MEETING:	**GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD**
DATE AND TIME:	**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:00 PM**
LOCATION:	**Germantown Community Library** **N112W16957 Mequon Road**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER: *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*

II. ROLL CALL:

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

V. CITIZEN INPUT: *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a three (3) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.)*

VI. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report

B. Accounts Payable

C. Budget Reports

VII. REPORTS:

A. Correspondence

B. Village Reports

C. County Reports

D. System Reports

E. President's Report

F. Director's Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Germantown Community Library Board will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through

appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Assistant Director at (262) 253-7760, ext. 2002 or clloyd@germantownlibrarywi.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

PLACEMENT: Action Item

ITEM TITLE: March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

SUBMITTED BY: Connie Lloyd, Asst. Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Review the attached Library Board meeting minutes from March 20, 2024.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Library Board Minutes 03-20-24

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the meeting minutes as presented.

ACTION BY Committee:

MEETING:	**GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY OF THE LIBRARY BOARD**
DATE AND TIME:	**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 6:00 PM**
LOCATION:	**Germantown Community Library N112W16957 Mequon Road**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*

The regular meeting of the Germantown Community Library was called to order by President Joyce Nelson at 06:02 PM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Library Board President Joyce Nelson, Library Board Member Joletta Kerpan, Library Board Member Charlene Brady, Library Board Member Christa Potratz, Library Board Member Jacob Misiak, Trustee Jan Miller, Library Board Member Darlene Vosen
Absent:
Excused:
Also present: Library Director Trisha Smith, Assistant Library Director Connie Lloyd

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve with move of Item VII. A. to after Citizen Input
Motioned By: Joyce Nelson
Seconded By: Christa Potratz

Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Darlene Vosen
Seconded By: Jan Miller

Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

V. **CITIZEN INPUT:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a three (3) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.)*

Scott Hefle (W159 N10514 Old Farm Rd, Germantown) spoke regarding various items including the library budget and the Washington County Capital Fund.

VI. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

A. Treasurer's Report

Vosen reviewed the presented Treasurer's Report. Vosen indicated the engraved donated patio bricks have been ordered and should arrive in 30-45 days. She clarified that 'brick' and 'patio brick' are the same thing in her reports.
Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Joyce Nelson
Seconded By: Jan Miller

Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

B. Accounts Payable

The Library Board reviewed the presented Accounts Payable report.

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Darlene Vosen
Seconded By: Jan Miller

On roll call vote:
Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

C. Budget Reports

The library budget report for February 2024 was reviewed.

VII. **REPORTS:**

A. Correspondence

Nelson sent thank you letters to the following donors:

- Rochelle Didier - $100 for Programming
- Friends of the Germantown Community Library - $20,000
- John and Pauline Edgar - $250 for Materials
- Gables of Germantown - $250 for Craft Kits
- Kaitlin McCullum - $200 for Patio Project
- Chick-fil-A - Staff luncheon for staff training day
- Anonymous - $127 for Programming and the Patio Project
- Julie Quigley and Students - $100 for Patio Project
- James & Melissa Schultz - $500 for Programming
- Germantown VFW - $500 for Patio Project

B. Village Reports

Miller provided highlights from the past Village Board and GGF meetings.

C. County Reports

Smith reported Vanessa Taylir was hired as the new Library Director for the Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford.

D. System Reports

None.

E. President's Report

None.

F. Director's Report

Smith reviewed highlights from the presented Director's Report and attachments. Smith provided a review of the 'Holds' trend report per the request of Trustee Brady at the February 2024 meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Village Administrator Update

Village Administrator, Steve Kreklow, presented and answered questions on the Village of Germantown budget and library accounts. The Washington County Captial Fund was discussed in detail. Adminstrator Kreklow provided a detailed history of how the annual interest has been added to this account. He also provided an explanation of how interest will be calculated and allocated annually to the fund going forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Meeting Room Policy

Smith reviewed the proposed draft Meeting Room Policy.
Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Darlene Vosen
Seconded By: Jan Miller

Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

B. Donor Tree

Smith reviewed the proposed Donor Tree future use recommendation. It was suggested we consider providing businesses a plaque to place at their location to recognize their donation to the library. Smith will bring the Donation Tree to the April meeting for the board members to see again.

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Joyce Nelson
Seconded By: Jan Miller

Yes: Jan Miller, Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen, Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan, Christa Potratz, Jacob Misiak
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Nelson announced the next Library Board meeting will be held on April 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

PLACEMENT: Action Item

ITEM TITLE: Treasurer's Report

SUBMITTED BY: Darlene Vosen, Library Board Member

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Review the attached Treasurer's Report and attached brick order invoice.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Treasurer's Report 04-24-24
2. Treasurer's Report - Brick & Plaque Invoices

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Treasurer's Report dated April 16, 2024.

ACTION BY Committee:

Germantown Community Library Board
Financial Report April 16, 2024
By Darlene Vosen

Bank Five Nine GCL Board Checking Account (7928) (*included in, but accounted for separately)

Balance 3/12/24 per online statement		$14,908.05
Deposit Patio/Programming/literacy	+$1,057.67	
Transfer to Building Materials/Patio	-$981.00	
4/3 Ck. 1592 National Trophy (plaques)	-$19.00	
4/15 Ck. 1593 Creative Brick (bricks)	-$681.16	
Balance 4/16/24		$14,284.56*

***GCL Usborne Book Sale SRP Funds**: **$1,845.01**
***Early Literacy Fund**: **$552.90+ $24.67 (donation jar) = $577.57**
***Programming Supplies: $3,128.34 + $33.00 (donation jar) = $3,161.34**
***2023/24 Funds for Books &/or Materials**
Glunz Donation (10/03/22): $1,000/$15.98 (left)
Cash anonymous donation (10/03/22): $50.00 (left)
Pagliaro/Handley (1/4/24) $5,225.00
2/12 Plaque Schultz $490.50
2/12 Brick Edgar $250 - $55.83 = $194.17
Total = $6,031.48 - $55.83= $5,975.65
***Patio Expansion 2023**
5/30 Bricks/Tasker $250.00/Bosch $100.00/Nash $100.00
6/29 Brick Kuchta $100
11/14 Brick Ribnek $250
12/1 Brick Furger $100/Kreklow $100
1/30 Brick Nelson $150
1/30 Brick Kruschel $100
2/12 Brick Quigley $100
2/12 Brick Didier $100
2/23 Brick Sadowsky $50
2/23 2 Bricks McCullum $200
3/22 Bonnell $500 -$9.50(plaque cost) = $490.50
3/22 G'town Legion $500 - $9.50(plaque cost) = $490.50
Total $2,681.00+$1,000 (Bonnell/Legion) - $19 (plaques) - $981.00 (transfer) - $534.28 (cost bricks) = $2,146.72
***Building Expansion 2023**
11/14 Brick Totsky $250
12/1 Brick Becker $100
Total = $350.00 – $91.05(cost bricks) = $258.95

Bank Five Nine GCL Board Savings Account (4029)

Balance 3/12/24 per on-line statement		$5,074.18
Interest March	+$.40	
Balance 4/16/24 per on-line statement		$5,074.58

Bank Five Nine GCL Building Account (7962)(**included in, but accounted for separately)

