
Library Board

Monday, December 17, 2018

Regular Meeting

Item C1

Approval of Director's Report

The Director's Report typically consists of:

- 1) a monthly report of programs and activities, including a quarterly statistical usage report provided in February, May, August and November of each year*
- 2) upon publication, a GI Library Journal newsletter*
- 3) and additional administrative items of note, either in the agenda packet or discussed at the meeting.*

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Title	Date	Primary Event Type
BookBop	11/1/2018	Storytime
Make a Wish	11/1/2018	Hosting Meeting
Saturday Storytime-Stories and Crafts with Eddie the Comfort Dog	11/3/2018	Storytime
LIBRARY ALIVE: Horror reads not just for Halloween (Independent)	11/4/2018	Media
Lapsit (Play and Read)	11/5/2018	Lapsits
HomeSchoolers Program	11/5/2018	Children's Literacy Event
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	11/5/2018	Teen General Program
Prime Time Family Reading Time at Lincoln Elementary	11/5/2018	Humanities Nebraska Program
Hall County election commissioner predicts 35-40 percent voter turnout (Independent)	11/5/2018	Media
2018 General Election	11/6/2018	General Program
Parking expanded at Grand Island Library in time for election (KHAS TV)	11/6/2018	Media
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	11/6/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
2018 Book Club for Adults	11/6/2018	Book Club for Adults
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	11/6/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	11/6/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	11/7/2018	Storytime
BookBop	11/8/2018	Storytime
Prairie Pioneer Genealogy Assistance	11/10/2018	General Program
Saturday Storytime	11/10/2018	Storytime
Library Closed - Veteran's Day	11/11/2018	Hours Change
Children's Day at Fonner Park	11/11/2018	Outreach
ACAP marks 25 years of free family activities at Children's Festival (Independent)	11/11/2018	Outreach
Library Closed - Veteran's Day	11/12/2018	Hours Change
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	11/13/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	11/13/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	11/13/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	11/14/2018	Storytime
Prairie Pioneer Genealogy Assistance	11/14/2018	General Program
BookBop	11/15/2018	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	11/17/2018	Storytime
LIBRARY ALIVE: Time to give thanks for libraries (Independent)	11/18/2018	Media
Lapsit (Play and Read)	11/19/2018	Lapsits
Prime Time Family Reading Time at Lincoln Elementary	11/19/2018	Humanities Nebraska Program
Library Board Meeting	11/19/2018	Library Board
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	11/19/2018	Teen General Program
City announces holiday hours (Independent)	11/20/2018	Media
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	11/20/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	11/20/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	11/20/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	11/21/2018	Storytime

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Library Closes at 5 PM - Thanksgiving	11/21/2018	Hours Change
Library Closed - Thanksgiving	11/22/2018	Hours Change
Library Closed - Thanksgiving	11/23/2018	Hours Change
Saturday Storytime	11/24/2018	Storytime
Lapsit (Play and Read)	11/26/2018	Lapsits
Prime Time Family Reading Time at Lincoln Elementary	11/26/2018	Humanities Nebraska Program
G. I. Public Library offers variety of winter break programs (Independent)	11/27/2018	Media
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	11/27/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	11/27/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	11/27/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	11/28/2018	Storytime
BookBop	11/29/2018	Storytime
Saturday Storytime-Stories and Crafts with Eddie the Comfort Dog	12/1/2018	Storytime
LIBRARY ALIVE: Holiday reads are here (Independent)	12/2/2018	Media
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	12/3/2018	Teen General Program
Lapsit (Play and Read)	12/3/2018	Lapsits
2018 Book Club for Adults	12/4/2018	Book Club for Adults
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	12/4/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Prime Time Reading Program Helps Grand Island Kids Improve in School (Platte River Radio)	12/4/2018	Media
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	12/4/2018	Family Storytime
Council approves assistant city administrator Clark, welcomes new members [approves purchase of library furnishings] (Independent)	12/4/2018	Media
Storytime (Ready to Read)	12/5/2018	Storytime
BookBop	12/6/2018	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	12/8/2018	Storytime
Prairie Pioneer Genealogy Assistance	12/8/2018	General Program
Lapsit (Play and Read)	12/10/2018	Lapsits
HomeSchoolers Program	12/10/2018	Children's Literacy Event
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	12/11/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Construction reaches "turning point" at Grand Island Library (NTV)	12/11/2018	Media
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	12/11/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	12/11/2018	General Program
Santa's Arrival Conestoga Mall	12/11/2018	Outreach
Prairie Pioneer Genealogy Assistance	12/12/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	12/12/2018	Storytime
BookBop	12/13/2018	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	12/15/2018	Storytime
Fresh Thyme Christmas Storytime	12/15/2018	Outreach
Library Board Meeting	12/17/2018	Library Board
Lapsit (Play and Read)	12/17/2018	Lapsits
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	12/17/2018	Teen General Program
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	12/18/2018	Baby & Toddler Lapsits

