Marilyn Praisner Library Advisory Committee April 17, 2024 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Hybrid and In-Person

Present: Dianne Whitaker (Regional Manager); Aliya Abbas (LAC Chair); Johnna Mahoney (LAC Secretary); Robin Dennis

- 1. Call to order- Quorum met
- 2. Prior minutes reviewed and approved
- 3. Reports
  - a. Library Board Liaison Report
    - i. Emailed by Wilma Brier prior to meeting
    - ii. Library Director job description posted, applications due May 12. Anita will retire July 1; there may be an acting director for awhile.
    - iii. Can contact county council members to support proposed library budget
    - iv. Reminder that May meeting will need to have elections on the agenda
  - b. Regional Manager's Report
    - i. Facilities
      - 1. Public computers are getting upgraded
      - 2. Security cameras were not working during March, now fixed
      - 3. Men's bathroom issues resolved
      - 4. Currently no power to study desks
      - 5. There are some bent support rods in adult fiction
      - 6. There were no leaks with the recent storms!
    - ii. Collection Finished weeding fiction, next will be genre
    - iii. Programs
      - 1. Eclipse viewing party had over 300 attendees, with 225 pairs of eclipse glasses distributed.
      - 2. Community conversations program with Mahogany Brown rescheduled for June 3
      - 3. Children:
        - a. Toy swap scheduled for April 20
        - b. Adding bilingual French/English storytime
        - c. Monthly activity and craft remain popular
        - d. Summer reading challenge starting in June theme is "adventures at your library"
      - 4. Teen:
        - Teen advisory board on break until September resource person Christopher Lambert is transferring branches
        - b. A "dealing with stress" program was held during teen mental health week
      - 5. Adult:
        - a. LinkedIn boot camp scheduled

- b. There is a new volunteer for 1:1 computer help is there a way to better advertise?
- c. NIH Chamber Singers coming April 28
- 6. Summer programming will be discussed at the May 2024 meeting
- iv. Staffing No additional staffing updates discussed
- 4. Unfinished Business
  - a. Membership development
    - i. One new member expressed interest but was unable to attend tonight's meeting
  - b. Yoga Classes at Praisner Library
    - i. There are two people working to get certified as yoga teachers. One is not interested in coming to MP, waiting to hear from the other.
- 5. New Business
  - a. Aliya discussed how the library has been important to her in her life. Robin suggested that there could be a campaign, "Why is the library so important to you?" to engage the community.
- 6. Meeting Adjourned