Balance 3/12/24 per on-line statement		$23,602.33
Interest March	+$2.86	
Deposit 3/22 Stantac/donation jar/patio	+$530.51	
Transfer from Checking/Patio	+$981.00	
Interest CD 3991	+$170.91	
Balance 4/16/24 per on-line statement		$25,287.61**

****Penny Jug Fund/Book & Materials = $2,300.74 (total)**
****RAO Account** (technology) = **$2,752.45 (total)**
****Expansion** $2,052.82 **+ $2.86 = $2,055.68 (total)**
****Patio Expansion** $13,850.65 **+ $530.51 + 981.00 = $15,362.162 (total)**
****Un-designated $2,645.67 + (CD#4) $170.91= $2,816.58 (total)**

Bank Five Nine Furniture/Building Fund CD Accounts:

CD #1 Furniture (5708) Balance 2/5/24 per bank statement	$15,000.00
5.29%/5.40% Interest 15 months (mature 5/5/25)	
CD #2 Furniture (4025) Balance 12/4/23 per bank statement	$15,000.00
5.29/5.40% Interest 15 months (mature 3/4/25)	
CD #3 Furniture (5608) Balance 11/8/23 per bank statement	$15,000.00
5.29/5.4% Interest 15 months (mature 2/6/25)	
CD #4 Furniture (3991) Balance 4/4/23 per bank statement	$15,000.00
4.57/4.65% Interest 15 months (mature 7/4/24)	
CD #5 Furniture (8801) Balance 11/30/23 per bank statement	$10,000.00
5.39/5.50% Interest 23 months (mature 10/31/25)	
CD #6 Expansion (8989) Balance 4/27/23 per bank statement	$10,000.00
4.57%/4.65% Interest 15 months (mature 7/27/24)	

Furniture & Equipment ($70,000.00) + Expansion ($10,000.00) = $80,000.00

CREATIVE BRICK & CONCRETE
GIFT BRICKS
2920 - 99TH STREET, UNIT 1
STURTEVANT, WI 53177

Phone #: 800-537-5579
E-Mail: engrave@giftbricks.com

Invoice

Customer No.: GERMANTOWN
Invoice No.: 720372

Bill To: **GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY**
PO BOX 670
N112 W16879 MEQUON RD
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-0670

Ship To: **GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY**
N112 W16957 MEQUON ROAD
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-0670

Date	Ship Via	F.O.B.	Terms	Purchase Order Number
04/03/2024	UPS	Origin	Net 10	

Quantity Required	Quantity Shipped	Quantity B.O.	Item Number	Description	Unit Price	Amount
13	13		WG4X8-44	4X8 WG MAHOGANY # 44 OPT X U&L / BRICK # 168-180	26.60	345.80
4	4		WG8X8-43	8X8 WG TANGERINE # 43 OPT X U&L / BRICK # 43-46	47.20	188.80
				Invoice subtotal		534.60
				Freight charges		146.56
				Invoice total		681.16

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NATIONAL TROPHY & AWARDS INC.
N90 W16890 ROOSEVELT DR. #2
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/3/2024	8838

Bill To	Ship To
GERMANTOWN LIBRARY BOARD PO BOX 670 GERMANTOWN, WI 53022	GERMANTOWN LIBRARY BOARD PO BOX 670 GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.
	Due on receipt		4/3/2024	P/U	

Item Code	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
002	PLAQUE BONNELL, LEGION POST 1	2	9.50	19.00

PD
CK# 1592
4/10/24

Subtotal	$19.00
Sales Tax (5.0%)	$0.00
Total	$19.00

Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Web Site
262-255-3620		TIM@NATAWARDS.COM	NatAwards.COM

BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

PLACEMENT: Action Item

ITEM TITLE: Accounts Payable

SUBMITTED BY: Trisha Smith, Library Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Review the attached Accounts Payable report.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2024-04 Accounts Payable

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Accounts Payable report as presented.

ACTION BY Committee:

INVOICE LIST BY GL ACCOUNT

YEAR/PERIOD: 2024/3 TO 2024/3

ACCOUNT/VENDOR		INVOICE	PO	YEAR/PR TYP S		CHECK RUN CHECK	DESCRIPTION
10570000			Library				
10570000 462900				Library Fines & Fees			
100365	FRIENDS OF	0311FGCL	0	2024 3 INV P	130.36	24-04-03 2367	
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	130.36		
10570000 521400				Library Life Insurance			
100933	SECURIAN FINANCIAL G	0573021147	0	2024 3 INV P	110.47	24-03-14 2120	
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	110.47		
10570000 531000				Library Gen Supplies & Expense			
100735	MONARCH LIBRARY SYST	416202	0	2024 3 INV P	774.00	24-04-03 2398	BOOKPAGES SUB
101083	POSTMASTER	PO BOX FEE PAYMENT	0	2024 3 INV P	436.00	24-03-06 1993	GTOWN COMMUNITY LIB
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	1,210.00		
10570000 531010				Library Office Supplies			
100201	COMPLETE OFFICE	662878	0	2024 3 INV P	200.19	24-03-14 2095	
100201	COMPLETE OFFICE	663563	0	2024 3 INV P	259.10	24-03-14 2095	
					459.29		
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	459.29		
10570000 531100				Library Books			
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038111214	0	2024 3 INV P	602.00	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038125592	0	2024 3 INV P	397.19	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038135150	0	2024 3 INV P	753.81	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038139253	0	2024 3 INV P	340.16	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038140537	0	2024 3 INV P	349.55	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038149482	0	2024 3 INV P	299.90	24-03-14 2091	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038158127	0	2024 3 INV P	389.57	24-04-03 2342	
100092	BAKER & TAYLOR	2038166408	0	2024 3 INV P	516.24	24-04-03 2342	
					3,648.42		
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	3,648.42		
10570000 531190				Marketing & Promotion			
100497	JACKSON PARK & REC	0320JACKSON	0	2024 3 INV P	500.00	24-04-03 2383	ACTIVITY GUIDE AD
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	500.00		
10570000 531430				Library Book Processing			
100246	DEMCO	7450683	0	2024 3 INV P	417.37	24-03-14 2097	
				ACCOUNT TOTAL	417.37		
10570000 531460				Library Audio Visual			
100032	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI	1QLY-C7TG-G1KR	0	2024 3 INV P	953.16	24-03-14 2088	

INVOICE LIST BY GL ACCOUNT

YEAR/PERIOD: 2024/3 TO 2024/3

ACCOUNT/VENDOR		INVOICE	PO	YEAR/PR	TYP	S		CHECK RUN	CHECK	DESCRIPTION
100032	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI	1RTQ-PCVY-6LT9	0	2024 3	INV	P	21.98	24-03-14	2088	
							975.14			
101265	PLAYAWAY	454008	0	2024 3	INV	P	215.97	24-03-14	2117	
101265	PLAYAWAY	455698	0	2024 3	INV	P	229.47	24-03-14	2117	
101265	PLAYAWAY	455751	0	2024 3	INV	P	299.95	24-03-14	2117	
							745.39			
				ACCOUNT TOTAL			1,720.53			
10570000	531470			Library Computer Service						
100391	GFC LEASING	I00897414	0	2024 3	INV	P	1,175.32	24-03-14	2103	
100735	MONARCH LIBRARY SYST	416167	0	2024 3	INV	P	51.44	24-03-14	2113	
				ACCOUNT TOTAL			1,226.76			
10570000	531490			Library Program Supplies & Exp						
100032	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI	1C6J-4VJG-D16X	0	2024 3	INV	P	162.13	24-03-14	2088	
100032	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI	1RGR-PQJG-D6LL	0	2024 3	INV	P	713.42	24-03-14	2088	
							875.55			
				ACCOUNT TOTAL			875.55			
10570000	571000			Library Insurance & Bonds						
100184	CITIES AND VILLAGES	034	0	2024 3	INV	P	601.49	24-04-03	2351	Annual Liability In
100193	CNA SURETY	15279526	0	2024 3	INV	P	111.00	24-04-03	2352	BOND# 15279526
				ACCOUNT TOTAL			712.49			
				ORG 10570000 TOTAL			11,011.24			
	FUND 10 General Fund			TOTAL:			11,011.24			

