

Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
July 2024

The Du Quoin Public Library Board of Trustees meeting on July 8, 2024, was called to order by Board President, Leanna Gray, at 6:32 p.m. at the Du Quoin Public Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Gail Durkota led the Board and staff in the “Pledge of Allegiance” following the Call to Order

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called by Board Secretary, Paula Myers.

Members present: Paula Myers, Rose Alongi, Leanna Gray, La Tasha Baxter, Janice Wilbanks, Andrea Helmer, Gail Durkota and Carol Downs

Staff present: Angelina Mabrey

Guests present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 2024 meeting were filed as written. A motion was made by La Tasha and seconded by Janice to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for June 2024 as provided by the City was reviewed. Angelina noted that the card new/renewals have seen an increase to \$245.00. Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Gail and seconded by Rose. All approved.

July 2024 bills were discussed. Motion to pay the June 2024 Library bills was made by Carol and seconded by Gail. All in attendance approved.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT (Angelina Mabrey)

- The Library received the check for the Public Library Per Capita Grant FY2024 in the amount of **\$8,653.10**. The Library will have until June 30, 2025 to expend the funds.
- The check for The Technology Grant by the State Library through the Illinois Secretary of State in the amount of \$12,500 should be received in September. Angelina has met with Gabi Porter who will be hired with the Grant money to develop the Library’s website.
- An additional \$200 donation was made in the memory of Larry Underwood and a \$1,000 donation was made by Richard Haines.
- On Tuesday, July 9 @ 4:30, the Library will launch the Dolly Parton Imagination Library event. This event is a State-wide endeavor which allows parents to register a child to receive a free book monthly. Plans will be to have a Dolly Parton cut-out for photos, Dolly story time, and Dolly music. The public is invited to attend. On Monday, July 8, the Mayor will declare July 9, 2024, as Dolly Parton Imagination Library Day.

- The Summer Reading Program is going strong. To highlight: On June 11 there were 48 in attendance at the Fairgrounds Campout, June 14 saw over 40 Friendship Bracelets taken as crafts, June 25 had over 75 attend the Bubble Party!
- A new Program geared toward Seniors will be a chair exercise course designed to help promote balance and strength-building. Attendees will use books as weights and balance for a “library theme”. This is provided at no cost and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. Scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 9. Depending on interest an additional day may be added.
- The Bluey books are currently extremely popular, and thoughts are maybe to offer a “Bluey Back to School Party” in August. More information will be available next month.
- Angelina discussed the Library System has approved an Automated Handler Machine at the three hubs (Carbondale, Edwardsville and Champaign) to help improve sorting times and staffing issues. The Du Quoin Library Staff and volunteers have been in the process of locating barcodes on the outside of items which must take place to use the handler machine. The completion of this process has to be by Summer Of 2025.
- The Aspen Discovery Soft Launch will be integrated with the Library’s website and Gabi Porter will be working on this.

FINANCE: NA

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Rose-Nothing to report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Paula-Nothing to report

POLICY COMMITTEE: Gail-Nothing to report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Janice-Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Carol-Nothing to report

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS: La Tasha reported about Angelina’s “Celebrity” appearance on WSIL-TV Channel 3 promoting the Du Quoin Library’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Leanna-Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS & REMINDERS

Board Members Rose and Janice were given the Oath of Office for their term renewal. Luke Davison was absent from meeting but will be renewed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Leanna at 6:48 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Paula Myers

Du Quoin Library Board Secretary

