MASON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**4/7/2025**

President Edison called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Trustees Power, Edison, Zimmerman, Conover, and Director Yeoman. Absent: Smith, B Brooks and R Brooks

**Correspondence & Visitors**:

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 3/3/2025 regular meeting were reviewed. Zimmerman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Conover, all ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report for March 2025 was reviewed. Power made a motion to accept all three of the treasurer’s reports, seconded by Conover, voice vote of all ayes (4) of those present, no nays, three absent, motion carried.

**Library Report:**

March

1,921 patrons were served, 1,995 items were checked out and 1,719 and 175 overdue items were checked in, 31 magazines were checked out and 28 were checked in, 271 reference questions were resolved, 445 requests were placed, 436 holds were taken care of, 2 patrons were added to the database and 0 were deleted, 240 items were added to the collection and 23 were deleted, 31 PAC logins occurred, and 87 holds were placed in the PAC.

* 1. Decorated for St Patrick’s Day
  2. Celebrated Read Across America Week with elementary students grades 3-5 by allowing them to read in the dark with flashlights in the library. For grades K-2 they were read to in the dark with a flashlight projecting onto the books being read. The weather cooperated wonderfully since it was rainy and gloomy outside, letting in very little light.
  3. The library will be getting a worm farm in April so lessons for the students will center around worms and the importance they have within our environment.
  4. Getting ready for students to have their next to the last checkout the beginning of April with last checkout being in two more weeks and then still coming to the library in May but only to return books and do activities.
  5. Lacey’s diploma frame came and she thanks the board for getting it.

**K-1 grades**:

Week 1: Were read to in the dark the book “Buffalo Fluffalo” by Bess Kalb.

Week 2: Reading nonfiction books about worms to prepare for the library’s worm farm in April

**2nd grade:**

Week 1: Were read to in the dark the book “Buffalo Fluffalo” by Bess Kalb.

Week 2: Watching book trailers recommended by students to share with their classmates and reading nonfiction books about worms

**3rd grade**:

Week 1: Practicing accessing the library databases to learn facts about worms

Week 2: Began researching earthworms to learn about the worm farm

**4th & 5th grades:**

Week 1: Read silently in the library in the dark with flashlights

Week 2: Learn to access their library accounts and learn skills to borrow books from outside of our library. Also, access the library databases to research and gain information about worms they can share with their classmates in preparation for the worm farm.

**New Business:**

Trump has signed an Executive Order to dismantle the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). Attached is the letter Alexi Giannoulias sent out to library staff and trustees explaining what money comes from IMLS and what is done with it.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Personnel** (Edison, B Brooks, Power & Zimmerman)**:** No Report

**Policy** (Edison, Power, Zimmerman & Conover)**:** No Report

**Building & Grounds** (Edison, R Brooks, Smith & Conover)**:** No Report

**Long Range Planning** (Edison, Smith, R Brooks & B Brooks)**:** No Report

**School/Library Committee** (Edison, Smith & Power)**:** No Report

Power made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Conover, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gisa Power-Secretary