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BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

PLACEMENT: Presentation

ITEM TITLE: Budget Reports

SUBMITTED BY: Trisha Smith, Library Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Review the attached budget report.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2024-04 Budget Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION BY Committee:

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 03

ACCOUNTS FOR: 10 General Fund		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
10570000 Library								
10570000 432600	County Library	-350,000	-1,000	-351,000	-170,423.97	.00	-180,576.03	48.6%
10570000 462900	Library Fines &	-10,000	0	-10,000	-2,328.88	.00	-7,671.12	23.3%
10570000 463000	Library System	0	0	0	-1,215.00	.00	1,215.00	100.0%
10570000 511000	Library Reg Sal	219,980	20,260	240,240	37,645.21	.00	202,594.79	15.7%
10570000 511100	Library PT Sala	327,906	-13,846	314,060	47,464.90	.00	266,595.10	15.1%
10570000 511200	Library Board	1,200	0	1,200	530.00	.00	670.00	44.2%
10570000 521000	Library Social	41,913	490	42,403	6,312.60	.00	36,090.40	14.9%
10570000 521100	Library State R	27,875	1,957	29,832	5,261.42	.00	24,570.58	17.6%
10570000 521200	Library Health	99,202	0	99,202	7,927.38	.00	91,274.62	8.0%
10570000 521300	Library Dental	4,825	0	4,825	.00	.00	4,825.00	.0%
10570000 521400	Library Life In	1,241	0	1,241	489.07	.00	751.93	39.4%
10570000 531000	Library Gen Sup	10,000	0	10,000	1,210.00	.00	8,790.00	12.1%
10570000 531010	Library Office	6,000	0	6,000	966.89	.00	5,033.11	16.1%
10570000 531080	Library Profess	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
10570000 531100	Library Books	56,000	0	56,000	10,874.51	.00	45,125.49	19.4%
10570000 531190	Marketing & Pro	5,000	0	5,000	750.00	.00	4,250.00	15.0%
10570000 531240	Library Travel	1,000	0	1,000	37.99	.00	962.01	3.8%
10570000 531430	Library Book Pr	10,000	0	10,000	1,423.45	.00	8,576.55	14.2%
10570000 531440	Library Periodi	5,000	0	5,000	.00	.00	5,000.00	.0%
10570000 531460	Library Audio V	20,000	0	20,000	2,270.81	.00	17,729.19	11.4%
10570000 531470	Library Compute	30,000	-7,861	22,139	2,636.81	.00	19,502.19	11.9%
10570000 531490	Library Program	20,000	0	20,000	2,234.10	.00	17,765.90	11.2%
10570000 532080	Library Outreac	0	0	0	135.00	.00	-135.00	100.0%
10570000 552300	Library System	24,000	0	24,000	.00	.00	24,000.00	.0%
10570000 561000	Library Buildin	65,000	0	65,000	19,012.32	.00	45,987.68	29.2%
10570000 561400	Library Telepho	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
10570000 571000	Library Insuran	6,348	0	6,348	5,087.13	1,799.38	-538.51	108.5%
TOTAL Library		628,490	0	628,490	-21,698.26	1,799.38	648,388.88	-3.2%
TOTAL General Fund		628,490	0	628,490	-21,698.26	1,799.38	648,388.88	-3.2%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-360,000	-1,000	-361,000	-173,967.85	.00	-187,032.15	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	988,490	1,000	989,490	152,269.59	1,799.38	835,421.03	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 03

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	628,490	0	628,490	-21,698.26	1,799.38	648,388.88	-3.2%

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Trisha Smith **

BUSINESS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2024

PLACEMENT: Presentation

ITEM TITLE: Director's Report

SUBMITTED BY: Trisha Smith, Library Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Review the submitted Director's Report and attachments.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Director's Report
2. Director's Report (pt. 1 - Monarch Annual Report)
3. Director's Report (pt. 2 - Monarch Annual Report Data)
4. Director's Report (pt. 3 - Circulation Statistics)
5. Director's Report (pt. 4 - 2024 Summer Library Events)
6. Director's Report (pt. 5 - Wash. Co., 3-16)
7. Director's Report (pt. 6 - Wash. Co., 4-9)
8. Director's Report (pt. 7 - Express News, 4-13)
9. Director's Report (pt. 8 - Express News, 4-13)

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION BY Committee:

Director's Report: April 2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN

MONARCH LIBRARY SYSTEM

- The Monarch Library System Directors met on Thursday, April 11 in Mayville. Topic included Monarch 2023 Annual Report (see attached), Vega Program & Discover, merging patron records guidelines, disabling copy-specific holds in the catalog, updating the Monarch2Go app, patron privacy statement update, and issues with text & email notices. Monarch Annual Report was presented (attached).
- Agendas and minutes: https://monarchlibraries.org/library-director-meetings/

WASHINGTON COUNTY

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN:

- The Village of Germantown Board met on Thursday, April 4 & Monday, April 15.
    - The April election was help on Tuesday, April 2. The Public Safety Referendum was passed with a margin of 62% to 38% to add $1.4 million to the Village property tax levy to add 10 firefighters-paramedics and 4 police officers.
    - Current Library Board members Kerpan and Potratz were reappointed to the Library Board on Monday, April 15. Trustee Cutts was appointed to the Library Board.
- Agendas and minutes: https://germantownwi.portal.civicclerk.com/
- Recordings: https://www.youtube.com/@villageofgermantownwiscons871/streams

FRIENDS OF THE GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

- The Friends of the Germantown Community Library met on Monday, April 22.
- The May Pop-Up Sale will be $0.50 adult paperback fiction. There are also new bags for sale. The Friends are currently collecting youth & teen books for the summer book sale.

