

**Moorhead Library Board  
Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2024  
5:30 p.m.**

**Agenda**

- Open Meeting
- Approve Agenda
- Approve minutes from February 2024 meeting
- Library and Community Center Update
- LARL Board Update
- Director's Report
- 2024 Endowment Funds
- Other Business
- Next Meeting: September 10, 2024

**Moorhead Public Library  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Chizuko Shastri, Samantha Gust, Neely Benton, Karin Olson Held, Sonja Bloomquist

**Members not present:** Doug Greenley, Charley Johnson, Laura Caroon

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. There were enough board members present to have a quorum. Neely Benton, Board Vice Chair, conducted the meeting

**Approve Agenda**

- Samantha moved to approve the agenda; Karin seconded. Motion passed.

**Approve minutes from November 2023 meeting**

- Sonja moved to approve the meeting minutes; Neely seconded. Motion passed

**2024 Board Elections**

- Neely nominated as chair
- Samantha nominated as vice chair
- Karin nominated secretary
- Sonja motioned to approve the nominations as is, Karin seconded. Motion passed.

**Welcome new member(s)**

- Sonja Bloomquist welcomed as at-large member.

**Library and Community Center Update**

- Presently working on the design and development phase. The public is scheduled to see renderings and floor plans soon.
- Still discussing logistics including hours of operation.
- Security services have raised costs this year. Will need to reduce hours of coverage this fiscal year.
- Coverage of the community center is being discussed.

**LARL Board Update**

- Reviewed LARL Board meeting report from January 18, 2024

**Director's Report**

- Increase in visitors, meeting room usage, new customers, notary services
- Now offers a Spanish story time; third Saturday of each month
- Implemented Aspen, a new discover layer for LARL online catalog
- Book blizzard, winter reading program, currently underway
- Review new staff
- Upcoming events: Peace Corp series, Testify exhibit and reception, From Minnesota State Parks – National Parks and Beyond exhibit and reception

**Other Business**

- Giving Hearts Day – The Friends of the Library made \$9,300
- Discussed how to join the Friends of the Library
- Sonja will serve as liaison of the Friends of the Library
- Samantha will serve as liaison for the MooreHeart Awards

**The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next Meeting: April 9, 2024**

## LARL Board meeting report on March 21, 2024

### **1. 2023 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.

### **2. Moorhead Community Center Public Library/LARL Headquarters Update** by Rob Remark, JLG Architects (Fargo, ND)

### **3. Financial Report**

- With 16.67% of 2024 complete, LARL spent 16.55% of budgeted expenses as of February 29, 2024.

### **4. Director's Report**

#### **LARL Staffing:**

⇒ Moorhead Public Library welcomed Katie Rinehart, Library Assistant.

#### **LARL News:**

##### ⇒ **Legacy Events:**

- Testify: Slavery to Today Exhibit Tour is located at the (1) Moorhead, (2) Ada, (3) Barnesville, and (4) Hawley Public Libraries through March 29, 2024
- Women's Suffrage in Minnesota Featuring Historian Markus Krueger from Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County in six LARL locations, March 13-29 (Moorhead on March 28).
- Poetry Readings featuring Poet Laureate Kimberly Blaeser will read following a book signing at the (1) Crookston, (2) Climax, and (3) Detroit Lakes Public Library.
- Stargazing Storytime featuring author Ryan Jacobson at the (1) Ada Public Library on March 19 and (2) Hawley Public Library on March 21.

##### ⇒ **Statewide News:**

**Minnesota Library Association's Library Legislative Day** was held at the Capitol on Monday, February 26. Over 65 library advocates gathers to meet with local legislators about the Minnesota Library Associations priorities listed below:

- \$20M in Bonding for Public Libraries and an increase in the cap to \$2M.
- A new position in State Library Services to support School Media Specialists.
- A Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety and Media Literacy Advisory Council to determine best practices for students.
- Book Banning Prohibited.
- Banning guns in public libraries, with local control.

Submitted by Chizuko Shastri

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## **Programs and Services**

- Inter-Library Loan Update: MNLINK, Minnesota's Interlibrary Loan service, will move to a new platform on April 30, offering customers an upgraded experience requesting books and other materials from across the state. In order to accommodate this change Lake Agassiz Regional Library will limit requests to five items during the month of April. You can learn more about what's ahead for MNLINK <https://mmlink.org/upcoming-changes>.
- Library Day at the RedHawks: The Moorhead, Fargo and West Fargo Libraries are partnering to sponsor Library Day at the RedHawks Wednesday, May 29th. The first 600 kids through the gate will receive a free copy of the book *Charles Albert Bender: National Hall of Fame Pitcher* by Moorhead author Kade Ferris. This book is provided with funding from the Friends of the Moorhead, Fargo and West Fargo Libraries as well as the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and The Minnesota Humanities Center. Those in attendance at the game will learn about library services and have the opportunity to sign up for a library card. Please join us!

## **Upcoming Events**

- Poetry Workshop: Join the Moorhead Public Library for a nature-themed poetry writing workshop! The workshop will be facilitated by Minnesota State University Moorhead professor Kevin Zepper. Attendees will learn the basics of poetry writing, get started on their own pieces, and receive feedback to continue writing. Admission is offered free-of-charge, thanks in part to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.
- Notable Minnesota Coaches and Athletes Then and Now: Join us at the Moorhead Public Library for a live watch party with Minnesota author and sports expert Ross Bernstein. Get the inside scoop on notable Minnesota coaches and athletes past and present with a virtual presentation featuring author and sports expert Ross Bernstein. Unable to make it in person? This program will be offered virtually at [larl.org/draft](http://larl.org/draft). A recording will be available for two weeks following the presentation. This program is made possible thanks in part to funding from Minnesota's Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.
- Swiftie Eras Party: Are you a Swiftie? Dress up as your favorite Taylor Swift era and attend the Era Party! This program is intended for youth and teens ages 10 and up, but all are welcome. Join the Moorhead Public Library for a Swiftie Era Party! Dress up as your era and enjoy a party celebrating all things Taylor Swift: dancing, singing, crafting, and playing games.

New Event Series include the following:

- Senior Social: Meet up with friends at Moorhead Public Library for a weekly social hour to connect over coffee, play games, and chat. The Library will provide the coffee and games; you provide the chatter! Registration is not required.
- Tween Book Club: Tweens are invited to the Moorhead Library for the all-new, just for you, book club for middle schoolers. We will plan on meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. Our first book for April will be Chris Baron's *The Magical Imperfect*. This book club is for grades 5th-8th.
- Curious About Careers Storytime: What do you want to be when you grow up? Join us for a new "Curious about Careers" Storytime series. Meet our local Moorhead heroes as they share their favorite storybooks, describe their work adventures, and answer all your questions. Let your imagination grow as our heroes share their stories on the second Saturday of each month. Our special guest for April is Moorhead's very own Mayor Shelly Carlson.

Building / Facility Issues

- Bell Bank will sponsor flowers at the front entrance of the library again this year.
- The city has recently assisted with several facility issues including a small plumbing issue, a broken hand dryer and a boiler inspection

