



May 16, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at 113 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA, Heather Hanna, President, presiding.

**Present:** Renee Dietrich, Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Maureen Dolan, Paul Hoh, Greg Knies, Osmer Deming, Johanny Cepeda, Jim Shankweiler, Colin Waszkiewicz, Hillary Schulze, Michel Micozzi & Bronwen Gamble.

**Absent:** Nancy Campbell, Toni Albert, Excused

**Guests:** Linda Capozello, Denise Sticha, Vicky Fuller

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the April minutes made by Renee Dietrich seconded by Hillary Schulze. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report presented by Greg Knies. Motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Hoh, seconded by Colin Waszkiewicz. Accepted.

**Director's Report:** Bronwen Gamble gave the Director's Report. Pictures were made available of the Roll Right Read Bike Rodeo that was held on Saturday. Johanny Cepeda provided the food for the event. Hoopla was launched on May 3. We are still working on the features we want for the app before sending to update the site. Summer at RPL sunglasses were distributed in hopes trustees would use in selfies and tag RPL on social media. We had 3 participants in the Take your Child to Work Day. Bronwen spoke about the various programs going on at RPL.

**Library Services:** Stephanie Towles gave the report. The experiment with making new books accessible to all county residents upon release has started. Discussion regarding introducing a new eCard, for use only to access electronic media and for library computer usage. Parameters of the card were also discussed.

Motion made by Stephanie Towles to add a new library card category called eCards, seconded by Paul Hoh. Approved.

**Facilities:** Maureen Dolan reported on various building issues. The HVAC at Northeast is still unresolved but moving forward with a temporary fix of the A/C. The intention is to apply for a Keystone Grant to cover the HVAC expenses. The Lowes Hero program has offered to do new carpet and paint at both the Northeast and Southeast branches.

**Finance:** Report given by Greg Knies. The finance committee met today and discussed personnel costs, benefits and salaries as it relates to expenditures in the budget.

**Personnel:** Report given by Jim Shankweiler. Jim spoke about the search for a new Executive Director.

Motion by Stephanie Towles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Osmer to enter Executive Session at 5:02 PM  
Executive Session ended at 5:19 PM

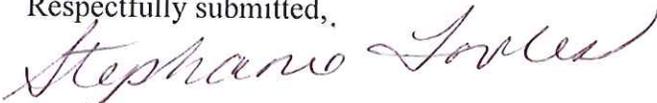
**Advancement:** Report was given by Hillary Schulze. The committee met earlier in the month and is working on the Celebrity Bartender event to be held in the fall.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Denise Sticha mentioned that Trustee Training will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 3 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hoh, seconded by Michel Micozzi. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Towles  
Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees