

Friends of the Dunlap Public Library

General Membership Meeting

10 October 2024, 6:00pm

Officers in attendance: Jessica G (President), Brian B (Treasurer), Jessica J (Secretary), Anne C (Director at Large), Celeste R (Board Member at Large)

Total members in attendance: 7

1. Call to Order by Jessica G at 6:01PM
2. Adopt the Agenda – Anne motions, Jessica J seconds; Motion passes unanimously
3. Approval of July 2024 Minutes – Anne motions, Brian seconds; Motion passes unanimously
4. Officer Report
 - a. President
 - i. Activities since July: new 501c3 status, donated one year subscription to IL Library Presents programing, participated in membership drive at the Fire Dept during Dunlap Days, obtained \$10k donation from Cultivate Solar.
 - b. Treasurer – Current balance \$11,860.91
 - i. Since last meeting in July, total deposits \$10,380; withdrawals \$166.32. FDPL gifted the library \$1000 this evening to purchase the Tonies box as voted on last general membership meeting.
 - c. Secretary – 44 members in good standing
2. Library Director’s Report – Laura expresses gratitude to FDPL Board. IL Library Association meeting is taking place in Peoria this week, keeping Laura and staff very busy. Continuing education conferences like these allow staff to bring back ideas for projects and improvements.
3. Communications Committee Report – The committee expresses thanks to library staff member, Kelly, who has been a great help in their projects. Since last meeting, the group introduced a new FDPL webpage to give more information regarding membership stats, upcoming events and talking points to share with potential members. FDPL now has social media presence. The treasurer has set up a Paypal account for FDPL donations.

- a. National Friends of Libraries Week is Oct 20-26. Visit the library during National Friends of Libraries week to register to win a tote bag or mug, pick up bookmarks and sticks and encourage friends and family to participate and join.
 - b. Winter activity – FDPL is planning a new exciting activity to coordinate with the library upcoming theme during Jan-Feb winter months, but we will need volunteers.
4. Behind the Scenes – Kelly, the Library’s coordinator of marketing and technical services, has been at the Dunlap Public Library for 12 years and is familiar with the community needs. Kelly is responsible for the research and development of selecting and ordering material and the physical processing of material that comes to the library, approximately 150 items per month. Primarily order through company called Baker and Taylor. Tuesday is the common publisher “street day” when books are released. Books are laminated or covered, stamped, identified with item ID code and security tag, and cataloged with a date sticker in the book. New books stay on the new shelf for the month of publication and the two months following, while the cover art is added to the website. As a public library, they prioritize best sellers, certain authors, popular material, and with longevity at the library, staff has become familiar with what material and topics are popular. Locally, they have noticed cookbooks have been popular. Nonfiction is always changing and updating to fill in gaps in the collection and cover new material. The library strives to represent all viewpoints to their collection.
5. First Look Books – Publishers print advance review copies, free promotional copies of yet to be published books. These advance review copies (ARCs) are often available at library conferences. Laura kindly brought a stack of ARCs from a recent conference that are available as a First Look for Friends members to check out on the honors system.
6. Adjournment