 LS	\$	60.16
09/30/24	10/16/24	50342	Baker & Taylor	processing	\$	51.81
09/30/24	10/16/24	50342	Baker & Taylor	processing	\$	14.08
10/02/24	SB prepaid CC	50342	Kapco	KC 100224 LS	\$	130.40
10/03/24	10/16/24	50342	Ingram	processing	\$	98.01

08/01/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Schumacher	SCH 080124 elev	\$ 1,543.43
08/08/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Peterson Pest Mgmt	PPM 080824	\$ 40.00
08/08/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Schumacher	SCH 080824 elev	\$ 156.88
08/09/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Amazon	AZ 080924 fan	\$ 70.79
08/09/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Stoughton Lumber	SLC 080924	\$ 11.18
08/22/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Harker	HHC 082224	\$ 125.00
08/23/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Amazon	AZ082324batteries	\$ 138.60
09/12/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Peterson Pest Mgmt	PPM 091224	\$ 40.00
09/25/24	10/16/24	50350	Duck Soup Signs	DSS 092524	\$ 200.00
09/26/24	CITY prepaid	50350	Global Water Tech	GWT092624boiler	\$ 245.86
10/02/24	10/16/24	50350	Jefferson Fire & Safety	JFS 100224	\$ 66.00
09/23/24	10/16/24	50444	Fitchburg PL	FCH 092324	\$ 28.00
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10/02/24	10/16/24	50444	Madison PL	MAD 100224	\$ 29.99
09/08/24	SB prepaid CC	50810	Amazon	AZ 090524 comp	\$ 17.98
09/10/24	SB prepaid CC	50810	Amazon	AZ 090924 comp	\$ 5.89
09/10/24	SB prepaid CC	50810	Amazon	AZ 090924 comp	\$ 48.40
10/02/24	SB prepaid CC	50870	Amazon	AZ 100224 EJEF	\$ 19.29

2024 EXPENDITURES: FUND 217 OCTOBER

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10/16/24	Walmart	WM 100124 SUN	Sunday	program	↔	40.14			
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10/03/24	10/16/24	Ingram	AD/TE materials	Bryant	books	⇔	100.00	
10/03/24	10/16/24	Ingram	CH materials	Misc	books	↔	44.79	
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Managing the Library's Money

The library board has ultimate responsibility for all aspects of library financial management—from budgeting to spending to financial reporting. Your community will be much more willing to provide the resources necessary for high-quality library service when they know library finances are carefully controlled and monitored.

The board controls and monitors library finances by:

- Careful development and approval of the budget (see *Trustee Essential #8: Developing the Library Budget*).
- Review and approval of all library expenditures.
- Review and monitoring of monthly financial statements.
- Development of policies for the handling of gifts and donations.
- Accurate financial reporting.
- Careful attention to financial audits.

Approval of Library Expenditures

Wisconsin Statutes give the library board exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund. The board exercises this control through the approval of the budget, the establishment of financial policies, and the audit and approval of vouchers for all library expenditures.

Basic library financial procedures are as follows:

- 1. The library board approves the annual budget and any budget adjustments necessary during the year. (See *Trustee Essential #8: Developing the Library Budget.*)
- 2. The library director is delegated authority to make purchases within the budget and according to board-approved purchasing policies.
- 3. The library director is responsible for preparing vouchers for all expenditures, a monthly list of all library expenditures, and a monthly financial statement.
- 4. At the monthly board meeting, the library board audits and approves payment of the expenditures, and reviews and approves the financial statement.
- 5. The board secretary, or other designee of the board, signs the vouchers and they are forwarded to the municipal clerk for payment.

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In This Trustee Essential

- Responsibilities for library expenditures
- Responsibilities for library financial health and financial reporting
- Options for proper handling of gifts and donations

6. Expenditures approved by the board for payment out of any library-held trust/gift fund accounts are made by the board treasurer or other designee of the board. It is recommended that board policy or bylaws require two signatures (one being the board treasurer or president) for any payment or withdrawal out of a library-held account.

Financial Statements

To facilitate the board's monitoring of library finances, the director should present financial statements that the library board and the general public can understand. The library director should provide monthly financial reports that include:

- Last month and year-to-date expenditures for each line item
- Total income and expenditures last month and year-to-date
- Budget balances for each line item and the total budget

To oversee the finances adequately, the board should study financial statements carefully, ask questions, and be sure that they understand any unexpected or unusual expenditures or budget developments.

Gifts and Donations

Library boards may deposit gift, bequest, devise, and endowment funds in a savings or checking account held by the library. However, all other library income, including fines and fees, must be deposited with the municipality.

Wisconsin library law provides that library boards have exclusive *control* of all funds collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund; however, library boards have the legal authority to maintain *custody* of only gift, bequest, devise, and endowment funds. Expenditures of funds held by the municipality for library purposes are made as approved by the library board, with actual disbursements made by the municipal treasurer.