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Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	12/18/2018	Family Storytime
Come, Sit & Breathe	12/18/2018	General Program
Storytime (Ready to Read)	12/19/2018	Storytime
BookBop	12/20/2018	Storytime
Breakfast With Santa	12/22/2018	Children's Holiday Break Program
Library Closes at 5 PM - Christmas Eve	12/24/2018	Hours Change
Library Closed - Christmas Day	12/25/2018	Hours Change
Winter Break BookBop!	12/26/2018	Children's Holiday Break Program
Children's Winter Break Program - Igloo Building Challenge	12/27/2018	Children's Holiday Break Program
Teen Winter Break Program - Gingerbread Zombies	12/27/2018	Teen Holiday Break Program
Children's Winter Break Program - Snowflake Ornament Craft	12/28/2018	Children's Holiday Break Program
Teen Winter Break Program - Video Game Hangout	12/28/2018	Teen Holiday Break Program
Library Closes at 5 PM - New Year's Eve	12/31/2018	Hours Change
Library Closed - New Year's Day	1/1/2019	Hours Change
Children's Winter Break Program - Icy Science	1/2/2019	Children's Holiday Break Program
Teen Winter Break Program - Tie-Dye Ornament Craft	1/2/2019	Teen Holiday Break Program
Children's Winter Break Program - Super Bouncy Snowballs	1/3/2019	Children's Holiday Break Program
Teen Winter Break Program - Ugly Sweater Craft Party	1/3/2019	Teen Holiday Break Program
Children's Winter Break Program - Movie and LEGOs	1/4/2019	Children's Holiday Break Program
Teen Winter Break Program - Movie & Button Making	1/4/2019	Teen Holiday Break Program
Lapsit (Play and Read)	1/7/2019	Lapsits
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	1/7/2019	Teen General Program
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	1/8/2019	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	1/8/2019	Family Storytime
2019 Book Club for Adults	1/8/2019	Book Club for Adults
Storytime (Ready to Read)	1/9/2019	Storytime
BookBop	1/10/2019	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	1/12/2019	Storytime
Lapsit (Play and Read)	1/14/2019	Lapsits
HomeSchoolers Program	1/14/2019	Children's Literacy Event
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	1/15/2019	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	1/15/2019	Family Storytime
Storytime (Ready to Read)	1/16/2019	Storytime
BookBop	1/17/2019	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	1/19/2019	Storytime
Library Board Meeting	1/21/2019	Library Board
Library Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/21/2019	Hours Change
Bear Fair 2019	1/22/2019	Children's Literacy Event
Storytime (Ready to Read)	1/23/2019	Storytime
BookBop	1/24/2019	Storytime
Saturday Storytime	1/26/2019	Storytime
Lapsit (Play and Read)	1/28/2019	Lapsits
Teen Library Corps (TLC)	1/28/2019	Teen General Program
Baby & Toddler Lapsit-Rock and Read	1/29/2019	Baby & Toddler Lapsits
Pajamatime (Family Storyhour)	1/29/2019	Family Storytime
Storytime (Ready to Read)	1/30/2019	Storytime
BookBop	1/31/2019	Storytime

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Public Library

An Overview of the Public Library

**City Council Orientation
December 2018**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mission Statement: The Grand Island Public Library is the gateway for the people of our diverse community to achieve a lifetime of learning and literacy.