DONATIONS:

Donor	Amount	Department	Brick/Plaque	Address
Bank Five Nine (Cheri Schadeberg)	$2,000	Patio Project	None (part of patio sign)	N112W17100 Mequon Rd Germantown, WI 53022
Blanchard, Emily	$100 (credit)	Patio Project	Brick (3 lines)	N109W16311 Hawthorne Dr Germantown, WI 53022
Fleiss, Judith	$500	Patio Project	Plaque	N104W16239 Donges Bay Rd Germantown, WI 53022
Kiwanis Community Foundation	$3,000	Patio Project	None (part of patio sign)	PO Box 430 Germantown, WI 53022
Stantec (Michael Bach)	$500	Patio Project	None (part of patio sign)	Michael.Bach@stantec.com

- Donation Jars / Giving Tree:
    - Patio Expansion: $44.35
    - Early Literacy: $26.50
    - Programming Supplies: $12.00

Monthly Donations Total: $6,182.85

DEPOSITS:

- Midwest Tapes (Reimbursement for Hoopla)

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

- Cervantes Concreate Services, Inc.: $4,376.00 (20% down payment for Patio Project) (previously approved)

STATISTICS:

- Previous Month & Annual Circulation (see attached) (Easter in April 2023 and in March 2024)
    - Physical: **24,744** **(-10.3% from 2023 / -4.5% YTD)**
    - Digital: **5,835** **(19.3% from 2023 / 16.7% YTD)**
    - Total: **30,579** **(-5.8% from 2023 / -1.2% YTD)**

PROGRAMMING:

- New programming brochures for May – August are in the library and online (attached).
- Ongoing Programs (monthly):
    - Youth: Storytime (8), Performers, Thursday Evening Programs & Saturday Programs
    - Teen: Teen Advisory Board, Make It Crafts (3) & Evening Programs
    - Adult: Book Groups (6), Make It Crafts (3), Puzzle Days, Stitch with Me, Cook with a Book, Job Center & Special Programs
    - Outreach: Senior Center Visits (5), Home Delivery, Book Drop-Offs, Enchanted Library Events, Kid's Klub Enchanted Library Visits, Preschool Readings & Special Events
- Upcoming Programs & Outreach Calendar: https://germantownlibrarywi.events.mylibrary.digital/

IN THE NEWS (ATTACHED):

- 'Writing the next chapter: Germantown Library celebrates 60th anniversary (Wash. Co. Daily, 3/16)
- 'Germantown library celebrates 60th anniversary (Wash. Co. Daily, 4/9)
- 'Student art displayed at library (Express News, 4/13)
- 'Public libraries empower students, schools, communities (Dr. Darrell Williams, DPI) (Express News, 4/13)

DIRECTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS (100 HOURS EVERY 5 YEARS – EXPIRES IN 12/2027)

DIRECTOR MEETINGS, PROGRAMS & OUTREACH (PAST):

- Tues, Apr 3 – Village Administrator
- Tues, Apr 3 – Village Finance Director
- Thurs, Apr 4 – Village Board (online)
- Mon, Apr 8 – 60th Anniversary Party
- Wed, Apr 10 – Village Department Heads
- Thurs, Apr 11 – Monarch Directors (Mayville)
- Mon, Apr 15 – Village GGF & Village Board
- Wed, Apr 17 – Chamber Ribbon Cutting
- Mon, Apr 22 – Friends of the Library
- Wed, Apr 24 – Village Department Heads
- Wed, Apr 24 – Library Board
- Thurs, Apr 25 – Trustee Orientation
- Fri, Apr 26 – Village Department Head Training
- Tues, Apr 30-Fri, May 3 – WAPL Conference (Steven's Point)

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ADMIN & ALL STAFF

- Vega Program was launched on Wednesday, April 17 to replace LibCal. All staff were involved in various levels of training, set up, entering information, promotion and answering patron questions. Vega Program includes:
    - Upcoming Events: https://germantownlibrarywi.events.mylibrary.digital/
    - Curbside Pickup & Room Reservations: https://germantownlibrarywi.events.mylibrary.digital/browse-rooms

YOUTH, ADULT & OUTREACH SERVICES

- The library's 60th Anniversary Celebration evening was on Monday, April 8 from 5:30-7:00pm with about 110 people in attendance. The Outreach Specialist coordinated this event and also had various history displays in the library that will be up until the end of April.
- Youth & Outreach Services hosted 2nd grade field trips at the library for 6 schools.
- Miss Katie and Miss Jackie hosted a special parachute storytime on Tuesday, April 23 for the final spring Preschool Storytime. Summer Storytime will start on Tuesday, June 11 & Wednesday, June 12.
- The library hosted two students as part of the "Librarian for a Day" raffle prize from local schools.
- A fundraiser at Chick-fil-A will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 4-8pm.

CIRCULATION & TECHNICAL SERVICES

- The Circulation Team created approximately 80 new library cards for students attending the 2nd grade field trips that did not already have library cards.
- The Tech Services staff attended Monarch Catalog Training in preparation for the cataloging changes needed for the new Vega Discover catalog.
- The new Page I high school student started on April 1 to replace an open position.

TECHNOLOGY, BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Library staff met with Village staff and our contractor to approve and finalize plans for Phase 1 of the Patio project. This will include replacement and expansion of the patio and placing the donation bricks around the patio. We will also be adding ADA picnic tables, a musical instrument and early literacy play area items. The project is tentatively scheduled to start the week of May 20.
- The Germantown High School Rain Barrels Fundraiser was on display in the library lobby from March 22 – April 20.
- The Human Society Supply Drive in the library entrance began April 16 and will run until May 9.

"Transforming Library Service"

2023 Monarch LIBRARY SYSTEM

Monarch Catalog Connects 32 Libraries in Dodge • Ozaukee • Sheboygan • Washington Counties

3,150,499 Library Items Checked Out
Books • Audio *(Audiobooks | CDs | Vinyl)* • Video *(DVDs | Blu-Ray)*
Magazines • Newspapers • Video Games • Software
Library of Things *(Misc. items available at the libraries)*

311,452 Digital Books Checked Out

305,002 Digital Audiobooks Checked Out

64,348 Digital Magazines Checked Out

3,831,301
Total Circulation
• Physical & Digital •

Cardholders **182,105** | **1,550, 247** Total Library Visits
• 27 Libraries Reporting Library Visits•

Includes In-Person & Virtual *(Live & Pre-Recorded)* Programming

Programs @ Monarch Libraries
8,070

185,980
People *(All Ages)* Attended Programs

3 Routes Deliver Items • 5 Days a Week •

576,197
Total Items Shared Between Monarch Catalog Libraries

WOW!
-MONARCH CARDHOLDERS LOVE OUR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS-

19.6% MORE DIGITAL Audiobooks

80.8% MORE DIGITAL Magazines

ENJOYED BY PATRONS IN 2023

WiFi USE INCREASED BY **22.8%**

376,146
WiFi Connections

• All Libraries Reporting •

1,529,218
Children's Materials Checked Out

Summer Reading
Recorded by
11,193 Kids & Teens

5.8 MILLION
Minutes of Reading
&
22,089
Logged Days of Reading

40% of Circulation is Children's Materials

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The following chart was provided by the Monarch Library System to show the difference in system services between 2022 and 2023.

