

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015**

TIME: **4:15 p.m.**

PLACE: **CLOQUET PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MISSION STATEMENT:

***The Cloquet Public Library contributes to a democratic and engaged community by providing a welcoming space, stimulating imagination, and supporting children's literacy.***

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- IV. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library
  - Craft fair update
  - Update lending policy for toys and kits to 4 weeks.
  - Ron McGriff's visit at our August board meeting
  - Other
- V. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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410 ebooks and 294 downloadable audiobooks were checked out by Cloquet patrons in June. The library checked out 13,038 items in June and public computers were accessed through Cybrarian 1,595 times. Ancestry Library Edition was searched 2,271 times with 0 images and 856 text downloaded in June. EBSCO My Heritage did not have statistics available due to a technical error on their end. Newsbank was accessed 59 times. Our web page had 3,968 sessions according to Google Analytics. I am attaching customer comments that were posted to our Survey Monkey this year. Most of the comments request more open hours and identify space needs.

Our LSTA grant has received some publicity from the State Department of Education. They asked Lisbeth to write a summary for their blog and it can be found @ <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/News/BloggED/index.html> You will also get an idea of the department's priorities with other blog entries. We are honored to be featured on this blog.

I am still waiting to hear from Blandin about our grant request through the Carlton County Blandin Broadband Community.

Upcoming programs:

Tues, July 21, 6:30 p.m. - Author Dean Hovey - Mystery writer Dean Hovey of Moose Lake will discuss his newest book "Undeveloped"

Mon, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. - Frida Kahlo documentary presented by Katharine Johnson

Mon, August 3, 6:30 p.m. - MN Author James Rains discusses his book "Afognak"

Mon, August 10, 6:30 p.m. - The Downbeats

Free tickets are still available for County Seat Theater's production of All the Aprils of the World, A tribute to Ann Gertrude McNair, Drama by Lisbeth Boutang, Directed by Joel Soukkala, July 31 & August 1-2. This

play was written by our children's librarian, Lisbeth Boutang, inspired by the doll collection in the library. There will also be a book with photos of the dolls with narrative by Lisbeth for sale. The Arrowhead Library System print shop is printing the book.

The Friends of the Library will meet on August 18 at 1:30 p.m. and the Foundation will also meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Ron McGriff will be here August 24-26.

I will be attending a Legacy Committee meeting in Mountain Iron at the end of July.

I will be taking some vacation time on July 21, 22, August 5 -11, 14.