

**Centralia Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13th, 2022 - City Council Chambers**

**Trustee Baca called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.** Roll call was taken.

**Trustees Present:** Alan Baca, Catherine Simmons, Angie Taylor, Melissa Maxwell, Felicia Beckmann, Erin Eastin and Linda Luke.

**Trustees Absent:** Katherine Butrum & Suzanne Long.

**Others in Attendance:** James Smith from the Guard, Sadiqa Saleh, Samantha Nichols, Cait Spears, numerous community observers and the Library Director, Amy Hopkins.

**Public Comments:**

Director Hopkins read the Library decision on Lauren Benoit's book challenges to all present.

Comments from the public - Nancy Stroppel & Ken Miller gave statements about their feelings on the book challenges.

Trustee Luke made a motion to accept the library's decision on the book challenges, seconded by Trustee Beckmann. All in favor, motion carried. (7 to 0 - unanimous)

**City Information Report:** N/A

**September Minutes:** Trustee Luke made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes and Trustee Beckmann seconded that motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**September Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Maxwell made a motion to accept September's treasurer report. Trustee Eastin seconded that motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Front entrance concrete replacement project is complete. Hale Construction & Concrete did a great job on this and will be considered for any future concrete projects.

**New Business:**

- A. Request for Reconsideration (Book challenge form) revision - 1st reading.
- B. Collection Development policy revision - 1st reading.

Both forms were read through and Director Hopkins will be making some slight revisions and will present them to the Board at the November meeting for final approval.

**Director's Report:** Staff librarians spoke about the MLA conference they attended at the end of September.

- Cait Spears - Reader's advisory & creating a "Next Chapter" book club for special needs patrons. She will be working with the local ACT group that comes to the library on 1st Fridays to see if they would be interested.
- Samantha Nichols - Liked connecting and learning about other teen and kid events from other librarians. She would like to try a lego club, anime club for teens and a "Sensory Saturday" event once a month for our littlest patrons.
- Sadiqa - Spoke about creating a "seed library" where patrons can share heirloom garden seeds from year to year. She also talked about the Pet Adoption event on Nov. 12th.

Director Hopkins informed the board that there are now some ALA documents in the children's room near the "new arrival" section to educate patrons on their 1st Amendment rights. Links to these and other intellectual freedom documents have also been added to our website, in addition to a map of CPL tax district boundaries.

**President's Report: N/A**

Trustee Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Luke seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 10th at 6:15 p.m. at the Centralia Public Library.

Submitted by -  
Angela Taylor, board member  
(substituting for absent board secretary)