

MARYVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 21, 2023  
15 Professional Park Drive, Maryville, IL

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

Interim President Jessica Yakstis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Heather Gaines swore in Richard Coldiron as new member of the Maryville Community Library Board of Trustees

**Roll Call**

Members Present

Jessica Yakstis – Interim &  
Vice President  
Sharon Frey – Treasurer  
Richard Coldiron  
Karen Harris  
Tim Krumm

Absent

Michael Murphy  
Rachel O’Neill -  
Secretary

Guests

Heather Gaines, Library Director  
Vivian Kerley, Resident

**II. Public Comment**

Vivian Kerley asked if there are future plans to extend the library open hours. The topic may be addressed at a future board meeting.

**III. Approval of the October 2023 MCLD BOT Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion by Tim Krumm and a second by Karen Harris to accept the October 2023 BOT meeting minutes. The motion passed and the minutes will be placed on file at the library.

Roll Call:

Coldiron, Frey, Harris, Krumm, Yakstis

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy/O’Neill

**IV. Review Reports**

**A. Library Director’s Report**

**November 21, 2023**

**(insert report)**

**1. Activities**

The director discussed the latest activities from her monthly highlights report.

Received Ameren Grant \$2,000.

New patron numbers have increased since the move.

## **2. Financial Report**

It was noted that future financial reports needs to reflect interest earnings from Fidelity account since opening account.

### **Approval of the October 2023 MCLD Financial Reports/Vote**

There was a motion by Tim Krumm and a second by Sharon Frey to accept the October 2023 financial reports with the understanding that the September/October interest earnings will be updated.

#### Roll call:

Coldiron, Frey, Harris, Krumm, Yakstis

ABSTAIN: None      NAYS: None      ABSENT: Murphy/O'Neill

## **B. Interim President's Report – no report**

## **C. Personnel Committee Report**

Discussion was held regarding board member donations for staff holiday gifts.  
The director's annual review will be held next year in June.

## **D. Treasurer's Report**

Discussed Fidelity account and earnings YTD.

## **E. Building Committee Report**

### **1. Building Remodel Update**

One final payment to contractor discussed. Initial last payment of \$5,000 (Payment #12) saw \$2,064 deducted (wall) leaving \$2,936 as a final payment.

Waiting on delivery update of final shelving. Looking to be late December/early January as of now.

### **2. Final Payment Authorization**

There was a motion by Tim Krumm and a second by Sharon Frey to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to pay the contractor, R. W. Boeker Co., the final payment of \$2,936.

#### Roll call:

Coldiron, Frey, Harris, Krumm, Yakstis

ABSTAIN: None      NAYS: None      ABSENT: Murphy/O'Neill

There was a motion by Sharon Frey and a second by Karen Harris to approve the Library Director's Report.

**V. Old Business – No report**

**VI. New Business – No Report**

**VII. Next Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Tim Krumm and a second by Karen Harris to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

- **We have received \$150 in donations from the family and friends of Mary Fuller, who passed away on October 6th, 2023. Mary was a longtime supporter of the Maryville Library. Donations will be used towards the purchase of items to expand out Library of Things.**
- **The library gave out almost 200 giveaways to crawlers this October! The winner of the gift basket wrote us a very nice note. (see pic)**
- **The new shelving unit for the bulletin board wall and the small shelf going under the TV has been delayed and has a tentative install date of 1/3/2024.**
- **Approximately 500 people stopped by our table at the Maryville Fall Festival this year! We had two games the kids could play along with small prizes and info about the library.**
- **We have partnered with Elmhurst Nursing Home for our first Giving Tree. Residents were asked what items they would most like to receive and we created stars to hang on our Giving Tree where patrons can select a star (or two!). They purchase and wrap what is on the list, then return to us. Our Elf will deliver them in Mid-December.**

## **Open House ReCap**

Our Open House saw 44 attendees, including former and current board members, leadership from Illinois Heartland and other area libraries and the Mayor. We offered refreshments, information on the library, what we offer and events. There were make n take stations where attendees could customize their own leather bookmark and get a take-home craft for their kids/grandkids and a spin the wheel game, where they could win a prize.

## **2nd Annual Elf Party**

The coming Elf Party filled up within two days of opening registration and currently has a waiting list. This year's theme is gingerbread. We will be stuffing gingerbread plushies, decorating sugar cookies, along with a treat walk (think cakewalk, but with snacks), games and a story with our resident elf.

## **Cards for Cambridge House**

We have begun working on our Cards for Cambridge House. This year the staff will be filling out just over 100 cards to be distributed to the residents at Cambridge House. These will be delivered to them during the first week in December.