Monarch Infographics 2023

- The statistics from the Annual Reports were compiled to create a snapshot for the year 2023 to create the Monarch Infographic 2023. Please take a look at the **attached copy**.
- Notable Differences from the previous year are as follows:

System Wide Activities	% Change	2023 Data	2022 Data
Physical Items Checked Out	3.4% increase	3,150,499	3,046,071
eBooks Checked Out	4.3% increase	311,452	298,698
eAudiobooks Checked Out	19.6% increase	305,002	255,041
eMagazines Checked Out	80.8% increase!	64,348	35,585
Total Circulation	5.4% increase	3,831,301	3,635,395
Cardholders	(4.2% decrease)	182,105	190,104
Total Library Visits	13.3% increase	1,550,247	1,368,718
Programs @ Libraries	(9.2% decrease)	8,070	8,891
Program Attendance	(30.9% decrease)	185,980	269,036
Items through Delivery	3.6% increase	576,197	555,973
Wi-Fi Connections	22.8% increase	376,146	306,312
Childrens' Items Checked Out	6% increase	1,529,218	1,443,139
Minutes of Summer Reading Recorded by Kids & Teens	18.4% increase	5.8 million	4.9 million
Days of Summer Reading Recorded by Kids & Teens	(30.3% decrease)	22,089	31,670

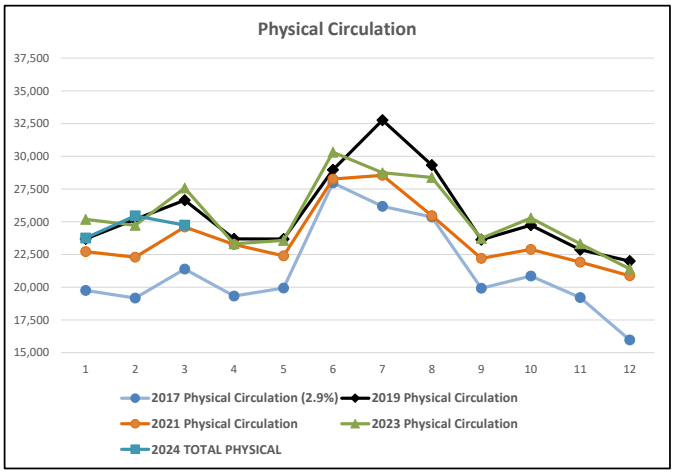
The chart below shows includes service data at the Germantown Community Library as a comparison.

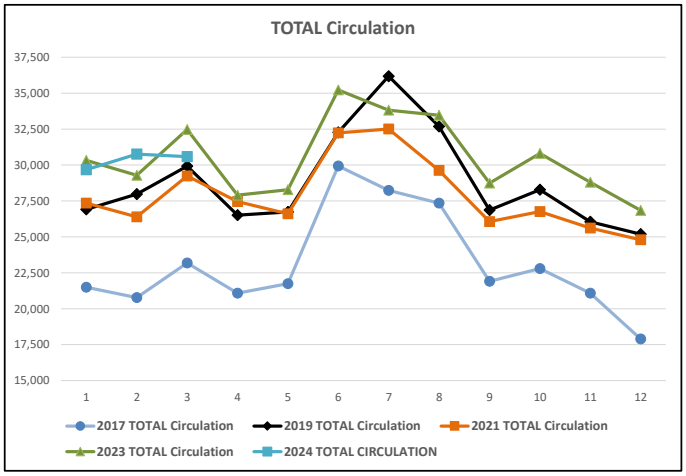
Monarch Library System				Germantown Community Library		
Services	% Change	2023 Data	2022 Data	% Change	2023 Data	2022 Data
Physcial Items Checked Out	3.4% increase	3,150,499	3,046,071	5.8% increase	305,539	288,802
eBooks Checked Out	4.3% increase	311,452	298,698	10.6% increase	26,902	24,331
eAudiobooks Checked Out	19.6% increase	305,002	255,041	39.1% increase	26,814	19,273
eMagazines Checked Out	80.8% increase	64,348	35,585	52.8% increase	6,121	4,005
Total Circulation	5.4% increase	3,831,301	3,635,395	8.6% increase	365,376	336,411
Cardholders	(4.2% decrease)	182,105	190,104	0.7% increase	12,256	12,165
Total Library Visits	13.3% increase	1,550,247	1,368,718	10.4% increase	102,274	92,638
Programs @ Libraries	(9.2% decrease)	8,070	8,891	9.2% increase	715	655
Program Attendance	(30.9% decrease)	185,980	269,036	5.4% increase	60,216	57,142
Items through Delivery	3.6% increase	576,197	555,973	6.4% increase	90,358	84,950
Wi-Fi Connections	22.8% increase	376,146	306,312	(14.4% decrease)	9,865	11,522
Children's Items Checked Out	6.0% increase	1,529,218	1,443,139	1.3% increase	150,316	148,323
Minutes of Summer Reading Recorded by Kids & Teens	18.4% increase	5.8 million	4.9 million	Data not available		
Days of Summer Reading Recorded by Kids & Teens	(30.3% decrease)	22,089	31,670	Data not available		

