

Moorhead Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

April 11, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Agenda

- Open Meeting
- Approve Agenda
- Approve minutes from January 2023 meeting
- New Member: Karin Olson Held
- Legislative Update
- LARL Board Update – See attached
- Director's Report
- Other Business
- Next Meeting: September 12, 2023

LARL Board meeting report on March 23, 2023

1. 2022 Audit Report by Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. Thief River Fall, Minnesota

- In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the library failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investment, conflict of interest, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions of the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Financial Highlights

- Lake Agassiz Regional Library has total net position of \$571,411, a decrease of \$188,307 for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- LARL's 2022 general operating expenditure budget of \$3,557,220 represents an increase of 1.74% from the 2021 budget. While the 2022 budget presented expenditures exceeding revenues by \$86,690, actual results showed a deficit of \$127,015 for 2022.

2. Financial Report

- With 16.67% of 2023 complete, LARL spent 16.09% of budgeted expenses as of February 28, 2023.

3. Director's Report

◆ LARL Staffing

- Open Position: Moorhead Public Library Circulation Supervisor position
- Welcome to: Emily Henry – Moorhead Library Assistant

◆ Library Legislative News

- On February 28, Megan Krueger, Moorhead Library Director, attended Library Legislative Day at the Capitol in Saint Paul. She visited the following legislators from the LARL Region: Senators Mark Johnson and Jordan Rasmusson and Representatives Jim Joy, Jeff Backer, and Deb Kiel.
- The hearings in both the House and Senate went very well, with many positive comments about the work of libraries.
- The three bills of most importance to regional public library systems includes the following:

1. Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) Funding: SF1919 and HF1917

Chief Authors Senator Mary Kunesh and Representative Lucy Rehm.

- a. \$4M increase in funding to the 12 regional public library systems
- b. Index RLBSS increases to the future Basic Education Allowance
- c. Adjust formula for distribution of funds (Basic from 5% —15% & Equalization from 25% — 15%)
- d. Use population figures available by April 1st for current year calculations

2. Legacy Funding through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund: SF664 & HF2386

Chief Authors Senator Mary Kinesh and Representative Ethan Cha

- a. \$3M in annual funding for 12 regional public library systems for programming and lifelong learning opportunities.

3. Bonding for Public Library Construction and Renovation Grants: SF677 & HF670

Chief Authors Senator Sandra Pappas and Representative Fue Lee

- a. Regional Public Libraries are seeking state bonding for the public library construction and renovation grants distributed through the Department of Education's \$1: \$1 matching grant program. We continue to seek and additional \$20M in an effort to meet the over \$90M needed for library facilities across the state.

Director's Report

Programs and Services

Quiet Room: The quiet room is now available and is already heavily used. We will continue to make improvements to the children's area to provide a more welcoming space for families visiting the library.

Upcoming Events

National Library Week will take place April 23 - 29. The library will host a series of events to celebrate:

- Spring Social: The Friends of the Moorhead Library will host their second annual Spring Social on Sunday, April 23rd. This event will include light appetizers and a musical performance from Twelve Strings as well as a book and art auction
- Founding Clay County: Markus Krueger from the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County will share how Moorhead and Clay County were founded in the 1870s
- Used Book Sale: The Friends of the Moorhead Library will host their Spring Book Sale April 27, 28 and 29
- Minnesota Poets Out Loud: Join your library for an energetic spoken word poetry presentation featuring diverse voices from across Minnesota. This program will be held at the Hjemkomst Center Stage.

National Library Workers Day is Tuesday, April 25th - take some time to thank your local librarians that day!

Information on this year's Summer Library Experience and Concert Series will be available soon. For information on these and other programs and events, visit <https://larl.org/locations/moorhead/>.

Library / Community Center Project

No update at this time. Expect more information before summer.

Building Issues

Current facility issues include:

- The roof is leaking again as melting occurs. The city is aware and will complete repairs as weather allows.
- We are still waiting for the staff door, as well as the step near the staff door, to be replaced. There is an issue with the door frame and the step is falling apart and no longer safe to use. The city is aware of both issues and we are simply waiting for repairs to take place when the weather allows.

Staffing

Open position(s): Youth Services Librarian, Summer Outreach Librarian

New Staff: Welcome to Amanda Mesas, our new Circulation Supervisor who will begin orientation on April 11.