

Decatur Library Board of Directors
January 17, 2023
Decatur Library Conference Room

The Decatur Public Library Board of Directors met on January 17, 2023 at the library. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nancy Rosendahl. Those attending were Kristen Tribe, Troy Bagwell, Joe Neil Henderson, Angela Smith, Cathy Tally, Carol Ann Carson, director Dawn Wilbert and City Manager Nate Mara.

The minutes were read and Troy made a motion to approve. Joe Neil seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Dawn reported when comparing 2021 numbers to 2022's, the counts were up significantly. Books checked out were up 3,000+, social media hits were up 25,000+ and the adults using the computers logged 556 hours. There were 159 adults that attended the programs that were offered.

Discussion of the budget was next. The library currently has six full time employees including Dawn and three part time employees. There is now an app, Hoopla, that is just for Decatur Library patrons. Books and movies can be downloaded from this.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine has a \$28,000 grant available. Circulation manager, Alicia, applied for this and the library was awarded the grant. FY2022, the library received \$254,614 in grants.

Upcoming programs are Fitness for Seniors at the OWL center, Off the Shelf at Trinity Street, Baby Storytime on Tuesday, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, a Book Sale the week of January 24th, Well Read Book Club, Teen Self-Care Event, Trivia on Thursday and AARP will begin helping with tax filing February 6th.

Nate thanked the board and the members that were on the book review committee. There was only one meeting and the vote was recorded. The two books were pulled from the shelves following the unanimous vote.

A conversation with employees about the library policy has been had. Dawn is working on updating the policy and procedures.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 21, 2023.