Guiding principles:

- 1) Our Library as a Learning Center
 - Facilitating learning for all
 - Fostering literacy in all its forms
 - Providing access to all types of materials, information, programming and spaces
- 2) Our Library as a Community Center
 - Responding to community demographics
 - Engaging in community development
 - Enhancing city government
 - Practicing democracy and informed citizenry in action

Our services are provided through a central facility, the Edith Abbott Memorial Library, 211 North Washington Street (385-5333, 385-5336 Reference, 385-5339 Fax). Our library also provides services to the homebound, taking checked-out materials to patrons' residences as needed. The library has an "Internet Branch" at www.gilibrary.org. In addition, the library has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gilibrary and a Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/GIPLibrary>.

Chapter 19 of the City Code pertains to our public library and its board of trustees. The library board consists of seven members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. No board member shall be elected for more than two successive four year terms, except when filling a vacant unexpired term.

Policy making and strategic planning are two of the major duties of our library board. Board adopted policies can be found at <https://www.gilibrary.org/about-us/about-your-library/policies-and-fees>. The library's long range plan GILIBRARY 2020 can be found at <https://www.gilibrary.org/about-us/about-your-library/gilibrary-2020>. GILIBRARY 2020 was developed by a broad-based citizen committee to guide the library board, director and staff in providing an immediate focus on current library service needs as well as a long range vision of the services that our citizens will need from the library by the year 2020.

The 2018-2020 update to GILIBRARY 2020 establishes seven major goals:

1. Getting kids ready to read and supporting them as students
2. Keeping pace with Library technology
3. Making changes in collections and programs to match our diverse community needs
4. Reshaping Reference, Teen and other areas as Library Learning Center areas
5. Improving meeting rooms and videoconferencing capabilities
6. Taking our services out to our youngest and eldest / better transportation to the Library
7. Establishing Library Branch and expanded Internet Branch services

Our strategic plan works in concert with our community Grow Grand Island initiative that involves hundreds of participants and a multi-year response to community needs. As participants

in that process the library has been attentive to the changing needs of library users as they relate to several broader community needs expressed in the Grow Grand Island initiative.

- enhancing existing and potential future entrepreneurs
- optimizing career pathways and programs offered in area schools
- supporting the development of arts and humanities
- providing support for the region's most vulnerable populations
- enhancing cultural engagement & understanding

The library currently operates with a staff of 23.5 FTE including a Director, two Librarians, four Library Assistant II's (paraprofessionals), several clerical and custodial staff members and a secretary. The library is open seven days/62 hours a week year round. The annual budget is currently \$1,814,552.

Since FY 2009/2010 the library's budget and hours of operation have been reduced by 11% and staffing levels have been reduced by 14%. Our personnel budget is actually less than it was ten years ago, and our operational budget has gone down 26%. Staffing reductions have resulted in not filling a vacant Assistant Director position and the loss of critical staffing for service desks and community outreach.

Still much is accomplished with about 1.5 million services and resources provided to the public each year. Our most recent annual report provides more detail at <https://www.gilibrary.org/home/showdocument?id=20375>.

In response to changing community needs for library services, a building renovation was started in August 2018 and is expected to be completed in February 2019. No city or county tax funds are being used. This renovation has three main goals:

- 1) Increased and safer access to the library through improved parking and plaza area as well as an outdoor children's discovery area
- 2) Increased community gathering opportunities and library programming offerings through improved meeting and study spaces
- 3) Increased educational opportunities and school-system support through improved teen spaces and hands-on STEM-based makerspaces for children, teens, entrepreneurs and the general public

Using our library means more than checking out books and other materials which is transactional, but also transformative lifelong learning starting with baby lapsit programs and continuing through a person's life. We mix traditional reading with increasingly interactive, hands-on and high-tech methods, literacy in a variety of forms including digital literacy, and community gathering through dynamic and specialized spaces, library programs, public meetings, and informal "meet-ups".

We serve as a central community gathering and learning center welcoming for all ages, diverse backgrounds and interests, with continually improving spaces for individual, collaborative and creative learning through programs, services, and meetings. And we continually respond to changes in library use incorporating the book as well as other technologies on our physical and electronic shelves.