



The Rawlins Library Board Meeting was held Monday, April 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the South Dakota Room. Amy Weller, Renae Lehman, Sue Doulas, Jill Kruger, Sara Aker, Commissioner Representative Vona Johnson, Library Director Abby Edwardson, Guest Craig Waldron, and Guest Kerry Bowers were in attendance.

Craig Waldron, City IT, visited the meeting to explain how the CIPA filter will work as part of the ARPA grant requirement. The filter will block information on the internet that is harmful to minors such as gambling and pornography; the filter will be installed on all public computers. Craig is waiting for hardware to install the filter and then the system will be ready to go live. The deadline for installing the CIPA filter to be in compliance with the ARPA grant is June 30, 2022.

Kerry Bowers, Technical Reference Librarian, was introduced to the library board. Kerry explained her job duties and also talked about the CIPA filter and what it would mean for the public computers.

March circulation was 6,865 with an average of 104 visitors per day. The month of April held numerous programs including Rescue Readers, John Mollison Raid 22 Program, Breakfast with the Bunny, Read to Pump Pye, After School Programs, Story Times, Bonding Over Books, Dr. Jenna Wickersham Organ Donation Program, Prairie Potters Seed Swap, and Paul Higbee Author Talk.


The Librarian's Report included an update on the cleaning contract. The current cleaning contract has been terminated effective June 15th with a new cleaning contract set to begin June 16th. Summer reading planning and organization has been happening along with several other programs that are in the works. The Library Director introduced the board to Creativebug, a new software package for the library that will be unveiled in June.


Friends Report—The Library Director attended the FOL meeting on April 21, 2022 and reported to the board that the FOL plan to plant flowers at the library and plan to sell 50th anniversary bags in November. The Friends plan to do a plant sale at the Bubble Guy show in June and are working on other community outreach opportunities. The FOL would like to volunteer at the Fall Carnival on September 10, 2022.

Existing Business—The statistical and financial reports were discussed and approved. Library board members made several suggestions to improve the patron code of conduct policy. A conditional job offer has been extended for the Circulation Services Coordinator Position.

New Business—The Internet Safety Policy for Rawlins Library was presented to the Library Board by Rawlins Library as part of the CIPA requirement. The policy will need to be formally adopted at the May 23, 2022 board meeting. Due to time restraints, the five year plan was tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next Rawlins Municipal Library Board of Trustees will be on May 23rd at 5:00 PM in the South Dakota Room.


Amy Weller
Board President


Abby Edwardson
Library Director