

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
4:00 Library Conference Room  
August 28, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice President Lienhoop.

Present: Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire and Nedra Spinks. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds. Other: Tom Bigley, attorney.

Absent: Marvin Finke, Beth Stroh, and Russell Taylor.

Public Hearing for 2007 Operating and LIRF Budget.

The 2007 Operating Budget and LIRF Budget was advertised August 17 and 24 in THE REPUBLIC and the Hope STAR JOURNAL. No one from the public attended the hearing.

Reports

A. Talking Books – Columbus Subregional Service Area. Our subregional talking books office currently serves Bartholomew, Clark, Crawford, Decatur, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington counties. Since the Indiana State Library has lost staff, our Talking Books department has asked to take over serving patrons from five more counties in our area. This will add Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties. Over the past 37 years of changing organization within Indiana's Talking Books services, we have at one time or another served all of these counties with the exception of Franklin County. The new counties will be added October 1, 2006 at the beginning of federal FY 2007. We have approximately 3,500 talking books for circulation. We will be able to provide service without adding staff due to automation technology.

C. ILF Awards process. Poor discussed reasons why we should consider applying for the Outstanding Library of the Year award. Jason Hatton, a new reference librarian, was Outstanding New Librarian of the year and his former library, LaPorte County Public Library, was Outstanding Library of the Year. He has agreed to assist in the application process.

B. Indiana Library Federation District Meetings. Poor announced that the library will not be closing for the ILF District 6 meeting this year since it coincides with the Library Associates annual book sale. Staff may choose to attend the meeting which will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Seymour. They also have the option to attend any of the other ILF district meetings instead, if the programs would be more applicable and interesting to them. Each department must be adequately staffed on meeting days. Board members are also welcome to attend. We hope to have all registrations before the September 11 board meeting to be approved for payment.

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Poor announced that Lienhoop is attending her last meeting prior to her resignation from the board effective after the September 11 meeting. Bigley will send a letter to the County Commissioners after that time requesting appointment of a replacement to finish the last year of her term.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

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Pam Lienhoop, Vice President