

**Belleville Area District Library Board  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
February 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

**The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2<sup>ND</sup> floor Conference Room.**

**Agenda:**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Dawson, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Committee Reports
  - A. Building-Cichewicz
  - B. Bylaws-Juriga
  - C. Finance-Stoudemire
  - D. Marketing-Hughes-Grubbs
  - E. Personnel-Priest
  - F. Policy-Dawson
  - G. Art
7. Approve Accounts Payable
8. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
9. Trustee Comments
10. Chair Comments
11. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Us link at [www.belleville.lib.mi.us](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us). Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

Next Regular BADL Board Meeting: March 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM

**Belleville Area District Library  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tonya Stoudemire. Absent and excused: Mary Jane Dawson. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Selection of 2022 Board Officers:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to nominate Sharon Peters as Chair, Mary Jane Dawson as Vice-Chair, Alma Hughes-Grubbs as Secretary, and Tonya Stoudemire as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve Agenda:**  
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approve December 14, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Public Comments:** None.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Building:** The committee did not meet in January. The window blinds have been installed. Motion by Priest, seconded by Stoudemire, to approved O'Neal Construction pay application #45 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
  - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
  - C. **Finance:** The library received a clean audit for the 2020-21 fiscal year. It is anticipated that the construction project will be totally complete by the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year. Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to accept the 2020-21 audit. The motion carried unanimously.
  - D. **Marketing:** The grand opening projects are moving forward. Dates could be postponed depending on the status of COVID in the community. The remaining donor signs are due to be delivered by February 9 and installed no later than March 3. The committee will meet in January.
  - E. **Personnel:** No report.
  - F. **Policy:** No report.
8. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Director's Report:** See attached.

**10. Trustee Comments:**

Priest – Was happy to be able to bring her grandson to the library over the holidays.

Juriga – Reported that he visits the library everyday and calls it his happy hour.

Stoudemire – Had the opportunity to take her son to the library over the holidays, and he loved it.

Cichewicz – Was happy to be able to bring her grandchildren to visit Santa at the library.

She likes the range of programs that the library has, from the Teen Comic Book Club to the workshop on Medicare.

Hughes-Grubbs – Encouraged everyone to stay safe. She complimented the staff on the flyers they design for the library's programs.

**11. Chair Comments:**

Peters – Thanked Lindsay Lore for working with the Marketing Committee. Peters looks forward to being able to bring her 4-year-old grandchild to the library soon.

**12. Adjournment:**

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2022

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

January: Adults: 9 Youth: 12

LIBRARY VISITS	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	7,113	3,021	135.45%
Fiscal Year	52,826	18,956	178.68%

TOTAL CIRC	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	18,698	16,945	10.35%
Fiscal Year	143,626	99,033	45.03%

ADULT PROGRAMMING	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	119	60	98.33%
Fiscal Year	634	249	154.62%

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	226	102	121.57%
Fiscal Year	2,079	963	115.89%

ALL AGES PROGRAMMING: December: 0 Fiscal Year: 324

REF. QUESTIONS	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	1,351	1,003	34.70%
Fiscal Year	9,383	6,398	46.66%

INTERNET USE	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	803	430	86.74%
Fiscal Year	5,610	1,699	230.19%

YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET	2021/22	2020/21	% change
January	80	0	#DIV/0!
Fiscal Year	695	0	#DIV/0!

**COVID:** It appears that our community hit its COVID peak on January 17 at a 7-day average of 82 positive cases per day for Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren. We have continued to juggle staff due to COVID exposures and cases.

**PROGRAMMING:** The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild is happy to partner with the library to offer a free "Sewing with Students" workshop on March 12 for youth ages 7-12 years old. Kids will learn how to make potholders, thread a needle, and sew on a button. J. Ross Baughman will present a talk on rare books at the next Homegrown Knowledge program on Thursday, February 10, at 7 pm. He will bring books with him that the audience can see and touch. I highly recommend this program, as Mr. Baughman is a very engaging speaker.

**STAFF:** The library says goodbye to circulation clerk Kiri MacDonald who is leaving for a full time position at the Henry Ford Community College Library. We welcome back circulation clerk Liz Valicenti.

