

## Florence County Library Board

February 9, 2023

The meeting of the Florence County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Jason Neuens on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 4 PM in the library meeting room. Board members present were: Jason, Jan Gehlhoff, Lisa Freeman, Mike Theis, Ed Kelley, & Debra DeMuri. Jim Dunkel was excused. Stephanie Weber, librarian, was present.

- Verification of the meeting was given by Stephanie.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Jan to approve the agenda as given. Motion carried
- January minutes were approved noting a correction of \$500 donation from Florence Utilities.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Lisa to approve January bills. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- Janitorial concerns from the last meeting have been addresses by Bill Witynski and Stephanie.

### **New Business:**

- Stephanie presented the annual 2022 report to the Board. On motion by Debbie, seconded by Ed to approve the report. Motion carried. The official report was sign by Jason and would be forwarded to Nicolet Federated System and the state. A summary sheet was prepared by Stephanie and will be given to both the County Board and the School Board.  
Highlights included: 16 programming events; an increase in children's and middle school student circulation, supporting Books on the Bus and Little Free Libraries, support of collection development & programming by the Friends group, increase in E-Audio circulation and increase in financial & book donations.

The library serves 1,205 patrons. We currently have 11,902 hard copy books in our library. Also noted, our library loans more books through the Nicolet Federated delivery service than are received through other libraries.

### **Librarian Comments:**

- Stephanie has been setting up entertainers for the summer reading program. At present, four are booked for the 6-week program. The library will begin offering a tot time once a month with hopes to bring back Story Time.

### **Friends Update:**

- Debbie reported the group had just met and established their budget for the year. Their one fund raiser will be the community rummage sale in June. Books on the Bus just had rotation of books, replacing new books in each of the 7 buses with help from the drivers and National Honors members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.