## **Storytime Changes**

Saturday Storytime has undergone a change in age ranges. We still accommodate all ages, just not all at once. This allows for a more streamlined, age appropriate storytime that is more enjoyable for all. Ages 5 & up are on the 1st, 3rd and fifth Saturdays, with ages 4 and under on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

## **Library Holiday Closures**

The Maryville Library will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 23rd-Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24th-Day after Thanksgiving

Monday, December 25th-Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26th-Day after Christmas

Monday, January 1st-New Year's Day

## **Coming Events**

Letters to Santa-pickup now, Santa will return a letter in December

Christmas Gift Tags Class– Tuesday, November 28th @ 6pm

2nd Annual Elf Party– Friday, December 1st 6pm-730pm Vision

Board Drop-in-Friday, December 8th & 15th while supplies last.

Stop by and create your 2024 vision board

### Abby D. Nomination

My family and I often go to this library. Maryville is a small community and the library is small, but growing. Despite being small in size, the library is vast in resources, programs and activities for children and adults.

It was during 2020 that I came to truly appreciate our library and the library staff. My children were at home doing e-learning and I was desperate for "screen free" ways to keep them engaged and busy. I called the library. A member of the library staff curated a custom reading list of books for each of my children based on the information I shared about their reading level and areas of interest. Our "little" library was ahead of the times offering curbside service/drop off and providing FREE educational activities with each and every book order to help parents who were trying to work and educate at home during this challenging time. The Maryville Community Library was a critical resource for me and my children during Covid.

The library offers amazing, creative (FREE) youth programs like the Lego Club, Craft Club, Cooking Club and the monthly Lit Loot Box program (FREE) for teens. Each month, my daughter gets a box with a "surprise" book (based on her interests

and feedback) along with several snacks, treats and activities. You can even rent fishing poles (FREE) from our library to fish in the lake at the neighboring park. They have everything!

Our library is creative, resourceful and accommodating. They create ways to make learning fun, serve the community by inspiring interactive learning in addition to "just" reading. I'm excited that our library will soon be expanded.

A grant from Ameren would benefit our library greatly. It would allow them to advance the programs and activities they offer and give them runway to develop new things.

Thank You for your consideration.

### Hank W. Nomination

This library helps hold our community together by providing resources far beyond books and movies. The library provides programming to improve children literacy and adult continuing education which are critically needed in today's changing economy and landscape. They also provide resources to de-

velop a sense of awe and wonder such as the new telescope, video game, and graphic novel collection. I donate every year to my library to support its mission.

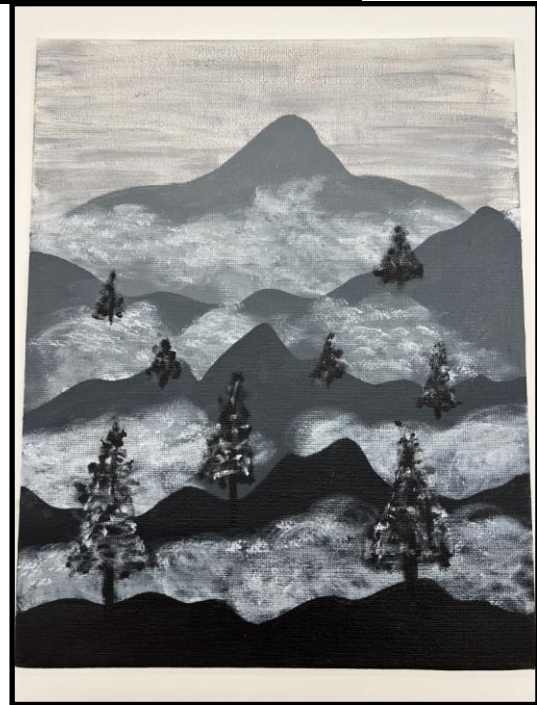
These are the two Ameren employee nominations that secured us a \$2000 grant from Ameren. The grant was only open to Ameren employees to nominate their library. There were around 100 libraries that will receive the grant, with 69 being in Illinois.







Couple of the paintings  
created at the October Craft  
Club.



A thank you note from the winner of the Library Crawl  
Boredom Buster Basket.

Hello All,  
Just a note of thanks for the  
wonderful gift basket I won  
in the library crawl.  
What a fun event.  
My husband & I frequently  
visit & love our towns library.  
We really appreciate how hard  
you all work to provide us  
with new reads, general know-  
ledge and fun monthly events.  
Respectfully, Melissa  
Downen





Our Junior Chefs, busy created their skewer sandwiches.



Kiddos had a blast at our Halloween Party!  
Hotdogs, games and candy oh my!

