

AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 4:30pm
Program Room, Victoria Ave Library & Google Meet

Acknowledgement statement

The Chonnonton people have called these lands where we are gathering home for thousands of years and more recently, the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory. We would like to acknowledge the enduring resilience of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who call this territory home.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interests
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1. Regular Minutes of March 20, 2024 Board Meeting
 - 3.2. Regular Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Special Board Meeting
 - 3.3. Committee of the Whole Minutes of April 9, 2024
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
 - 5.1. Request for Funding, Tiffany Clark, City of Niagara Falls
 - 5.2. Letter of Thanks, Pam Sharpe, Executive Director, Project Share
 - 5.3. Scholarship Contributions, Lou Stranges, Principal, Saint Michael Catholic High School
6. Board Information and Education
 - 6.1. FOPL Updates, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
 - 6.2. Letter to Minister Todd McCarthy, Ontario Library Association
 - 6.3. Partnership Opportunity: Libraries and Service Ontario Info Session, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
 - 6.4. News Alert: Increased Funding for First Nations Public Libraries, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
 - 6.5. Support for Niagara-on-the-Lake Library Neutrality, The Lake Report
 - 6.6. Stamford Library Pictures, Niagara Falls Public Library

7. Articles of Interest

7.1. Niagara Falls Public Library

- 7.1.1. *Community Spotlight: Niagara Falls Public Library offering wide range of March Break programming* | Welland News
- 7.1.2. *Stamford Centre Library in Niagara Falls nearing opening date* | Niagara This Week
- 7.1.3. *Niagara Falls Public Library celebrating spring in most flower-forward way it can* | Niagara This Week
- 7.1.4. *Show your love for the Niagara Falls Public Library this Library Giving Day* | Niagara This Week
- 7.1.5. *Forest of Reading is in full swing at the Niagara Falls Public Library* | Niagara This Week

7.2. Other

- 7.2.1. *Analysis: Program at Hamilton Public Library shows how libraries can expand the social services they provide* | Brighter World, McMaster University
- 7.2.2. *Public libraries foster feelings of social connectedness for older adults* | Hamilton Spectator
- 7.2.3. *Niagara Region has declared a state of emergency ahead of the solar eclipse* | Niagara Falls Review
- 7.2.4. *What's the emergency? Why Niagara declared a state of emergency for the eclipse* | St Catharines Standard
- 7.2.5. *Letter: Librarian's opinion piece was misinformed* | Niagara Now
- 7.2.6. *Monica Harris: The unjust firing of the Ontario librarian who challenged DEI orthodoxy* | The National Post
- 7.2.7. *FAIR responds to claims that led to firing of library's CEO* | The Lake Report
- 7.2.8. *UnFAIR? 'Misinformation' led to firing of chief librarian U.S. organization says* | The Lake Report

8. CEO Report: A. Subnaik Kilgour

- 8.1. CEO Report of March 20, 2024
- 8.2. CEO Report of April 17, 2024

9. New Business

- 9.1. Risk & Finance Committee, presented by S. Mongrain
 - 9.1.1. Risk & Governance Presentation by S. Mongrain
 - 9.1.2. February 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - 9.1.3. F01 Budget Policy
 - 9.1.4. F02 Policy
 - 9.1.5. F03 Policy

10. Other Business

- 10.1. System Stats Report, March 2024
- 10.2. Multi-Year Comparison, March 2024
- 10.3. Strategic Plan Report, March 2024
- 10.4. Q1 Snapshot, January – March 2024

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024
September 18, 2024