Wisconsin Statutes Section 43.58 (7) provides five alternatives for the handling of a gift, bequest, devise, or endowment provided to the library. Before making such transfers, library boards should be careful to consider any special provisions of the original gifts, bequests, or endowments. As with other transfers and deposits, the library board retains control of these funds.

- 1. The library board may pay or transfer the gift, bequest, or endowment, or its proceeds to the treasurer of the municipality or county in which the library is situated.
- 2. The library board may deposit the gift, bequest, or endowment to a public depository under Chapter 34 (a bank, credit union or savings and loan in Wisconsin, or the Local Government Investment Pool).
- 3. The library board may transfer the gift, bequest, or endowment to a charitable organization, described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal

Revenue Code and exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- 4. The library board may instruct the board's financial secretary to invest the gift funds as permitted under Section 112.10. A financial secretary must be bonded for at least the value of the funds or property held. The financial secretary must also make at least annual reports to the library board showing in detail the amount, investment, income and disbursements from any funds held. This report must also be attached to the annual report provided to the municipality and the Division for Libraries and Technology.
- 5 The library board may pay or transfer the gift bequest, or endowment to a charitable organization or to a community foundation only if the library board and the charitable organization or the community foundation agree, in writing and at the time of the payment or transfer of the gift, bequest, or endowment, to the conditions outlined in the Statutes [s. 43.58 (7) (3)].

For any funds in library custody, it is important that a library adopt policies for financial practices and controls that meet municipal audit requirements. For example, library board policy should require two signatures for any payment or withdrawal out of a library-held account. Libraries holding substantial funds should have an investment policy approved by the library board. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has some guidelines for development of an investment policy at: tinyurl.com/55uszs.

Annual Report

The library board is responsible for approving the state-required annual report and providing a copy to the library system, the DLT, and to the governing municipality. The library director prepares this report, but it is the library board's responsibility to ensure that the report is accurate and complete. It must show all library income by source and all expenditures in detail, as well as the status of all funds under library board control. Instructions and forms for the annual report are available at: pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld_annrpt. A Sample Trust/Gift Fund Report is attached.

Audit

In most communities, public library financial records should be audited along with all other records maintained by the municipality or county that serves as the library's fiscal agent. Funds controlled directly by the library board, such as gift funds or endowments, should be audited annually by the municipality, the county, or an outside auditor. If your municipality does not audit your library's financial records, you may want to ask that they do so, or you may budget for an outside auditor to conduct an annual audit. Municipal and library audits are public records and must be publicly available. The library board should examine audit reports and carefully follow any audit recommendations.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Why is careful control and monitoring of library expenditures important?
- 2. What should a library board member do if he/she doesn't understand part of the financial statement or doesn't know the purpose of a particular expenditure?
- 3. What can your library board do if your library has a large unexpected expenditure—for example, if the air conditioning unit fails and needs to be replaced immediately?

Sources of Additional Information

- Sample Trust/Gift Fund Report (attached)
- Your library system staff (See Trustee Tool B: Library System Map and Contact Information.)
- Division for Libraries and Technology staff (See *Trustee Tool C: Division for Libraries and Technology Contact Information.*)

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Sample Library Trust / Gift Fund Report

Note: A public library may maintain custody of gifts, donations, bequests, devises, or endowments. (See *Trustee Essential #9* for details.) The library's annual report must show the amount and investment of and income and disbursements from any funds under library board control, including transfers to foundations.

Date		1-Jan Beginning Balance	Deposits (New Donations)	Interest Earned	Expenditures	Balance
Date	Anytown Natl. Bank	Dalarice	Donations	Lamed	Experiditales	Dalance
	CD #123456	-				
1-Jan		\$ 5,000				\$ 5,000
30-Dec				\$ 300		\$ 5,300
	Village Donation Account	\$ 800	\$ 1,450		\$ (1,200)	\$ 1,050
	Donations Trans- ferred to Community Foundation	\$ 3,700	\$ 1,200			\$ 4,900
	Anytown Natl. Bank					
	checking acct. #123456					
1-Jan		\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000
28-Feb	Ms. Smith donation		\$ 800			\$ 1,800
10-May	Mr. Brown donation		\$ 300			\$ 2,100
30-May	transfer to operating budget				\$ (500)	\$ 1,600
4-Jun	purchase of DVDs				\$ (300)	\$ 1,300
15-Jul	purchase of puppets				\$ (100)	\$ 1,200
20-Oct	purchase of chair				\$ (100)	\$ 1,100
Yearly t	otal for all accounts	\$ 10,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 300	\$ (2,200)	\$ 12,350

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CHECKOUTS 2024 2023-2024

MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	PRINT	AV	e-RES	TOTAL	%CHANGE
JAN	17,549	11,232	17,665	18,072	_ 11,074	2,765	5,343	19,182	6.14%
FEB	16,865	11,241	16,644	16,384	10,885	2,637	4,548	18,070	10.29%
MAR	12,295	14,070	18,440	19,521	11,756	2,982	5,168	19,906	1.97%
APR	3,419	11,899	17,721	17,196	11,285	2,932	4,861	19,078	10.94%
MAY	5,464	12,363	16,012	16,985	10,599	2,310	4,964	17,873	5.23%
JUN	6,062	16,371	18,553	18,928	13,177	2,568	5,084	20,829	10.04%
JUL	8,941	17,776	18,278	19,932	13,245	2,612	5,317	21,174	6.23%
AUG	11,848	17,389	19,112	18,944	12,735	2,580	3,879	19,194	1.32%
SEP	11,029	15,337	16,010	17,304	10,957	2,113	3,799	16,869	-2.51%
OCT	11,652	16,052	16,050	18,318				0	-100.00%
NOV	11,205	14,952	15,972	17,970				0	-100.00%
DEC	10,939	14,282	15,445	18,279				0	-100.00%
TOTAL	127,268	172,964	205,902	217,833	105,713	23,499	42,963	172,175	-20.96%
AVG	10,606	14,414	17,159	18,153	11,746	2,611	4,774	19,131	5.39%

COMPUTER USE	2024 COMPUTER LOGINS BY TYPE	2023-24

MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	AD	CAT/DB	СН	TOTAL	%CHANGE
JAN	1,966	440	882	1,082	322	82	37	441	-59.24%
FEB	1,823	800	764	771	320	18	39	377	-51.10%
MAR	1,225	838	893	825	394	506	67	967	17.21%
APR	371	1,687	1,104	611	393	602	52	1,047	71.36%
MAY	257	1,328	596	761	269	265	37	571	-24.97%
JUN	248	1,336	756	881	301	462	54	817	-7.26%
JUL	248	1,086	721	784	300	437	58	795	1.40%
AUG	322	1,177	956	1,116	285	507	48	840	-24.73%
SEP	372	749	669	635	302	524	42	868	36.69%
OCT	642	1,215	731	903				0	-100.00%
NOV	577	1,277	957	1,240				0	-100.00%
DEC	566	948	768	893				0	-100.00%
TOTAL	25,783	12,881	9,797	10,502	2,886	3,403	434	6,723	-35.98%
AVG	2,149	1,073	816	875	321	378	48	747	-14.63%

Programming Statistics for September 2024

LOANED THROUGH DELIVERY

2023-24

BORR	OWED THE	ROUGH DE	ELIVERY			2023-24
MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%CHANGE
JAN	4,934	5,543	5,756	5,632	5,257	-6.66%
FEB	4,533	5,741	5,121	4,964	4,907	-1.15%
MAR	2,422	6,887	5,701	5,454	5,384	-1.28%
APR	10	5,953	5,452	4,972	5,439	9.39%
MAY	301	5,048	5,031	4,826	4,785	-0.85%
JUN	1,082	5,153	5,290	4,607	5,054	9.70%
JUL	2,482	4,963	4,819	5,039	4,895	-2.86%
AUG	4,097	5,148	4,897	5,155	4,867	-5.59%
SEP	3,659	5,440	4,569	4,899	4,798	-2.06%
OCT	4,148	5,254	4,519	5,161		-100.00%
NOV	4,659	4,925	4,541	4,930		-100.00%
DEC	5,302	5,104	4,469	4,980		-100.00%
TOTAL	37,629	65,159	60,165	60,619		-100.00%
AVG	3,136	5,430	5,014	5,052		-100.00%

MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%CHANGE
JAN	8,441	8,985	8,763	8,484	8,569	1.00%
FEB	6,447	8,737	8,082	8,030	8,336	3.81%
MAR	3,521	11,069	8,866	9,137	8,530	-6.64%
APR	147	8,709	7,975	7,896	8,141	3.10%
MAY	537	8,359	7,468	7,501	7,587	1.15%
JUN	1,687	8,151	7,563	8,038	7,808	-2.86%
JUL	3,724	8,076	7,647	7,858	8,338	6.11%
AUG	4,169	8,012	8,267	8,272	7,734	-6.50%
SEP	3,945	8,080	7,695	7,802	7,894	1.18%
ост	5,759	7,885	8,003	8,374		-100.00%
NOV	7,354	7,804	7,992	7,976		-100.00%
DEC	8,886	8,033	7,298	7,481		-100.00%
TOTAL	54,617	101,900	95,619	96,849		-100.00%
AVG	4,551	8,492	7,968	8,071		-100.00%