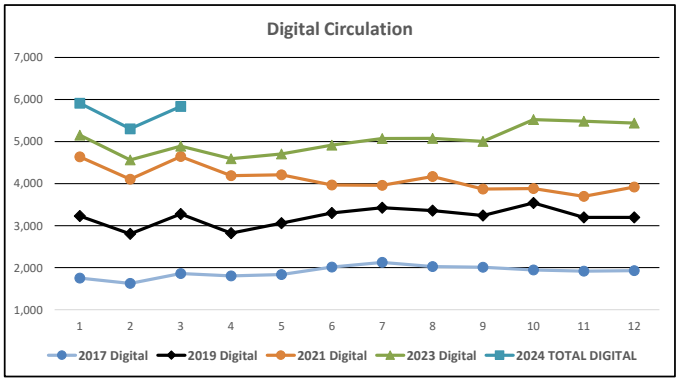
GCL Statistical Trends 2016-2024

**COVID-19 Building closed 3/14/20 thru 5/20/20, and 11/2-14/20*

Stats	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov*	Dec
2024 TOTAL PHYSICAL	73,957	23,760	25,453	24,744									
% over 2023	-4.5%	-5.6%	3.0%	-10.3%									
% over 2019	-2.1%	0.3%	1.1%	-7.1%									
2024 Overdrive - Audio	7,147	2,449	2,232	2,466									
2024 Overdrive - eBook	6,876	2,337	2,176	2,363									
2024 Overdrive - Magazine	3,028	1,126	896	1,006									
2024 Overdrive Total	17,051	5,912	5,304	5,835									
2024 TOTAL DIGITAL	17,051	5,912	5,304	5,835									
% over 2023	16.7%	14.8%	16.2%	19.3%									
% over 2019	83.2%	83.0%	89.2%	78.1%									
2024 TOTAL CIRCULATION	91,008	29,672	30,757	30,579									
% over 2023	-1.2%	-2.2%	5.0%	-5.8%									
% over 2019	7.3%	10.2%	9.9%	2.2%									
2023 TOTAL PHYSICAL	305,539	25,176	24,721	27,576	23,314	23,573	30,311	28,744	28,382	23,733	25,289	23,318	21,402
% over 2022	5.8%	11.2%	9.7%	9.1%	0.5%	8.6%	3.4%	0.1%	1.4%	3.2%	12.6%	5.7%	7.5%
% over 2019	-0.5%	6.3%	-1.8%	3.5%	-1.6%	-0.4%	4.6%	-12.3%	-3.2%	0.5%	2.2%	2.0%	-2.7%
2023 Overdrive - Audio	23,308	1,919	1,660	1,808	1,773	1,962	1,964	2,048	2,118	1,961	2,109	2,048	1,938
2023 Overdrive - eBook	25,635	2,311	2,063	2,294	2,118	2,062	2,237	2,283	2,198	2,054	1,993	1,972	2,050
2023 Overdrive - Magazine	6,121	363	276	342	293	270	304	337	347	612	1,005	970	1,002
2023 Overdrive Total	55,064	4,593	3,999	4,444	4,184	4,294	4,505	4,668	4,663	4,627	5,107	4,990	4,990
2023 Hoopla	5,344	558	564	445	408	411	409	403	413	376	415	492	450
2023 TOTAL DIGITAL	60,408	5,151	4,563	4,889	4,592	4,705	4,914	5,071	5,076	5,003	5,522	5,482	5,440
% over 2022	14.3%	16.8%	14.7%	7.5%	7.9%	6.1%	11.0%	8.4%	7.0%	15.4%	26.8%	29.7%	42.4%
% over 2019	57.1%	59.5%	62.8%	49.2%	62.9%	53.8%	48.9%	48.1%	51.3%	54.6%	56.0%	71.5%	70.1%
2023 TOTAL CIRCULATION	365,947	30,327	29,284	32,465	27,906	28,278	35,225	33,815	33,458	28,736	30,811	28,800	26,842
% over 2022	7.1%	12.1%	10.5%	8.8%	1.7%	8.1%	4.4%	1.2%	2.2%	5.2%	14.9%	9.5%	10.2%
% over 2019	5.9%	12.7%	4.7%	8.5%	5.3%	5.8%	9.2%	-6.5%	2.4%	7.0%	9.0%	10.5%	6.6%
2022 TOTAL CIRCULATION	341,631	27,057	26,503	29,815	27,446	26,151	33,733	33,401	32,747	27,325	26,807	26,295	24,351
2021 TOTAL PHYSICAL	285,400	22,716	22,287	24,597	23,265	22,394	28,266	28,545	25,461	22,196	22,881	21,918	20,874
2020 TOTAL Circulation	287,663	29,057	29,114	19,148	6,609	13,676	29,172	29,547	29,547	27,676	27,911	22,287	24,892
2019 Physical Circulation	307,128	23,686	25,174	26,645	23,688	23,677	28,968	32,758	29,329	23,622	24,736	22,856	21,989
Digital Circulation	38,442	3,230	2,803	3,276	2,819	3,060	3,300	3,425	3,356	3,239	3,540	3,196	3,198
2019 TOTAL Circulation	345,570	26,916	27,977	29,921	26,507	26,737	32,268	36,183	32,685	26,861	28,276	26,052	25,187
2018 TOTAL Circulation	323,423	24,800	23,134	25,729	26,407	25,795	32,103	32,769	31,169	25,550	27,809	25,189	22,974
2017 TOTAL Circulation	277,461	21,499	20,774	23,179	21,078	21,738	29,934	28,236	27,352	21,906	22,793	21,082	17,890
2016 TOTAL Circulation	263,946	20,667	21,738	22,806	22,100	21,582	27,724	26,586	25,274	19,889	20,099	20,140	15,341







TIME FOR an adventure AT THE LIBRARY!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 3 - AUGUST 3

Summer Kick-Off Party

Saturday, June 8

11:30am -1:00pm

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

- Adventure Rock - Brookfield
- The Big Backyard
- Cousin's Subs
- Culver's - Menomonee Falls
- Forte Bank, Richfield
- Friends of the Germantown Library
- Kiwanis - Germantown
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeshore Chinooks
- Little Amerricka Amusement Park
- Milwaukee Admirals
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Bucks
- The Pettit National Ice Center
- Texas Roadhouse - West Bend
- Wendy's
- WI State Fair

ENDLESS SUMMER ADVENTURES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ENCHANTED LIBRARY EVENTS:

Saturday, May 18- 9:00AM
Bethlehem Lutheran Blazer Dash

June 10-15 -Little Free Library Passport to Adventure Program

Friday, June 14- 9:00AM Jackson & 11:00AM Richfield
Picnic & Storytime with Miss Katie

Saturday, June 15 - 1:00PM Kinderberg Park
Storytime with Amber and Derek the Racehorse

Saturday, July 6 - 10:00AM Fireman's Park
It's a Dog Party & Storytime with Miss Jackie

Friday, August 2 -9:00AM Jackson & 11:00AM Richfield
Favorite Book Character Day

FUNDRAISERS

THURSDAY, MAY 2 - CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER @ 4:00PM-8:00PM

MONDAY, JULY 15- ROBERT'S FUNDRAISER @ 4:00PM-8:00PM

LIBRARY EVENTS

MAY - AUGUST 2024

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BUILD CONNECTIONS ENRICH LIVES

N112 W16957 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022
(262) 253-7760
www.germantownlibrarywi.org

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am - 7:30pm
Friday: 9:30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 3pm

Youth Programs

STORYTIME SESSIONS:

Preschool Storytime:
Tuesdays @ 10:00am
meets June 11 - July 30

Baby/Toddler Storytime:
Wednesdays @ 10:00am
meets June 12 - July 31

*Sponsored by Kiwanis of Germantown

PERFORMERS:

Thursday, June 27: 10:30am or 1:30pm	Smarty Pants Balloon Show
Thursday, July 25: 10:30am or 1:30pm	Miller & Mike Comedy Show
Tuesday, August 13: 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Zoozort Mini Zoo
Saturday, August 17: 10:30am or 1:30pm	The Mammoth Hunter

*Youth Performers sponsored by the Friends of the Library

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMS:

Thursday, June 13: 4:00pm or 6:00pm	Fakémon Creations
Thursday, July 11: 4:00pm or 6:00pm	Library Olympics
Thursday, August 8: 4:00pm or 6:00pm	Just Dance Glow Party

SATURDAY PROGRAMS:

Saturday, June 8: 11:30am - 1:00pm	Summer Kick-Off Party*
Saturday, June 22: 10:30am - 12:30pm	Star Wars Takeover
Saturday, June 29: 10:00am - 2:00pm	Play in a Day
Saturday, August 10: 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Interactive Shrek Movie

Teen Programs

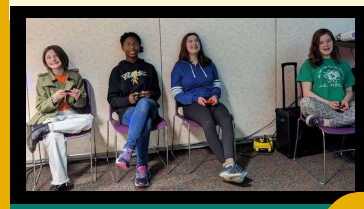
EVENING PROGRAMS:

QUARTER QUELL IRL
Friday, May 24
@ 6:00pm

Monday, June 17
@ 6:00pm: Teen Game Night

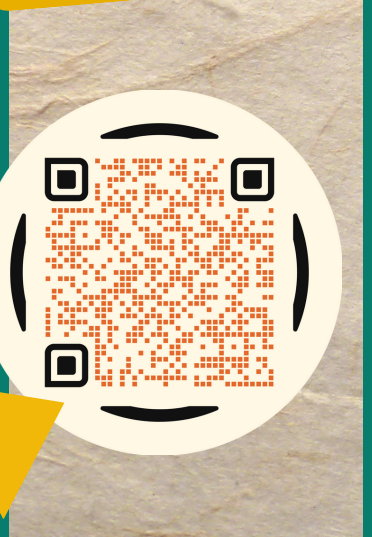
TEEN OLYMPIAD
Monday, July 22nd
@ 6:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
@ 6:00PM: COLLEGE Q+A



All upcoming programs

VIEW OUR PROGRAM CALENDAR HERE!



