

Librarian’s Report –November 14, 2023

1. Contract Account Balance: \$5,018.27

Checks written since the last board meeting

2467	Modern Disposal Services - Garbage	\$67.35
2468	Modern Disposal Services - Garbage	\$67.35
2469	Erie County Water Authority - Water	\$63.78
2470	Nickolas Kowalski – Light Bulbs Non-stock from Lowe’s	\$31.96

2. Additional Financial Information:

- a. System Paid Expenses are within budget at this time with a projected \$1,447.34 surplus.
- b. Payroll Report through Pay Period 17 shows a projected surplus of \$4,826.41 for wages for the year, but this projection will continue to decrease throughout the year.
- c. The Association received a reimbursement from the Year End Appeals Funding for \$618.63 for summer programming.

3. Statistics:

New Library Cards: Since the beginning of September we have had 15 new library card users sign up at Boston.

	September	October
Library Visits:	1,019 visits	1,644 visits
Circulation:	2,709 items	3,101 items
Wi-Fi:	179 log ins	149 log ins
PAC Usage:	71 sessions	58 sessions

1. Fall Programming:

- a. Since the beginning of September we have had 9 preschool story times with 103 attendees. Four outreach events have been conducted including the Boston LEAF event (50), the Colden Art Festival Bread of Life Outreach (30), Boston Seniors Center, and a Preschool Story Time at the Churchill Child Care Center with a total of 27 children participating. Our Fall Leaf Craft event had an attendance of 16, Painted Pumpkins had an attendance of 68, and Book Animals had an attendance of 30. We’ve also hosted two Lego clubs (20), one Kids’ Yoga (19) and two sessions of our beginner ukulele class (15). The Library also served as a distribution point for the Emergency Homecare Kits and provided 35 kits to the community.

2. Correspondences:

- a. We received two private donations to the Association totaling \$600. Thank you letters will be sent.

3. Book Sale Final Report

- a. The Friends of the Boston Library Book Sale was very successful this year raising \$1,385. The lottery raffle so far has raised another \$71.00, and the drawing is on

Saturday, November 18th. We still have several special collection books left from the sale. I would like to contact a book dealer to see about selling them to a store.

4. AED Installation

- a. The B&ECPL has secured AEDs from Erie County and will deliver one to Boston if requested. Libraries are not required to have an AED under NYS Public Health Law, therefore, this is voluntary. Administration of the AED is also voluntary. No staff should be required to use the AED, however, it is suggested that the AED be placed in a location which is available to patrons or staff to use if needed.
- b. Location: It is supposed to be centrally located, so our locations would be near the display case upstairs or next to the restroom. A sign by the main entrance must show where in the building the AED is located.
- c. Maintenance: If installed, the AED must be tested and maintained.
- d. Training: As a public access AED, training is not required for use, but it is encouraged. Some libraries offer CPR/AED training for staff every two years. There is a cost to training, but the Friends group could cover that and staff can be paid for their training time.

5. Policy Updates

- a. Community Meeting Room Policy
 - i. The Community Meeting Room Policy required significant revision to modernize the policy and language used. The revised policy is a combination of the existing policy with additions from the Town of Collins Public Library, Eden Public Library and Aurora Town Public Library policies.
 - ii. Does the Board want to add a statement about the sale of books, etc. from authors or artists as part of a library program? Eden has a statement as does Aurora, but one of them requires that 10% of the proceeds are donated back to the library.
- b. Social Media Policy – minor revisions to language and timeline for updates
- c. Telecommuting Policy – no changes
- d. Debit Card Policy – limit needs to be set and listed in the policy
- e. Rules of Conduct – separated the Filming and Photography Guidelines into a separate policy
- f. Filming and Photography Guidelines Policy – NEW
 - i. Please read through the Filming and Photography Guidelines and Permission Slip – this is a new policy to more specifically address a recent incident at the library and provide clear guidance for future interactions.
- g. Piggyback Policy to the Purchasing Policy – move to February Meeting

6. Holiday Closure in 2024

- a. New Year's Eve falls on a Tuesday. Typically we would be open until 4:00 PM on New Year's Eve, however because the library opens at 12:00 PM on Tuesdays, this would only be a 4 hour day when many people are expecting us to be closed. Both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesdays next year when the library is already scheduled to be closed. We have always been closed on Christmas Eve, which would also be a Tuesday. What does the board think we should do for New Year's Eve next year?

7. Trustee Education Requirements

- a. General Reminder that Trustees must complete 2 hours of education this year. Webinars count as would any ACT meetings. Self-certification must be signed and turned in to me in order to meet our NYS Minimum State Standards.
- b. There is an ACT Meeting at the Frank E Merriweather, Jr. Branch this Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.
- c. ACT Meetings are also posted on the Trustee Website.