

Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System

March 13, 2023 scheduled at 5:30 PM via Zoom, the meeting started at 5:34 PM

ARVRLS Board Members Present:

Heather Patton

Glenda Ezell

Laura Beth Simon

JJ Chronister

Casey White

A motion was made by Laura Simon to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022, Glenda Ezell seconded. The motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A motion to approve was made by Glenda Ezell, Laura Simon seconded. The motion carried.

Librarian's Report:

Misty Hawkins presented a quarterly update including a basic overview of Senate Bill 81 and the potential impact to libraries and local authority. In addition to Senate Bill 81, a review of existing selection procedures and reconsideration methods was discussed. As an item of new business, the Regional Office suggested criminal background and/or child maltreatment registry checks for all library staff, volunteers, and performers to ensure safety within our libraries.

New service offerings were shared including Kanopy, downloadable magazines through OverDrive, finalization of the telescope lending program, and specialized staff training. Within ARVRLS, the majority of library branches have increased checkout numbers and improved overall active library cardholders.

Old Business:

- A. An update regarding the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. All County Library Boards have approved and the Johnson County Quorum Court has approved. It is the goal of the organization to have approval from the remaining Quorum Courts and County Judges by the next meeting in June.

New Business:

- A. In light of the recent political climate and to provide the safest environments possible, the Regional Office will initiate criminal background checks for all library staff, volunteers, and performers. At the suggestion of the Regional Library Board, each County Board should implement a policy that includes criminal background and/or child maltreatment registry checks. The Regional Office will provide templates of possible protocols or procedures and the anticipated implementation process for all branches is 6 months.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023.

A motion was made by Casey White to adjourn, Laura Simon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Approved on 6/27/2023