WIRE	LESS USE					2023-24
MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%CHANGE
JAN	12,924	920	1,341	1,830	1,677	-8.36%
FEB	14,614	875	1,269	1,801	1,806	0.28%
MAR	8,647	1,003	1,643	2,152	1,895	-11.94%
APR	1,913	1,033	1,711	2,187	2,068	-5.44%
MAY	2,596	1,378	2,170	3,041	2,187	-28.08%
JUN	2,712	1,286	1,775	2,161	1,763	-18.42%
JUL	1,026	1,412	1,917	2,623	2,467	-5.95%
AUG	804	1,253	2,138	2,155	2,099	-2.60%
SEP	975	1,312	2,243	2,184	2,071	-5.17%
OCT	890	1,677	2,231	2,310		-100.00%
NOV	987	1,499	1,961	2,213		-100.00%
DEC	1,136	1,545	1,801	2,147		-100.00%
TOTAL	49,224	15,193	22,200	26,804		-100.00%
AVG	4,102	1,266	1,850	2,234		-100.00%

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MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%TOTAL
JAN	9,767	0	8,190	9,342	8,942	64.61%
FEB	8,903	0	8,181	8,344	9,063	67.02%
MAR	6,581	0	9,086	10,361	10,155	68.90%
APR	0	0	8,378	7,993	n/a	n/a
MAY	0	1,146	7,100	7,931	8,433	65.33%
JUN	0	6,690	9,544	8,729	11,021	70.00%
JUL	0	7,053	9,276	9,658	10,724	67.63%
AUG	0	6,585	9,707	9,193	10,323	67.40%
SEP	0	7,210	7,646	8,252	8,474	64.84%
OCT	0	7,254	7,424	8,826		
NOV	0	7,417	7,912	n/a		
DEC	0	7,176	6,908	6,776		
TOTAI	25,251	50,531	99,352	95,405		
AVG	2,104	4,211	8,279	8,673		

DOOR	COUNT					2022-23
MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%CHANGE
JAN	9,428	0	5,425	7,504	6,975	-7.05%
FEB	9,248	0	5,826	7,000	7,545	7.79%
MAR	5,086	0	6,385	8,810	8,212	-6.79%
APR	0	0	6,482	7,634	8,282	8.49%
MAY	0	1,462	8,119	10,109	9,943	-1.64%
JUN	- 0	4,155	7,296	8,237	8,109	-1.55%
JUL	0	5,158	7,301	7,810	8,730	11.78%
AUG	0	4,809	7,900	8,125	8,364	2.94%
SEP	0	4,915	7,135	6,832	7,653	12.02%
ОСТ	0	6,061	7,696	7,776		-100.00%
NOV	0	5,620	7,126	7,525		-100.00%
DEC	0	5,280	6,188	7,308		-100.00%
TOTAL	23,762	37,460	82,879	94,670		-100.00%
AVG	1.980	3.122	6.907	7.889		-100.00%

WEBSI	TE PAGEV	IEWS				2023-24
MO.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	%CHANGE
JAN	8,665	3,984	4,695	4,486	5,363	19.55%
FEB	7,613	3,952	3,751	3,912	4,815	23.089
MAR	6,859	4,998	3,968	5,152	5,727	11.16%
APR	5,865	4,701	4,268	4,816	5,767	19.759
MAY	7,089	4,092	4,008	4,528	4,963	9.61%
JUN	7,455	4,818	3,954	5,323	5,788	8.749
JUL	7,459	4,206	4,768	4,991	5,935	18.919
AUG	7,620	3,936	3,915	4,874	5,247	7.65%
SEP	6,180	3,448	3,501	4,173	4,891	17.219
OCT	7,858	3,471	3,342	4,178		-100.009
NOV	6,349	3,457	3,609	4,312		-100.009
DEC	8,174	3,519	3,352	4,337		-100.00%
TOTAL	87,186	48,582	47,131	55,082		-100.00%
AVG	7,266	4,049	3,928	4,590		-100.00%

