

Blairstown Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th 6:00pm

Agenda:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Agenda Approval
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- D. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approval of Bills
 - b. Budget Review
- E. Public Participation
- F. Library Circulation Report
- G. Pending Library Legislation
 - a. From ILA:
 - i. *It was a crazy budget year with all the downward adjustments leading up to the enactment of the FY 2019. We were very happy to emerge from the battle with **level funding for the State Library, Enrich Iowa, and Learning Express**, and other programs of interest to you. We really need to get more funding directed though toward the State Library and Enrich Iowa in the years ahead, so be sure to talk with your legislators about the importance of these services to you.*
 - b. From ALA:
 - i. *This past December, the FCC voted to gut the net neutrality protections that limit the power of Internet Service Providers to slow websites, block mobile apps, or control the information we access. The Congressional Review Act (CRA) gives Congress the ability and authority to nullify the FCC's actions. This month, the Senate voted to pass legislation under the CRA to block the FCC's rollback. The action moves to the House, which must also vote on the CRA.*
 - ii. *Over the next few weeks, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will begin making decisions about which programs will receive funding for Fiscal Year 2019, including the programs that provide federal funding for libraries.*
 - *In the House, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee (Labor HHS), which oversees funds for library programs, received flat funding. This means it will receive an allocation of \$177.1 billion, the same allocation it received for Fiscal Year 2018, despite being the second largest of the bills coming from the Appropriations subcommittees. This will be a challenge for library funding, particularly given comments from Republicans that they intend to spend more money on non-education priorities in Labor HHS.*
 - *In the Senate, the Labor HHS allocation is \$179 billion, which is a \$2 million increase from FY 2018. That puts us in a better position in the Senate bill, though Subcommittee Chairman Roy Blunt (R-MO) commented last week that he also intends to use that increase for other priorities.*

H. Old Business

- a. Carpet cleaning
- b. Dog policy
- c. Birds
- d. Roof leak

I. New Business

- a. Notary Public-Molly
- b. Library damage
- c. Election of officers

J. Director's Report: summer reading kickoff, grant writing,

Projected Next Meeting Date: July 10th 2018