Adult Programs

*these programs require registration

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

*Puzzle Race (Sat, May 4 @ 10:30am)
The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project (Wed, May 15 @ 6:00pm)
Lincoln: Honest Abe on Elections (Tues, May 21 @ 6:00pm)
Raising Monarch Butterflies (Thurs, June 6 @ 6:00pm)
Alzheimer's Communication (Wed, June 12 @ 6:00pm)
Hiking the Ice Age Trail (Tues, June 18 @ 6:00pm)
Gardening at Any Age (Wed, July 10 @ 1:00pm)
Frank Lloyd Wright's Wisconsin with Kristine Hansen (Wed, August 14 @ 6:00pm)
Decluttering and Downsizing (Tues, August 20 @ 1:00pm)

SERIES PROGRAMS:

Adult Puzzle Days (Mondays @ 9:30am-3:00pm)
May 13, June 10, July 8 & August 12
Coffee, tea & cocoa provided. For adults only.

***Make It @ the Library (adults & ages 11+)**
(Mondays @ 1-2:45pm, 3-4:45pm & 5-6:45pm)
May 6: Spring Daisy Jars
July 15: Mod Podge Coasters
Sept 23: Mini Pallet Pumpkins

***Adult Crafts (Wednesdays @ 2pm)**
June 5: Burlap Table Runner
August 7: Felt Mug Cozies

***Cook with a Book (Thursdays @ 1pm)**
May 16, June 20, July 18 & August 15

Adult Book Groups
The library has many book groups for adults.
Stop by the library or visit our website to learn more

Writing the next chapter

Germantown Community Library celebrates 60th anniversary

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Community Library is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and inviting the community to a special celebration that will be held during Library Appreciation Week, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on April 8.

The party will include a wide selection of activities for all ages to participate in, including popular board games from when the library opened in the 1960s, a collaborative art project, an exhibit on the history of the library, a brand new video presentation about the library and a basket raffle, according to the release. Light refreshments will also be provided by the Germantown Friends of the Library.

According to the release, the April 8 celebration is just one of the ways that the library will mark its 60th anniversary throughout the year.

"Watch for special social media posts and themed decade dress up days throughout the year," the release said. "We will even be incorporating elements from previous decades into our activities and programs this year!"

To stay up to date, you can follow the "Germantown Community Library" on Facebook online, at tinyurl.com/46bm4raa.

Germantown library celebrates 60th anniversary

By Andrew Abler
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GERMANTOWN —The Germantown Community Library invited the community to join them in festive fun as the library celebrated its 60th anniversary from 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. on Monday.

According to information on the Germantown Community website, long-time Germantown resident and former bank president Emma Duerrwaechter surprised the community in 1962 by donating $30,000 for a building to be used as the village's first library. Since then, the library has gone through two more iterations to get to what citizens can see and enjoy today.

See **LIBRARY**, PAGE 8A

Guests view a special display exhibiting the library's history by the decade at the Germantown Community Library's 60th Anniversary celebration on Monday.

Andrew Abler/ Daily News Staff

Library

From Page 1A

The library hosted the special celebration in honor of library appreciation week, which fell on April 7-13 this year. Attendees of all ages came out to join in the festivities, kids and adults alike.

The event had many fun activities and opportunities for all guests to enjoy, including an assortment of classic "1960s popular" games for kids to play, like Battleship and Twister.

The event also featured a collaborative art project display, exhibiting the history of the library since its founding. Each shelf in the display featured photos and library history themed for each decade, from the 60's all the way to the 2020s. There were also other exhibits featuring documents, news articles, promotional materials and other memorabilia the library has accrued over its 60-year history.

The event also included a brand-new original video presentation created by one of the library staff members including pictures from the library's history. Friends of the Library were also in attendance, serving guests with light refreshments at their table. Also in the video room, visitors could get the chance to enter to win a 1960s-themed raffle basket.

According to 2021 Wisconsin Public Library Services Data, the Germantown Community Library services nearly 21,000 residents in Germantown and an additional 14,000 residents of the surrounding areas of Richfield and Jackson. The collection holds over 145,000 physical items with an overall circulation of just under 300,000 items.

For more information on the Germantown Community Library, its services and other events it puts on, visit germantownlibrarywi.org.

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Kids enjoy a game of Battleship along with other classic games at the Germantown Community Library's 60th Anniversary celebration on Monday.

The Friends of the Germantown Library serve light refreshments at the Germantown Community Library's 60th Anniversary celebration on Monday.

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Artwork by Germantown School District students was on display during Youth Art Month at the Germantown Community Library last month.

New law increases penalties for fleeing an officer

Penalties for fleeing an officer are now tougher following a bill that was signed into law late last month.

Gov. Tony Evers signed state Senate Bill 514 into law on March 27. The bill was authored by Sen. Dan Knodl (R-Germantown) and Rep. Bob Donovan (R-Greenfield).

"I would like to thank Governor Evers for signing this bill and recognizing the severity of the problem going on in the Milwaukee Metro Area. I also want to thank Rep. Bob Donovan for all the work he has done in the Assembly to get this bill across the finish line," Knodl said in a statement. "Once again, the legislature responded to the concerns of the citizens. I now implore the county district attorneys and judges in the area to take these dangerous individuals off the streets and ensure that once arrested they are put away for a significant amount of time."

Under the new law, fleeing an officer becomes a Class H felony, which carries a possible sentence of up to six years in prison and a maximum fine of up to $10,000. If fleeing an officer causes bodily harm or property damage, it will now be classified as a Class G felony, which carries a possible sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of up to $25,000. If a person fleeing an officer causes great bodily harm to another person, there will be a minimum sentence of up to one year and six months in prison with a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. If a person fleeing an officer kills another person, a minimum prison term of two years and six months will be imposed with a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison possible.

After signing the bill, Evers issued the following statement: "Every Wisconsinite deserves to feel safe on our streets and roads, including when they're taking a walk, driving to work, taking their kids to school, or even just running errands. I'm incredibly proud of the bipartisan work we've been able to accomplish this session to prevent reckless driving, improve road safety, and expand driver education to promote safe and responsible driving across our state."

- By Thomas J. McKillen, Managing Editor

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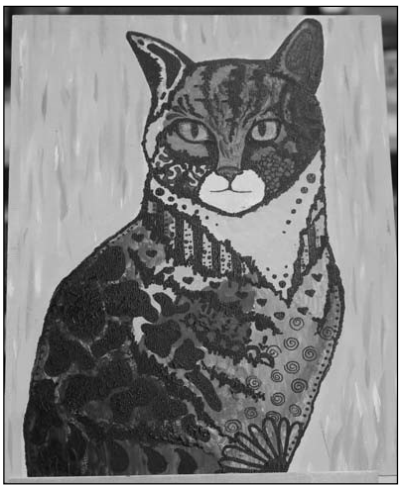

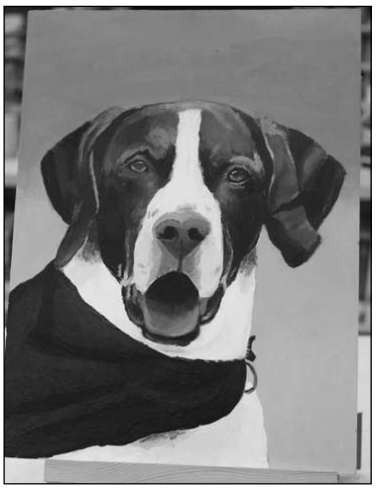

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Artwork by Germantown School District students was displayed at the Germantown Community Library last month. Among the artwork on display during the exhibit was (from left), a cat portrait by Adeline Garthwaite, a dog portrait by Carson Depies, and a Kermit the Frog sculpture by Germantown High School students Kelly Quella.