**FRIENDS:** At their annual meeting, the Friends elected their slate of officers for 2022. Katerina Tyner is president, Donna Gilkey is Vice-President, Rika Regentin is Treasurer, and Manny Lavin is Secretary. Long-time Friend of the Library Marty Wilson announced that she will step down as membership chair at the end of the year. All are welcome to attend the Friends' monthly meetings, generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10 am.

**WEATHER:** The library closed last Wednesday and Thursday morning, due to the winter storm warning. Our library was in good company with a significant number of libraries in southeast Michigan also closed for the weather.

**BUILDING:** I am writing this on Thursday afternoon, and the library remains closed due to lack of heat in the building. The HVAC control company (the computer part of our system) has been logged into the system to troubleshoot, and our HVAC contractor (the physical part of our system) has just arrived.

www.publishersweekly.com /pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/88220-overdrive-reports-more-than-half-a-billion-digital-library-loan...

# OverDrive Reports More than Half a Billion Digital Library Loans in 2021

by Andrew Albanese | :



OverDrive, the leading digital service provider in the digital library market, has reported another strong year of growth in digital library lending, although the rate of growth slowed from 2020.

In a [January 5 release](#), OverDrive reported some 506 million digital lends (e-book, audiobook, and digital magazine) in 2021, a 16% increase over 2020. The data comes from more than 76,000 libraries and schools in 94 countries worldwide using OverDrive apps and services. The company also reported that 121 public library systems in seven countries surpassed the one million mark for digital book loans, up from the 102 libraries that hit the mark in 2020.

In exceeding half a billion annual lends for the first time, OverDrive's 2021 figures suggest the pandemic has, [as librarians have suggested](#), raised demand for digital content in public libraries. In 2020, in the aftermath of widespread library and school closures due to Covid-19, [OverDrive reported 430 million lends, a 33% increase over 2019](#). And in 2019, the year before the pandemic hit, the company reported 326 million lends, a 20% increase over the previous year.

OverDrive officials said "a focus on equity of access to books for all" also helped boost library lending in 2021, and helped produce "a banner year" for ["book sales and earnings"](#) to the authors and publishers who supply digital books to libraries." Among other notable data released today:

- 60% of readers accessed their borrowed digital library through OverDrive's popular Libby app.
- School circulation of digital books with the [Sora student reading app](#) grew by 65%.
- Public library digital collections enabled 4.7 million books to be borrowed by students for self-selected reading on the Sora app, an increase of 117%.
- 400 third-party apps, websites and service vendors integrated OverDrive services, fulfilling more than 15 billion API calls for some 22,000 libraries.

OverDrive Top Titles for 2021

**Most popular e-books borrowed from libraries in 2021:**

1. [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Publishing Group, St. Martin's Press)
2. [The Midnight Library](#) by Matt Haig (Penguin Publishing Group, Viking)
3. [The Vanishing Half](#) by Brit Bennett (Penguin Publishing Group, Riverhead Books)
4. [The Guest List](#) by Lucy Foley (HarperCollins, William Morrow Paperbacks)
5. [Nomadland](#) by Jessica Bruder (W. W. Norton & Company)

**Most popular audiobooks borrowed from libraries in 2021:**

1. [A Promised Land](#) by Barack Obama (Penguin Random House Audio)
2. [Where the Crawdads Sing](#) by Delia Owens (Penguin Random House Audio)
3. [Cold Mourning](#) by Brenda Chapman (Dundurn)
4. [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah (Macmillan Audio)
5. [Greenlights](#) by Matthew McConaughey (Penguin Random House Audio)

**Most popular magazines borrowed from libraries in 2021:**

1. [Us Weekly](#) (A360 Media, LLC)
2. [The Economist](#) (The Economist Newspaper Limited)
3. [The New Yorker](#) (Conde Nast US)
4. [HELLO!](#) (Hello! Limited)
5. [HGTV Magazine](#) (Hearst)

**Top digital books borrowed from libraries by genre:**

- Adult fiction: [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Publishing Group, St. Martin's Press)
- Adult nonfiction: [A Promised Land](#) by Barack Obama (Penguin Random House Audio)
- Young adult fiction: [Five Total Strangers](#) by Natalie D. Richards (Sourcebooks)
- Children's fiction: [Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets](#) by J. K. Rowling (Pottermore)

The full release is [available here](#).



www.ktvb.com /article/news/local/208/i-always-be-sneaky-boise-eight-year-old-hides-self-made-book-in-library/277-37f87d21-7367-4096-83a7-...

