

Geneva Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

The Geneva Public Library Board met in open session at 5:30 pm in the library conference room abiding by the Nebraska Open Meeting Laws, with Stan Meyer presiding. The following members were present: Debbie Bullock, secretary; Stan Meyer, vice chairman; and Sarah Johnson, librarian. Because there was not a quorum, no votes were taken at the meeting. It was agreed that voting on bills and the proposed change to library hours would be done at the April meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting had been sent to members via e-mail and will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Sarah reported that there were several mistakes in the Nebraska Signal article about the March 16th City Council meeting. One was the discussion in reference to the library's extended hours, and the other was the three grant-funded computers the library now had.

Sarah reported on the City Council request for the library to look into and consider extending Saturday hours. After some discussion, it was agreed that the entire board needs to discuss the matter before making a decision.

There was a good showing at the recent Secret Garden clean-up. A photo from the event was sent to the *Nebraska Signal*. Students from the elementary school will plant flowers as part of the Earth Day (April 22) celebration on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. The Secret Garden Committee has hired Carlene Flint as a gardener for the summer months. She will be starting work on May 1. Also, the Secret Garden and Geneva's Butterfly Association hope to make the garden a butterfly waystation. The library will host some educational events about pollinators this summer.

The Summer Reading Program will be from June 1 to July 31 with a "Hero" theme. The staff is excited about the theme and is looking for volunteers who would like to assist them with the program. Magician Jeff Quinn will have a special show the last weekend in June.

The second LEGO® Club went well, with over 60 people attending. As a service project, the Girls Scouts have bought LEGO® bricks for the library (including "girl" colors). The library now has 11,000 pieces and continues to accept donations.

National Library Week will be April 12 – 18, and the library staff are planning various activities to encourage people to visit the library.

The original library clock is currently in Lincoln being repaired.

All batteries in the emergency lights have been replaced, and new lights are on order. The State Fire Marshall requested that fireproof caulk be used in one of the furnace rooms and that the light in the emergency stairwell (from the large meeting room to outside) be left on at all times. City maintenance (Pat Kowalski) has completed these projects, as well as fixing a leak in the small meeting room kitchenette, and replacing the door sweep on the east exterior door of the library.

Sarah's continues to send articles to the *Nebraska Signal*, many with pictures included.

The library volunteer team for the Rialto II theater is scheduled to work at 6:45 p.m. on April 11 and 12. Sarah has four volunteers for Saturday and three volunteers for Sunday so far. This leaves one spot on Saturday and two on Sunday to be filled. If you are interested in helping, please let Sarah know soon.

The next Library Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30 pm.

Debbie Bullock
Secretary