Programming Statistics for September 2024

		September Programs		Num	Number of Participants	cipants	
Date	Platform	Event	0-5	6-11	Teen	Adult	All Ages
9/4/2024	Carnegie Room	The Foundation (JR)				7	
9/5/2024	9/5/2024 Carnegie Room	Teen Theater Games (CS, Stoughton Youth Players			17		
9/5/2024	St. Ann's Preschool	9/5/2024 St. Ann's Preschool Outreach Story Time (AMH)	18				
9/5/2024	9/5/2024 Senior Center	Craft Club (SB, AH)				23	
9/8/2024	9/8/2024 Stoughton Yoga	Yoga Sundays (SB)				17	
9/9/2024	9/9/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	33				
9/9/2024	9/9/2024 Outdoor space	Teen Rainbow Readers (CS, MO)			10		
9/10/2024	9/10/2024 Carnegie Room	Baby Story Time (DF)	18				
9/10/2024 Online live	Online live	LSC Garrett Graff				0	
9/10/2024	9/10/2024 Carnegie Room	Writing Group (volunteers)				7	
9/10/2024	9/10/2024 Carnegie Room	PJ Story Time (AMH)	22				
9/11/2024	9/11/2024 Carnegie Room	Pokemon Club (MO)		20			
9/12/2024	9/12/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	23				
9/12/2024	9/12/2024 Learning Tree	Outreach Story Time (AMH)	26				
9/12/2024	9/12/2024 Learning Tree	Outreach Story Time (AMH)	25				
9/12/2024	9/12/2024 Carnegie Room	Teen watercolor (CS)			17		
9/13/2024	9/13/2024 Nordic Ridge	Movie + Activities: Jumanji (AB, MO, EM, Parks & Rec)					9
9/16/2024	9/16/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	24				
9/17/2024	9/17/2024 Carnegie Room	Baby Story Time (DF)	17				
9/17/2024	Pumpkin Patch Pres	9/17/2024 Pumpkin Patch Pres Outreach Story Time (AMH)	19				
9/17/2024	Pumpkin Patch Pres	9/17/2024 Pumpkin Patch Pres Outreach Story Time (AMH)	15				
9/17/2024	Pumpkin Patch Pres	9/17/2024 Pumpkin Patch Pres Outreach Story Time (AMH)	25				
9/17/2024	9/17/2024 Carnegie Room	Graphic Novel Book Club (MO)		9			
9/18/2024	9/18/2024 Weebleworld	Outreach Story Time (AMH)	20				
9/18/2024 Online live	Online live	LSC Nate Klemp				2	
9/19/2024	9/19/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	23				
9/19/2024	9/19/2024 Carnegie Room	Stitches (MO)			14		
9/20/2024	Stoughton Yoga	Family Yoga (AMH)	8				
9/21/2024 Online live	Online live	LSC: Liane Moriarty				3	
9/23/2024	9/23/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	26				
9/24/2024	9/24/2024 Head Start Daycare	Outreach Story Time (AMH)	18				
9/24/2024	La Petite Preschool	La Petite Preschool Outreach Story Time (AMH)	19				
9/24/2024	9/24/2024 Carnegie Room	Baby Story Time (DF)					
9/24/2024	9/24/2024 Carnegie Room	Aging Resources (Board on Aging volunteers)				4	

Programming Statistics for September 2024

9/24/2024 Carnegie Room	Page Turners (AB)				6	
9/25/2024 Senior Center	Outreach: Page Turners (AB)				3	
9/25/2024 Carnegie Room	Check 'em Out Book Club (AMH)	П				
9/26/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	25				
9/26/2024 Mezzanine	Art Walk (artists, JR)					
9/27/2024 Racetrack Park	Movie: The Sandlot (Parks & Rec)					20
9/28/2024 Carnegie Room	Saturday Story Time (AMH)	15				
9/30/2024 Carnegie Room	Story Time (MO)	56				
3/30/2024 Online asynchro	9/30/2024 Online asynchronou LSC archive views for September				1462	
9/30/2024 2nd floor	One on one assistance (Libby, Kanopy, etc.) (AD staff)				4	
		446	97	28	1537	110

				Num	Number of Participants	cipants	
		September Self-Directed	0-5	6-11	Teen	Adult	All Ages
Date	Platform	Event					
9/18/2024 Kids' Area	Kids' Area	Pokemon Rescue					30
9/30/2024 2nd floor	2nd floor	All ages sticker mural					30

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Director's Report

October 16, 2024



Library news:

- On September 12, I attended the bi-monthly meeting of Dane County Library Directors at the Verona Public Library. The main topics of discussion were: an update from Dane Co. Library Service Director Tracy Herold on proposed program reimbursements for 2025; a report on the 2025 budget for Beyond the Page, the county's humanities endowment; and the possibility of a county-wide purchasing agreement with hoopla.
- Road construction on our block of 4th Street began in earnest this month. On September 23, crews broke ground on the library's block between Main and Jefferson Streets. This will likely be the most disruptive time for the library, as our parking lot will be inaccessible during most of the construction. I continue to hold weekly meetings with Public Works Director Brett Hebert and Fischer Excavating, the general contractor for the project. Construction is scheduled to be finished by the end of October.



- On September 23, I met with Adam Peters, the new Project Coordinator for the Stoughton Wellness Coalition. We discussed ways the library might collaborate with the Coalition in the future, as well as past collaborations, including the NaloxZone box that was installed at the library in 2022.
- Dane County Library Service Director Tracy Herold reports that the additional programming reimbursement proposed by the Dane County Library Board was not included in the County Executive's 2025 budget. You will recall that this reimbursement, which would be in addition to annual

- reimbursements we receive for library services to residents of Dane County, was proposed as a way recognize the significant programming resources that libraries offer to county residents. Tracy reports that the Library Board will reassess and lay the groundwork for the inclusion of the reimbursement in the 2026 county budget.
- We hosted the bi-monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Library Association's Library Development and Legislation Committee here in the library's Carnegie Room on September 27. The main topics of discussion were: possible changes to the makeup of the state legislature following next month's elections; the DPI request for state aid to library systems to be included in the 2025-2027 biennial state budget; and planning for Library Legislative Day, which is scheduled for February 11, 2025.
- On September 28, we again hosted two artists—Kaethe Paynter and Thomas Kuchenbecker—as part of **Art Walk Stoughton**, the city's annual arts festival. In spite of the construction, hundreds of people visited the library that day. The Friends of the Library also held the drawing for their annual Fall Raffle fundraiser.



