

**Howard Miller Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 16th, 2024**

Present: Terry Allen, Amanda Hanson (staff), Mary Wilkos (Chair), Kate Kraak, Alison Reese, MaryBeth Timmer, Lynette Lam, Barb Dannenberg

Meeting called to order 4:30pm

Minutes from the March 24th, 2024 meeting were approved as written.
M-MaryBeth Timmer, S-Kate Kraak- Passed Unanimously.

Director's Report:

- There were 20 quilts on display at the library for the month of March!
- The library hosted an assortment of events this Spring, which included a Splash Storytime with Zeeland Rec, a preschool/senior reading session with Resthaven residents, adult and teen craft programs, and 12 preschool-1st grade field trips!
- The library passed out 500 eclipse glasses.
- Jessica Volkers also hosted 12 Pre-K through first grade class fieldtrips to visit and also did a 4-hour read-a-thon with hot cocoa and 35 participants!
- The 2024-25 budget was presented to City Council on March 26th.
- Several staff completed professional development training in the month of March, which focused on the strategic goal of **prioritizing organizational culture and training for all staff**.
- Staff worked on creating memory kits available for checkout on April 1st. These kits were created to help patrons/caregivers with dementia and or Alzheimer's disease.

Old Business:

- A. The staff was very grateful for the luncheon brought in by the library board.

New Business:

- A. Update on new library app from BilioCommons
 - a. The new app looks remarkably similar to the old, same as what KLD uses. This app allows you to check out a book right from the comfort of your car! It should be up and running early Summer.
- A. Overview of Summer Events
 - a. The staff is ready! The theme is cultural, and travel based!

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 21st 2024