

Library Board Meeting

March 14th, 2024

Roll call of board members, special guests

Call to order

Presentation and adoption of agenda

Reading and approval of previous minutes

Public expression (3 minutes per person)

Reports including director's report

Approval of bills

Old or unfinished business: need discussion on policies and approval if possible

New business: discuss contest for adults and city rules for cash prizes

Adjournment

February 8, 2024

Honorable City Council Members, and Mayor Doug,

I wanted to give you an update on Library Business from the first of the year: I had 2 staff members go home to be with their families and our Children's Librarian also resigned. I have now filled all those positions

With new staff comes new ideas. Ms Rebecca has taken over the children's library and has moved some things, and changed some shelves and painted some shelving to make it easier for the little ones to see different kinds of books. Currently, the junior and young adult sections have contests going on for the month of February. It's called "Mystery Quest", and they check out a book that is covered in paper (it's a mystery), read it, and fill out a little survey. Then they can enter for a chance to win a prize. In the adult section' the contest is called, "Date with a Book" and they have the same rules.

Ms Alice has made it possible for anyone to scan our QR Codes that she made for us and look at everything on our website. People can scan the code with their phone, and it will open our page. They can download different things if they want to. She has also included some of the history of Lincoln with pictures. She has asked for old pictures on facebook to add to what we already have. She will put our Library Board Minutes on the website so that anyone can see them. This helps us to be as transparent as possible. We will be celebrating 10 years of service this April, so Ms Alice has covered a board with pictures and information about our library from years ago. On the front of this board, she has made a welcome sign with different information about where to find books, and events that we are having. She has QR Codes for Ancestry, Libby, and Facebook. We are on Instagram and all these sites are connected. It is nice and very helpful.

A note from The Lincoln Public Library Board:

As we are learning and progressing as a library board, we knew there would probably be a few bumps in the road. One is asking Dianna to start sending Rhonda coded invoices so they will be placed in the proper line item on the budget sheet. We know this is different to the way bills have been handled in the past, but we are certain that it will become easier as time goes by and will be less work for everyone involved.

Another thing we are asking is that Dianna take estimates on work that needs to be done in the library. We, the library board, have final authority to agree with the repairs and the price or not, per Arkansas State Law. We are working closely with Dianna on all aspects of the library, for the good of the library.

This includes bills, repairs, monies, and coded invoices. We too, want to be as transparent as possible.

We have another training workshop coming up that we plan on attending to learn more about what a Library Board can and should be doing. It's taking a little time, but that's ok because we are patient. And we will get to where we want to go.