

# **NEILLSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**Neillsville Public Library**

**409 Hewett Street**

**Neillsville, WI 54456**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

## **AGENDA:**

**Call to Order** by Graeme Williams at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present – Graeme Williams, Logan Grap, Bill Neville, John Gaier, Maggie Gelhaus. Absent Mary Sladich, Peggy Buchda. Also present Janay Ziebell and Kathy Wegner.

**Minutes from July 2024** Motion to file Neville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaier. All aye.

**Librarians reports:** See attached.

**OLD BUSINESS** (None)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion/Action budget approval – Motion Neville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gelhaus to approve the budget.  
All aye.

WLA conference absences for Janay and Kathy – November in Green Bay

**BILLS AND VOUCHERS** – Motion Neville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grap to file. All aye.

## **BALANCES AND ACCOUNTS**

## **LIBRARY COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Children's Story Hour with Miss Kathy--Every other Friday Morning

Author Visit—John Armbruster Author of "Tailspin"—October 23, 2024

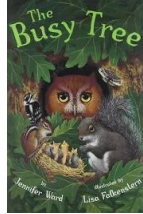
**NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING—November 19, 2024 at 9:00 am**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion Neville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaier. All aye.

### **Director's Report September 2024**

**Story book trail:** I'm working with Regan with the city parks dept to put up a survey post with paper surveys to get better feedback and numbers of people reading the story in the trail. I also have purchased "smarties" candies for incentive to come into the library and sign the guest book for a treat! The next book will go in sometime in October and stay through January. The new Title going in is "The Busy Tree" by Jennifer Ward.



### **Programming:**

We had an end of summer back to school movie day and showed the movie "IF", about Imaginary Friends! We had about 10 people at the movie this time.

**Clark County Passport Program:** This summer, the 10 libraries in Clark County had a passport program where patrons can travel around the county to all the libraries and collect a stamp and interesting fact about that library. Their names go in a drawing for grand prizes for all 10 or smaller local prizes for 5 or more! The drawing will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Neillsville gave out about 50 passports. We had an average of about 3 visitors per day coming into our library to get a stamp and look around and explore our library. 10 passports were turned into our library to send off for the prize drawing. Colby Library was the spearhead and has the data about how many actually did the program and what they had to say about each library. Look for more information in a spreadsheet in the coming weeks with the data and info about the completion of the program and participation.

We have **B.Y.O. Book Club** on the third Tuesday of each month and we have **Sneak Peek** for patrons to be the first to check out new release items on the fourth Thursday of each month.

**September is Library Card Sign up Month.** We have a prize drawing for anyone that is a new library card holder (free book), we have a free bookmark give away to anyone that refers a friend as a new library card holder and we have a kwik trip gift card give away for anyone that take a selfie with their library card and posts on our social media page! Send all your non library card holders to the library to sign up for a library card!!

### **Upcoming:**

Author John Armbruster "Tailspin" will be coming in October 23<sup>rd</sup> for an author visit. John Armbruster has taught American history and government at the middle and high school level for twenty-nine years. Before becoming a teacher, he wrote for public radio and newspapers after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He lives on a small farm outside of Viroqua, Wisconsin, in the heart of the Driftless Region. His email said: "I grew up in Chili, and I know Neillsville well from all those county fairs when I was in 4-H."



Children's Librarian Report  
September 2024

**We had 137 children sign up for the summer library reading program. Of the 137 that signed up 96 completed their reading goal. The children who completed their goal received coupons from the various businesses in town. The children also had a chance to get an extra prize. Twelve children's names were drawn, they received a library bag, t-shirt, and other little prizes. Four teenagers participated in the teen program. The teenagers received gift cards. It was a fun summer reading program. The library had six programs with performances by various performers. The attendance was good for all our programs between 25 to 50 people attending. Probably the one they liked the best was Zoozort(Noelle Bezio) because of the live animals. We had two craft days. The first one had a good attendance on July 3. The second, on July 17<sup>th</sup>, had about eight children. There are so many things going on in the summer ballgames, vacation bible school, and vacations.**

Story hour started on Friday, September 13 and is every other week. Seventeen children attended the first story hour. They had fun making back to school crafts.

Kathy Wegner  
Children's Librarian

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