

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BOARD BRIEFS
Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

**This is a summary of Board action not part of the consent agenda items
(routine monthly business approvals). Regular session minutes will be approved
according to Open Meetings Act guidelines and posted at frgml.org.**

Paul Inserra from ATA Group presented the findings of the annual audit. The audit review was declared clean. Inserra stated the library is in a very good financial position.

Carol Dolan from the Friends of the Library was present. Dolan explained the FOL helps support the Library by providing funding for extra programs and materials that are not explicitly budgeted. The FOL raise funds through book sales, private grants, Dine 'n Share at local restaurants, and selling greeting cards. They will not be selling a calendar this year. She encouraged the board to help with their fundraising efforts by spreading the word of their events and helping at book sales.

Treasurer Cooper praised Adult & Technical Services Manager Kaiser for doing a great job coordinating the Thin Mint Sprint race with the Running Club for the Girls Scouts of Northern Illinois. Kaiser thanked Cooper for volunteering.

Director Komala noted she and Youth Services Manager Johnson have already interviewed four candidates for the open Youth Services Assistant Programmer position.

Director Komala shared that a donation of Panera gift cards was left in the drop box for the “Staff of Fox River Grove Library, Best on the Planet,” according to the anonymous note. She plans to use the gift cards to help cover a portion of the fall staff appreciation lunch.

President Augle asked Youth Services Manager Johnson to explain how the Middle School Craft Club is structured.

President Augle inquired about the Garden Club. Adult & Technical Services Manager Kaiser said participant numbers continue to exceed her expectations.

Treasurer Cooper inquired about Running Club members at the Crystal Lake Half Marathon. Adult & Technical Services Manager Kaiser said eight members participated, and she exceeded one end of the race.

Director Komala reminded trustees running for re-election in the 2025 consolidated election to get the necessary signatures for their petitions. She will send out another reminder before the November filing deadline.

Director Komala noted that RAILS put together talking points and statistics for library advocacy, a pamphlet called Illinois Libraries, Agencies of Impact: A Data Study. Komala added ALA's library usage “return on investment” calculator to the Library's website.

Director Komala provided an update on the EBSCO statewide database package. The Illinois State Library signed a three-year contract, with up to seven one-year renewal options (10 years total), to offer Illinois residents access to EBSCO's 54 databases. Library staff will be trained on it at September's all-staff meeting, and the Library will officially roll out and promote the service to patrons once given the go-ahead from the State Library.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.