

City of Staunton
Library Board
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2019

In Attendance: Josh Howard, Mark Peterson, Sarah Skrobis (Library Director), Dan Swift (Vice Chair)

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Vice Chair Dan Swift. December meeting minutes approved unanimously with one change -- clarification that a new part-time reference librarian position has been included in the year's budget proposal and is not being hired at this time.

Dan Swift presented the Talking Book Center report. No meeting in the past month. Dan updated the group on the budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2020.

Sarah Skrobis presented the Friends of the Staunton Library report. No meeting in the past month. Gail Dunn is the new Friends president. The Friends are beginning to plan the April book sale, which will open on April 9 for members and April 10-14 for the general public.

Sarah Skrobis presented the Director's Report. The primary project in coming months is the installation of a new circulation desk on the first floor in the current reading room area. Work is set to begin in early March with no officially set date yet. Installation may require the library to briefly close with short notice and a decision on that will be made as soon as possible.

Staff have begun shifting the local history and genealogy collection to the Reference area. The former genealogy room will be converted into a new reading room with furniture, shelving, and computers.

The library has received a grant from the American Library Association for teen programming. The theme is Finding Your Voice and will support the creation of a book club on identity and racial healing by facilitating the purchase of books. Grant funding will also pay for Lizzy to travel to Chicago for training. Library staff will also work with the school system in developing this program.

The library received significant publicity from the baby box program. There is a limited supply.

The Can Your Fines program is officially over (Nov. 18 - Jan. 5) after accumulating approximately 1,600 lbs. of canned food donations and nearly \$2,000 in waived fines.

The library has new library cards sporting the new Valley Libraries logo. They look great.

Sarah Skrobis presented a general list of priorities for the 2019 calendar year:

- Facilities
 - New Circulation desk

- Inform and engage community on the need for a library renovation
 - Develop new, uniform signage
 - Re-think the computer lab centering patron comfort and ease of use
- Prioritize volunteer engagement and retention
- Adapt with changing technologies
- Recognize and respond to changes within stakeholder communities

Sarah Skrobis presented new business of brainstorming ideas for the Valley Libraries joint boards retreat. This year's retreat is hosted by Waynesboro Public Library director Zahir Mahmoud.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.