 On October 2, I spoke to Entre Nous, a local women's study group founded in 1920. I reviewed the library's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, discussed some recent accomplishments, and previewed some exciting initiatives we have planned for the future.

- On October 2, I again led the monthly meeting of the Foundation, the library's science fiction and fantasy book group. Former Director Richard MacDonald and I have been taking turns leading the discussion since 2020, though he has informed me that this will be his last year. Amanda and Mary, who will be helping with the new version of the group in 2025, attended this month's meeting to introduce themselves to the group.
- Our annual staff in-service is scheduled for Friday, October 18. The library will be closed to the public that day. In the morning, Tracie Miller and Shawn Brommer, two consultants from South Central Library System, will be giving a presentation on book challenges, intellectual freedom, and first amendment audits. In the afternoon, we'll be visiting Heartland Farm Sanctuary just east of town. Heartland has partnered with the library on many past programs and events, and this will be a chance for all library staff to learn more about them.
- On October 8, City Council unanimously passed resolution R-149-2024 requesting exemption for the city from the county library tax. The resolution commits the city to funding the library at or above the minimum appropriation, which for 2025 is \$602,618. The appropriation amount currently in the mayor's budget is \$711,285, which means the city would be funding the library at 118% of the minimum in 2025. As in past years, I took the opportunity to give a short presentation to Council about how our library is funded.

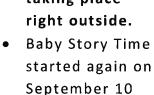
Stoughton Area Community Foundation Fund Report

The report for the period Aug 31 – Sep 27 shows an increase in value of \$475.55 to the account because of market conditions. The overall value of the account as of Sep 27 is \$31,161.96.

Youth Services (from Mary Ostrander)

- Children's Librarian Mary Ostrander, Adult Services Librarian Amanda Bosky, and Library Substitute Erin Mears worked with Parks & Recreation staff to host our third Movies in the Park session on Friday, September 13. 60 people enjoyed the film *Jumanji* as well as crafts and activities created by Children's Services Assistant Anna Hayward.
- Story Time started up again on September 9. There is a consistent group for story times on both Mondays and Thursdays, usually around 25 to 30

attendees. The construction seems not to have deterred story time fans. In fact, many children have enjoyed visiting the top floor of the library after story time for a front-row view of the construction taking place right outside.





with some new, adorable baby faces. Diane continues to do a wonderful job with this group.

- At Graphic Novel Book club on October 1 we discussed the book Hooky.
 Kids made wands and made up their own spells.
- Check 'em Out book club with Anna is picking up steam. The next book is Land of Stories for their October 25 meeting.
- Pokémon Club keeps on going! For the past month, children's staff has been hiding Pokémon around the kids' area and having kids bring them up to the Children's Desk for a free Pokémon card thanks to a kind donor who donated their childhood card collection to the library.
- The third annual Stoughton Public Library Mini Renaissance Faire on Saturday, October 5 at East Side Park was another major success. About 500 people attended this year's fair which included games, crafts, LARPing, a climbing wall, a quest, fencers, a dragon tea party, and the maritime-themed vocal group, Bounding Main. The Scouts sold hot dogs and such and nearly sold out. Amanda, Mary, and Cynthia already have ideas for the 4 annual Faire next fall.
- The graphic novel collection in the Children's Area will be changing a bit over the next few months. Children's staff will be moving juvenile non-

fiction graphic novels to the graphic novel shelves to make browsing easier. We are also considering labeling graphic novels by reading level similar to the early reader collection.



 Upcoming Programs: Escape Rooms, Dance Party, Saturday and PJ Story Times, and a Banned Book Discussion featuring the book Drama.

Tech Services & Technology News (from Sarah Bukrey)

- Sarah and Zi Wei attended an online training on the use of artificial intelligence in libraries on September 17. Sarah attended another webinar on trends in library technology on September 18. Sarah and Zi Wei also had a team check-in meeting on October 8.
- Sarah has been helping cover a number of shifts at the public service desks.
- A PC support technician from SCLS completed the migration of several staff
 PCs to public internet stations on October 11. In total, four patron PCs and two patron laptops have been updated.
- Sarah presented another installment of Craft Club on October 3. 16 people came out to make friendship bracelets.

- Sarah demonstrated weaving alongside Sylvia Lawrence, who was spinning at the wheel, at our Mini-Renaissance Faire on October 5.
- 658 items were added in the month of September. Zi Wei, Sarah and our volunteers were busy!

<u>Circulation Services</u> (from Robin Behringer)

 The Circulation Team met on September 24 and discussed issues regarding the 4th Street



- road construction. Circulation staff have been handing out prize tickets for the construction drawing, working with SCLS Delivery to coordinate incoming and outgoing bin delivery, and coming up with projects/tasks to work on during slower shifts. The Shelver Team met on September 25 and discussed various topics, including regular shift reminders, road construction, and shifting projects.
- Robin attended the virtual Circulation Refresher on September 25. This month's topic was reporting problems to the South Central Library System Help Desk and dealing with problem items. Attendees were given a refresher on how to use the SCLS Help Desk portal to report problems, concerns, and questions. They were also given a refresher regarding the Problem Item Form used to handle/report problem items to owning libraries. Robin will work with Circulation staff to make sure everyone is on the same page for reporting problems.
- On October 3, Robin and Shelver Valerie met with two people for a job shadow visit. Valerie showed what a typical shift could look like and Robin met with the visitors afterwards to explain library work in general and answer questions.
- Robin attended the bi-annual Back in Circulation Conference hosted by UW-Madison's iSchool on October 7 and 8. She attended various presentations on topics pertaining to circulation and access services. She also took a tour of the Wisconsin Historical Society's Library and Archives.
- Circulation staff once again assisted with the Friends of the Library's annual Raffle Fundraiser by selling raffle tickets.

Adult & Teen Services (from Amanda Bosky)

- Our monthly writing critique is going strong, with 7 people attending in September. Since library staff no longer had the time to facilitate this group, we are happy to publicize it and provide the meeting room space, and grateful to volunteer Lynn Perez-Hewitt for leading the group.
- Amanda partnered with Amy Zabransky to host an informational session about the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care on September 23. Patrons attended live and via Zoom.
- Amanda, Cynthia, and Mary visited the Middleton Library's first Renaissance Faire on September 28. Middleton staff were inspired by our event, now on its third year, and met with us several times as they brainstormed and planned hosting their first Faire. They loaned us several props for our own Faire, including beautiful hand-sewn banners. Amanda has tentative plans to work with Middleton staff to create a presentation about our experiences for a future library conference, such as the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries.
- We continue to value our partnership with Stoughton Yoga: 17 adults attended our session on September 6, and 8 adults and children attended Family Yoga on September 20. The library is happy to sponsor these free classes for adults and children who want to learn more about yoga.
- Mary and Amanda visited the October 2 session of our Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group, led by Jim. The Foundation marked its 10th year in 2024. Former library director Richard MacDonald continued to co-lead the group with Jim after his retirement in 2019; however, since he has moved out of the area, he will no longer be able to volunteer. Jim, Amanda, and Mary told the group of the plans to rename the group "Specs," short for Speculative Fiction, and to add Horror as a third genre in the mix. Specs will meet every other month, February-October, starting in 2025.

Looking Back from The Madison Democrat December 4, 1910

Stoughton, Dec. 4 – The city of Stoughton levies a tax each year of about \$1,300 for the Carnegie Library and that amount is required to pay running expenses, leaving scarcely anything for new books; at least the margin of balance is so small that some other means are being considered by the library board to raise additional funds. The quarters are sufficiently large for many times the amount of reading matter now supplied the patrons, of which the librarian, Miss Drotning, states that she has 2,700. If each patron would give a cent every year, there would be a substantial increase

in books. When the library was located at the city hall, in rooms now used by the Grand Army and its various patriotic branches, such as the Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief corps, and the Spanish-American war veterans, the heat, light and janitor service was supplied free by the city. Now these things must be paid for out of the income. Up-to-date books are the exception now at the library, as at the first issue they may run to about \$1.05, while when 3 years old they sell at 40 cents each. Some magazines have had to be dropped. Possibly an entertainment will be given soon as a library benefit.



Stoughton Public Library Board of Trustees Finance Committee Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 PM

**Please Note: This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

MINUTES

Present: Teri LeSage, Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Erin Meinholz Also present: Library Director Jim Ramsey

- 1. Meeting called to order by consensus at 6:31 PM.
- Review of Agenda Reviewed and accepted by consensus.
- 3. Election of committee chair for 2024-2025 * After some discussion, LeSage volunteered to serve as chair. Ramsey called thrice for additional nominations. None were offered. VOTE: 2-0 in favor of appointing LeSage as committee chair with LeSage abstaining.
- 4. Review/Approval of minutes from October 16, 2023 Finance Committee meeting * - MOTION to approve minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting by Meinholz. SECOND: Meilahn Bartlett. VOTE: 3-0.
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding Stoughton Public Library 2025 Operating Budget * - Ramsey presented the library's 2025 operating budget. Highlights include:
 - County funding is increasing by \$31,237, or 11%, to \$315,017
 - The city's contribution, in the form of the transfer from the General Fund, is \$711,285. This represents a reduction of \$30,300, or 4%. With the county's contribution increasing, it is not unusual that the city's contribution would decrease
 - The mayor's budget includes a cost of living adjustment of 3% for all city employees
 - Adjustments were made to the amounts budgeted for the Shelver and Substitute pools based on actual hours worked in 2023. The amount for shelvers was adjusted down and the

