

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
April 10, 2024

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on April 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM. The following members were present: Cynthia Zainchowski, Kathy Wood, Kathy Long, Kathy Norman, and Casey Westby. Peggy Bennink and Julie Clark were absent.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 17, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Kathy Wood and seconded by Cynthia Zainchowski. The board unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Treasurer's Report

As Julie Clark was absent, the Treasurer's report was tabled for review at a later time.

Director's Report

The first quarter of 2024 has seen a significant increase in patronage visits, circulation and offered programs. Five thousand seven hundred sixty books were checked out and nine hundred twenty-one holds were satisfied. The library spent \$683.00 on Hoopla, a nationwide streaming service for borrowers. Libby, an international service, is also available for our patrons to use through the OCPL. Anything checked out from Libby through OCPL goes towards our circulation statistics.

For a summary of the programs offered by the library, please see the attached Elbridge Free Library Newsletter. It is impressive! Many thanks to the Director and staff!

Thanks to a donation of \$335.00 from St. Mary's of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, we have a Little Free Pantry. Readily available food items that require no assistance from adults, are stored in the pantry from which children may help themselves. Donations are appreciated.

New flooring is anticipated for the children's room. Partially carpeted and partially faux wood for the arts and craft area is being considered.

An exterminator has been hired in anticipation of spring creatures burrowing instead of borrowing.

The Elbridge Free Library's connection with Elbridge Elementary has accelerated. Bette Tucker visits the school regularly to read to the classes. Tours have been planned. This month the Pre-Ks will walk to Elbridge Free Library, sign up for a library card, and check out books.

Deb Walrath has instituted "Adopt a Book Shelf" for the older children. The kids choose their favorite books to display on the shelves. Deb is also coordinating with the school district in making available the books the children are being assigned to read in their classes.

Caroline Crews, a volunteer from the community, has started a Senior Art Center and plans to showcase the artistic endeavors of adults in the area.

The JE High School also plans on displaying student's art work.

M&T Bank requested a slot to present Banking Basics for young adults. This will be held on April 30, 2024 at 5PM.

The library has purchased a movie license so movies can legally be shown to patrons.

Old Business

Mary Zainchowski has been added as a story hour host.

We are still thinking about how to go about getting a grant for construction from OCPL. We would like to hire someone to help with this. Ken Bush was mentioned as a resource for this quest.

New Business

Kathy Long made a motion to approve the annual library report and Kathy Wood seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Annual Garage Sale date has been set for July 13, 2024. The library will sell the permits and hire food trucks. The selection of food trucks has not yet been determined.

AED training for staff was held January 23, 2024 at the Village of Elbridge Office. All staff attended.

The Central NY Library Resource Council offered a \$500.00 grant for libraries celebrating the Solar Eclipse of April 8, 2024. Casey Westby applied and was granted the money to carry out the activities planned for the event.

An outdoor garden plan is in the works. The east side of the library has been chosen to receive a raised bed and some sprucing up.

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The meeting dates for the future are:
July 17, 2024 at 5 PM
October 16, 2024 at 5 PM
January 16, 2025 at 5 PM

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cynthia Zainchowski and seconded by Kathy Norman. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman