

Elbridge Free Library
241 East Main Street
Elbridge, New York 13060
October 16, 2024

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Elbridge Free Library was called to order on October 16, 2024 at 5 PM. The following members and guests were present: Casey Westby, Peggy Bennink, Kathy Wood, Kathy Norman, Benga Quick and Stephanie Harris. Julie Clark, Cynthia Zainchowski and Kathy Long were absent.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the July 24, 2024 Business Meeting were read and approved with one change. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kathy Norman and seconded by Kathy Wood. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Director's Report

Casey Westby gave the circulation statistics for the last quarter. Six thousand four hundred seventy four items were checked out and one thousand twenty two holds were placed. Three hundred ninety four dollars and twenty cents in fines were waived. Six hundred seventy one dollars and thirty seven cents was spent on Hoopla with a circulation of two hundred seventy six.

The Summer Reading Program is wrapping up. With 78 children enrolled, 35,795 minutes of reading were logged. Prizes were given according to the number of minutes each child read. For an extensive list of the programs offered this summer, check out the monthly newsletter that the Elbridge Free Library publishes each month.

Treasurer's Report

As Julie Clark was unable to attend the meeting, the report will be available at a later date.

Program Report

Programs at EFL are plentiful. The History or Genealogy Club is a success and its members have recently toured two homes in Elbridge. Along with numerous other clubs, a new one has been added called the Switch Meet & Greet Club. Consult the newsletter for an up to date list of all the clubs and programs offered.

Old Business

In an effort to create more space for our library, the Program Director has been actively researching how to qualify for construction grants and contemplating ways to restructure the space we do have.

New Business

Tom Walters, from OCPL, has offered our student library patrons the opportunity of participating in the Community Art Project. The children are given canvas and asked to paint something relevant to our area of the world. The paintings will then be displayed at the Syracuse Airport.

There are several other grants that we can take advantage of, including the Jordan Elbridge Community Council, CLRC Catalyst Grant, CNY Library Resources Council CLRC, John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation and the Dorothy Louise Kyler Fund. Ideas for these grants include new tables for the children's room, additional backpacks for the summer program, and possible renovation to accommodate larger crowds at library functions.

Security at EFL has been enhanced. We now have 7 new cameras that allow for surveillance of library spaces.

Narcan Training was provided by the County for the entire staff. Narcan reverses the affects of opioids.

Many thanks to Bob Chestnut for washing the windows!

Special programs and activities for the upcoming holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are underway! The Pumpkin Walk is the first of these and will require lots of donated pumpkins. The Santa for Christmas has been hired. He will be here on December 7 for our 'Twas the Night Before Christmas pajama party!

Future meeting date: January 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM

A motion was made by Kathy Norman and seconded by Peggy Bennink to adjourn the meeting. All voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Norman