- amount for substitutes was increased slightly, resulting in an overall decrease of the amounts budgeted of around \$4,000
- Personnel costs comprise \$856,029, or 81% of the operating budget
- Non-personnel costs are \$206,600, or 19% of the budget.
 These costs increased by a scant 1.6% over the previous year

MOTION to recommend the 2025 operating budget to the Library Board by LeSage. SECOND: Meilahn Bartlett. VOTE: 3-0.

- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding the committee's 2024
 Library Board Goal * LeSage presented on two possible grant
 opportunities she had discovered through grants.gov. After some
 discussion, it was discovered that one of the deadlines had passed.
 Ramsey discussed grants from the Bryant Foundation as a
 significant alternative source of funding for the library. He also
 mentioned smaller grants received through Beyond the Page, the
 endowment supporting humanities and DEI programming at Dane
 County public libraries. Consensus was in favor of keeping the
 committee's board goal the same for 2025. Committee chair LeSage
 will report on the committee's progress towards the 2024 goal at
 the Library Board meeting on October 16.
- 7. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:16 PM.

* Indicates possible action item
Sent to Finance Committee:
Teri LeSage
Sharon Meilahn Bartlett
Erin Meinholz

Cc:
Ken Axe
Jean Ligocki
Lora Klitzke
Trista Richards
Katie Roberts
Mande Shecterle
Siri Vienneau

Minutes taken by Jim Ramsey

Stoughton Public Library ~ 2025 Budget - DRAFT

Notes
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\$396,057
separated starting in 2023
FICA & WRS contributions
includes health, dental, life
T in 2020
fuel surcharges started April '22
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as \$19,527
2023 actual was \$5,718
2023 actual was \$3,633
5% increase per Strategic Plan
2023 actual was \$4,523
artially operationalize hoopla expense
3% increase per Strategic Plan
123 actual was \$15,873 (formerly 5025
moved to CIP in 2021
Total \$889,019



Projected Library Revenue for 2025

Budgeted revenue for 2020-2025

OTHER COUNTIES SERVICE FEES

MISC. GENERAL REVENUE

COPY MACH. & PRINTS INTEREST - LIBRARY

LIBRARY FEES

DANE COUNTY SERVICE FEES

TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND

SURPLUS used as carryover

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2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2025
\$229,696	\$249,429	\$249,429	\$249,910.00	249,910.00 \$ 283,780.00	⋄	315,017.00
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\$21,000.00	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$ 3,700.00	\$	4,000.00
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\$623,000	\$632,350.00	\$646,350	\$735,107	\$ 741,585.00	\$	711,285.00
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^{* 2023} Transfer amended 01-24-23 to add \$8,227 for market rate adjustments

\$89,900

MATERIALS EXPENDITURES Dane County standards require \$70,621.

Memorandum of Mutual Accountability: Beyond the Page/Ripple

Dane County generates and maintains some of the starkest racial disparities in the nation across every indicator of well-being, as outlined in the 2013 Race to Equity Report and the 10-year update. Libraries, due to their public service role and connection to local government, are uniquely situated to support equitable, inclusive and just communities.

Between Fall 2020 & Spring 2022, Dane County libraries participated in ongoing internal work to root out racism and white supremacy on both individual and institutional levels. This work supported the initiative of diversifying BtP programming and engaging the public in meaningful conversations about race and justice, as well as creating more welcoming, inclusive and equitable libraries. *The Ripple Project*, as it is known, brought the following initiatives to fruition:

- Phase 1: Assessing organizational culture
- Phase 2: Formation of regional equity teams
- Phase 3: Foundational workshops
- Phase 4: Support ongoing work of regional equity teams

Moving forward BtP has absorbed the underpinnings of the Ripple Project. The next 5 years will involve the following initiatives:

- BtP designates at least \$5K/year to support local library equity initiatives
- BtP events incorporate an equity focus in addition to the Humanities focus
- Libraries actively participate in Regional Equity Teams whenever possible
- Libraries identify annual (or longer term) DEI goals in conjunction with RETs
- Library leadership considers the recommendations of equity teams which may include:
 - On-going professional development opportunities for staff
 - Changes to library policies/practices
 - Changes to recruitment, hiring and retention policies/practices

This agreement acknowledges that municipalities may have their own DEI/equity plans and initiatives, and that those may take priority over the initiatives of this agreement.

The	agrees to operate within the above memorandum.
(Library name)	
Signature, Library Director	Date
Signature, Library Board President	Date