

**AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**January 29, 2013, 3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Director Rob Alessi, Deborah Carr-Hoagland, Al Fontanese, George Oliver, Alice Askew; guest Beth Storm-Reif, Friends of the Aurora Town Public Library

**Absent:** Carol Griffis

1. **Comments** from the audience - none

2. **Minutes** of the December 18, 2012 regular meeting approved as submitted (GO, AF). George proposed keeping a notebook of B&ECPL policies for reference by staff and board members. Rob replied that such policies are already posted on the system's web site and that at some point soon, he will be able to post policies specific to the Aurora Town Public Library on the web site. Rob is currently assembling the policies in print form to be distributed to the Board and kept handy behind the service desk.

3. **Treasurer's Report** and Monthly Financial Statement for December 2012 approved as submitted (AF, GO)

4. **Director's Report** for December 2012 reviewed and accepted (AF, AA)  
Rob noted that EAU circulation for 2012 (239,205) dropped 4.1% from the previous year, compared with a decline of 1.6 % for the average contracting library, attributing the difference to the five days the library was closed because of roof construction plus the holidays (except Election Day) it was closed this past year. In years prior, EAU remained open on certain county holidays for patrons' convenience. EAU patron count was also down 3.4% vs. 0.6% for the average contracting library in 2012 for the same reasons.

**5. Reports of Interest:**

**A.** Alice Askew was appointed to a full term as a Library Board trustee at the Town of Aurora organizational meeting.

**B.** Deborah, who had attended the January 19 ACT meeting with George, said a great deal of the discussion focused on the effect of the federal Affordable Healthcare Act on 8 to 10 employees for whom the payer is the county because they work more than 30 hours a week in two libraries. A system-wide policy will need to be developed. She added that there will be an ACT workshop on March 23. George reported that ACT is having difficulty finding willing candidates for office, particularly for president.

**C.** Rob said \$5,000 in technology grant funds (Bullet Aid) had been received from State Sen. Patrick Gallivan and a portion (\$772) was spent on an all-in-one color/black and white printer to be used by the public-access computers. The printer, he said, had been received and would shortly be installed.

**D.** He added that more technology for EAU would be coming soon in the form of a PC for staff use.

**E.** The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System board enacted a contract extension provision on December 20, 2012.

**F.** The request for extended filing of the 2012 New York State Comptroller's Report has been granted. The library will have until May 1, 2013 to file.

## **6. Personnel**

Rob reported that children's librarian Julia Gelsomino will return to duty February 1. Part-time librarian Kasey Mack has resigned but will not leave until February 22 so that she can assist Julia. Julia will be in charge of preschool programs beginning at the end of February. Part-time librarians Alison Lawrence and Paula Klocek will do the two Toddler Time programs and Book Babies. Paula will remain a part-time librarian, and part-time page Rachel Baker will become part-time senior page. Julia will be tasked with hiring another part-time page. Following this session of children's programming, Julia may conduct a school-age program in the Summer and/or Fall as opposed to a third preschool session.

## **7. Old Business**

Rob said there are no problems with the roof repairs made to date. Because of the weather, the project is on hiatus. Since the roofing/porch projects will not use up all of the funds allocated by the library's New York State 2012 Construction Grant, he said he will discuss the possibility of additional work with the Town.

As for the furnace issues, he said he had seen an invoice for about \$900 for two recommended repairs but had not seen an invoice for the burners that were to be replaced. This is often directly handled by the Town as building owner.

## **8. New Business**

Rob said he would like to offer a weekly exercise program for children, possibly four sessions at a cost of \$60 to \$65 per session, which he would ask the Friends of the Library to pay for. He was considering two organizations to conduct the sessions, Jump Bunch and KinderMotion, and had spoken with a contact at the Clarence Library, which has sponsored Jump Bunch with great success. He distributed sample copies of a liability form used at Clarence which parents need to complete for their children to take part. He also said senior library clerk Maria Pitt has proposed starting a sewing/needlework group at the library. George expressed concern about the town's liability for injuries suffered in both types of classes, so Rob said he would consult with the town attorney.

Rob said he wants to create a Facebook (and possibly) Twitter accounts for the library, noting that several patrons have told him they receive the bulk of their community news via social media and that 30 system libraries already have Facebook accounts. He distributed a copy of Internet and electronic resources policy considerations from the Library Trustees Association and asked the board to read and react so that a policy could be developed. His proposal was passed (AA, AF, GO abstaining).

Deborah distributed an invitation from Central for a meet-and-greet event with county officials from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, at the downtown library. Those who wish to attend must RSVP.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 3:30 p.m.