West Bend Chapter of Guitars for Vets Launched on April 1

Washington County Veterans Services, in coordination and partnership with volunteers from the Hartford and West Bend American Legion Posts, Sons of the American Legion, and the West Bend Music Academy, has launched the West Bend Chapter of Guitars for Vets!

Guitars for Vets (G4V) started in Milwaukee and is now a national organization with over 200 chapters. The program aspires to help Veterans, by providing 10 free guitar lessons and after graduation, a new guitar to continue their musical journey. G4V covers all the costs for this program and all participants, including instructors, are volunteers.

"I am so proud to participate in this program," commented Kurt Rusch, Washington County Veterans Service Officer. "Opportunities like these are crucial for Veterans struggling from their service and in need of a positive and creative outlet."

The West Bend Chapter currently has two instructors and a capacity of 4 students at a time. "There will be a waiting list," said Rusch, "but that's ok, over time we will get more instructors on board, it will be worth the wait."

County Executive Josh Schoemann said, "Washington County believes that the citizens who live, work, and play here deserve the best care and resources we can provide. Between our Veteran focused mental health initiatives and positive community organizations such as Guitars for Vets, we are truly living up to our core values of compassion, collaboration, and innovation."

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering as an instructor or participating as a student or committee member, please have them contact wi.westbend@guitarsforvets.org.

For more information visit: https://guitars4vets.org/

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Thielke stated that the current school year brought new and exciting additions to the already established Program at Kennedy Middle School: a Rotational Molding and Industrial Plastics Recycling Machine. Both machines were purchased from grants from the Society of Plastics Engineers Education Foundation. The Rotational Molding Machine was put to use earlier in the school year, producing banks for all 150 Manufacturing Students. The addition of a plastics "grinding" machine, allows students to recycle #2 used "Milk" containers (HDPE - Polyethylene).

Other thermoplastics can also be recycled; which demonstrates conservation, reuses readily available materials, and educates students on the importance of recycling, with a practical application. Injection Molding (screwdriver set handles), Rotational Molding (bank), and static casting (football tee) prototypes are presently being developed, with the materials recycled through the use of the plastics "grinding" machine. Both injection molding and static casting have demonstrated great potential with the prototypes. Rotational Molding still needs additional testing with heat, cooling, process time and material needed.

The following plastics processes are integrated in the Technology Education Program at Kennedy Middle School: Exploring Plastics (sixth grade), simple casting; Manufacturing Plastics (seventh and eighth grades), plastinol casting, rotational molding, static casting, euro casting, vacuum forming, injection molding, thermoforming, 3D printing, and HDPE Recycling.

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As we recognize National Library Week (which was held April 7-13), communities across the nation have a unique opportunity to reflect on the invaluable role our libraries have in fostering literacy across all ages while also expressing heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated librarians who make it all possible.

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, our libraries remain steadfast in their commitment to literacy. From picture books sparking young imaginations to scholarly resources challenging intellects, libraries serve as invaluable resources to nurture the lifelong love for learning.

For young learners, school and public libraries are instrumental in laying the foundation for literacy skills that will help shape their academic and personal lives. To improve literacy across Wisconsin for both young and adult learners, libraries play a significant role. Story hours, early literacy programs, and access to diverse children's literature not only foster a love for reading, but also enhance language development and critical thinking skills. Librarians often serve as mentors, guiding young readers toward age-appropriate materials and sparking their curiosity through engaging activities and discussions.

As children grow into adolescents and young adults, libraries remain a constant, continuing to support their educational journey. Whether it is assisting with research projects, providing access to digital resources, or offering tutoring services, librarians serve as trusted allies in helping students navigate the complexities of academia. Moreover, libraries serve as safe havens for teens, providing a welcoming environment where they can explore their interests, connect with peers, and access resources to support their personal and academic growth. While one may not read every book in the library, there should be a book for everyone in the library.

In addition to serving youth, libraries are equally committed to promoting lifelong learning among adults and seniors. From career development workshops to technology training sessions, libraries offer a myriad of resources designed to empower individuals to thrive in an ever-changing world. Furthermore, libraries serve as community centers, hosting cultural events, author talks, and discussion groups fostering intellectual stimulation and social connection among library users of all ages.

Behind every thriving library is a team of devoted librarians who work tirelessly to ensure their communities have access to the resources and support they need to succeed. From curating collections to providing reference assistance, librarians wear many hats as they fulfill their mission of promoting literacy and lifelong learning. Their passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to serving the public deserve our utmost respect, appreciation, and recognition.

As we celebrate National Library Week, let us take a moment to express our gratitude to the public and school librarians who enrich our lives and communities every day. Their dedication to promoting literacy, fostering a love for learning, and creating inclusive spaces where everyone feels welcome is truly commendable. Let us continue to support our libraries and librarians, recognizing them as indispensable champions of education, enlightenment, and empowerment for all ages.

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Public meeting scheduled on Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A public meeting will be held from 5:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, May 1 at the Washington County Public Agency Center, Room 1113 A&B located at 333 E. Washington Street, West Bend.

Citizens are invited to this informational meeting related to the lessening of impacts from natural hazards in Washington County. Natural hazards include flooding, tornadoes, drought, extreme temperature events, and severe winter storms. Planning efforts are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for local governments to receive federal funding for mitigation projects to help communities reduce the loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters.

Citizens will have the opportunity to learn about, and comment on, the draft plan of the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update before it is submitted to be finalized.

In 2018, all of the cities, villages and townships in Washington County, along with the Washington County Board, adopted the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard mitigation planning helps prevent/minimize future damages, promotes disaster-resilient communities, and reduces response and recovery resource requirements. Adopting the plan also allows municipalities and counties the opportunity to apply for mitigation project grant funds through FEMA. Hazard Mitigation Plans must be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to remain eligible for federal grants.

County Clerk announces 'I Voted" sticker contest for Washington County students

The Washington County Clerk's Office is working towards continued community engagement within the election process and is requesting student involvement in the creation of our 2024 "I Voted" sticker. The top four selected designs from students in grades K5-12 will be used to represent voters from all of Washington County. The designs will be used to highlight the Nov. 5 General Election, in addition to bringing awareness to elections throughout the following year. Each voter will receive one of these specially designed stickers after they vote!

County Clerk Ashley Reichert said, "please share this information with students you know. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity for our area students to become involved within the election process in Washington County!"

Submissions will be accepted from April 12 through May 31 by visiting www.washcowisco.gov/ivotedsticker. The top selected designs will be posted online for public voting throughout the month of July. Four winners, one from each age range (K5-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12), will then be publicly announced on Aug. 5.

Washington County's Sheriff's Most Wanted

The Washington County Sheriff Office is seeking Samuel Lavern Zarzana (pictured). In a statement issued on April 8, Zarzana is described as a 51-year-old male who is 5 feet 8 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes. He has a tattoo on his right leg.

Zarzana is wanted by the Washington County Sheriff Washington County Sheriff for possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia and is wanted by the Department of Corrections on a probation violation. His last known address is Hartford.

Anyone with information on Zarzana should contact their local law enforcement agency or call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 262-335-4378.

Update: Amada Vey, listed as Most Wanted on March 18, has been taken into custody.

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