

Chesterfield Library Board of Trustees Meeting
7:08 PM, November 13, 2023

Present: Trustees: Amy Gavalis, Jen Peotter, Linda Urban-Lyon; Cynthia Squier

October Minutes: Accepted with the following correction: delete: In the past the FOL had purchased...change to: In 2022 the FOL purchased ...

Librarian's Report: The total circulation statistics for October 2023 were down from October 2022 with electronic circulation up. Cindy corrected the circulation statistics for October 2024.

She had not listed the manual statistics-September 2023-31; September 2022-12.

Since our last meeting in October, the library has had technical issues on 3 occasions. All systems were down; there was no internet or phone service. Entre came all 3 times. Two times a mouse chewed a wire and one time broke a cable. All is now repaired and working fine.

The Friends of the Library will increase their yearly financial support by \$100.00. Total from the Friends for this year will be \$600.00.

The MBLC announced the first group of State Aid recipients for FY 2024. The Chesterfield Public Library was in this first group and was awarded \$2,385.71. This amount only reflects the first half payment for the first group of recipients. The second payment will be sent in late March or early April, 2024.

Cindy also presented information to the Trustees about the Berkshire Library Legislative Breakfast on January 26, 2024. Challenges facing libraries today will be discussed- freedom from censorship, unfair eBook pricing and practices, accessibility for all, cybersecurity, and first amendment audits.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM