



**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Regular Meeting of the Saint Peter Public Library Advisory Board  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
Saint Peter Public Library Meeting Room**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- IV. TIME FOR VISITORS**
- V. REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN**
  - A. Introduction of Recreation and Leisure Director
  - B. Fall Recap and Winter Preview
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Friends of the Library Update
  - B. Schools Update (outreach)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Review of Strategic Plan Goal 3
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Library tour and overview of e-resources
- IX. ADJOURN**

Library Supervisor  
Brenda McHugh

## Report of the Librarian

### November 2023

#### Fall Recap

- a. **Testify** - A traveling picture exhibit of art and artifacts from the Diane and Alan Page collection "Testify: Americana from Slavery to Today" on display September 1 – October 15. This was well-received by the community.
- b. **MEA Activity** – Carson's Lovable Llamas at the park during early release Wednesday in October.
- c. **Minnesota History Series** with Arn Kind at the Senior Center in collaboration with the Saint Peter Public Library. Made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities. • The Viking Age Wed., Sep. 27, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free • Pirates: Predators of the Seas Wed., Oct. 25, 2:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free • Minnesota's Wild & Woolly Prohibition Days Wed., Nov. 29, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219
- d. **Free Fall Music Series**, an afternoon of music at the Senior Center in collaboration with the Saint Peter Public Library. Made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Wed., Oct 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m.
- e. **Dia de los Muertos** Library was a stop at the community dia de los muertos passport event **Nov. 2**
- f. 125 preschoolers (to date) participating in **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**
- a. **Grown up Book Fair** was a success! We raised over \$320 for future programming and saw over 200 people for this event. Plan to use this money to support the Winter Reading Program in January.
- b. **Art Stroll** – The Second Annual Saint Peter Art Stroll returns on November 11 and 12 this year. The library will host two artists and will open specifically for this event. Sat., Nov. 11: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun., Nov. 12: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Gustavus Art student also facilitating community art project during the art stroll.
- c. **Bilingual Storytimes**
  - i. Somali/English with Teen Volunteer Benizir (Oct. 23)
  - ii. Spanish/English with Parent Volunteer Monica (Nov. 13)
- d. **The REACH:** Youth Resource Center out of Mankato has held pop-up event tables at the library, during busy times (usually evening hours) to give out stickers, snacks, and free resources for youth. Topics of resources include homelessness, mental health, and other challenges young people face. The REACH is a place where youth ages 16-24 can acquire the knowledge they need to be healthy, independent and successful adults.
- e. **NEW:** Patron Computer Station added specifically for parents with young children. This station is situated near the children's section so that parents can keep an eye on kids while they work on the computer.

Teen Programs: Animanga Club, Dungeons and Dragons Clubs, Hikmah Book Club

#### **Four Fall Teen Interns:**

- i. Teen Halloween themed poetry contest
- ii. Bilingual Somali Storytime

- iii. Teen Color party
- Alebrijes Paper-Mache Art Workshop** with a Peruvian artist (working with Good Neighbor Diversity Council)

## Upcoming for Winter

### 2. ADULT

- a. **Friends of the Library Author Panel and Annual Meeting** – Thu. Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. Geoff Herbach, Julie Gilbert, Barbara Luker, Julie Gassman, Kristin Cronn-Mills, and Rachael Hanel
- b. **Winter Reading Program** – Winter Survival Lit(Kit) – packets available for adults/teens, details coming.
- c. **Virtual Author Events** with Library Speakers Consortium

### 3. TEEN Programs: Animanga Club, Dungeons and Dragons Clubs

- a. January – VolunTeen Winter interns
- b. Winter Reading Program

### 4. KIDS

- a. Paw Patrol Story Stations – rescheduled for January 3-Feb. 9
- b. Family Book Club with MYRA award nominated books
- c. 1000 books before Kdg

## OUTREACH

- a. Headstart Visits
- b. SPELS School Visits
- c. Little Lambs Preschool Visits
- d. Visit to ECFE Preschool Classrooms
- e. Visit to Ecumen Sand Prairie
- f. Hikmah Teen Book Club
- g. **Alebrijes Outreach Activity** at Green Valley trailer park community for kids with help from Good Neighbor Diversity Council (October 16)

<b>Goal Three (3): Increase awareness and participation of programs that support diversity, equity and inclusion</b>				
	Objective	Action Steps	Time Frame	Responsibilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1 Maintain/increase outreach services to patrons off-site	<p>3.1.1 Reinstate senior book delivery to home-bound patrons and grow senior center partnerships Monthly trips to Ecumen Sand Prairie started in November 2022</p> <p>3.1.2 Seek new ways to receive feedback from community (Survey)</p> <p>3.1.3 Install 5 Little Free Libraries in the Parks (4 purchased and installed by the Parks Dept)</p> <p>3.1.4 Create database of materials in other languages and make them accessible for patrons</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>2022</p> <p>2025</p> <p>2024</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Supervisor</p> <p>Supervisor</p> <p>Supervisor/Staff</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2 Increase programming and materials aimed at diverse groups in St. Peter	<p>3.2.1 Promote authors/artists that share diverse underrepresented voices and perspectives.</p> <p>3.2.2 Curate a collection that reflects our community, specifically increasing the Somali and Spanish adult materials.</p> <p>3.2.3 Create Programs and Events (2 per year) aimed toward the whole community to educate on the topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit 2022 Juneteenth Programing 2023, African Music Summer 2023, Zamora Folklore Dance Summer 2023, Testify US Slavery Exhibit Fall 2023, Alebrijes Sulpture Class Fall 2023, Dia de los Muertos Display,</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>2023</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>Supervisor</p> <p>Supervisor/Staff</p> <p>Supervisor</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3 Seek out those in our community that will not be reached by traditional promotions	<p>3.3.1 Identify outside of the box promoting in an attempt to reach more in our community Somali What's App with employee originally from Somalia. Continued partnership with the Good Neighbor Diversity Council. Parent led bilingual storytime Fall 2023, Teen led bilingual storytime Fall 2023, Outreach program to Green Valley Community Fall 2023</p>	2021	Supervisor