## 'I always be sneaky': Boise eight-year-old hides self-made book on library shelf

Author: Brian Holmes :

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'The Adventures of Dillon Helbig's Crismis' by Dillon Helbig 'His Self' is now available to check out.

BOISE, Idaho — Eight-year-old Dillon Helbig has always had big aspirations.

"I've been wanting to put a book in the library since I was five," Dillon said.

Three years is a long time to wait when you are only eight years old.

So when his grandmother gave him an empty journal, he decided to go all in.

After what Dillon said was two or three days of writing and drawing in December, he finished his very first book: 'The Adventures of Dillon Helbig's Crismis' by Dillon Helbig 'His Self'.

The book is about Dillon, who, one night, is decorating a tree when the star on top explodes.

"I think someone overnight put a bomb in there and it just exploded," Dillon said.

After that, he gets sucked into a portal and goes back in time to the very first Thanksgiving.

"Everything about it was a bit crazy," he said.

With the book finished, Dillon knew he had to get it on the shelf at his local library, but he was not sure how.

So, Dillon decided to go the undercover route.

"I always be (sic) sneaky, like how I get chocolate," he told us.

"There was a lot of librarians that I had to sneak past so do you know what I did?" Dillon asked.

"What did you do?" Brian Holmes asked.

"I covered up this part and covered the back with my body and just snuck it in and then I started to walk, and then I came in this aisle, no wait this aisle, and then I put my book right here. Wait, right there," Dillon said.

"I didn't know that was his ultimate plan," Dillon's mom Susan Helbig said.

And there it stayed, but who knows for how long, because the next time Dillon came to see it, it was gone.

So his mom called the library.

"His parents were worried we would find his book and we would get rid of it," Lake Hazel Library branch manager Alex Hartman said. "Which was an unfounded fear because if there's ever a place a book would be safe, it would be here."

Hartman was able to find it eventually, over in the 'stories' section.

"Dillon's book definitely fit all the criteria that we would look for to include a book in our collection," Hartman said.

So, with Dillon's permission, they processed it, put on the proper stickers, and now 'The Adventures of Dillon Helbig's Crismis' is a full-fledged library book.

"Now it's in the system, anybody with a library card can check out the book," Hartman said.

However, you may have to wait a while, as there is already a waiting list.

There is some good news: Dillon said a sequel is in the works.

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### Baseball card wall found in renovations of Boise home



# HOMEGROWN KNOWLEDGE

PRESENTS

## RARE BOOKS & THEIR HISTORY BY J. ROSS BAUGHMAN



FEBRUARY 10TH @ 7:00PM

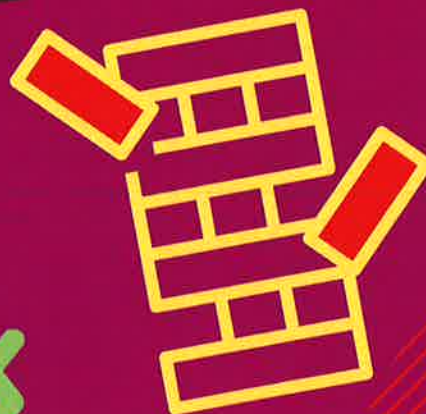
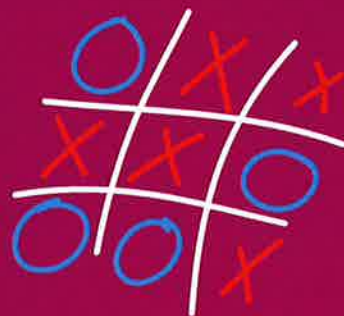




SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 11AM - 1 PM

# BIG GAMES

Play life sized Candy Land (you are the pawn!), Giant Jenga, Tic Tac Woah, and more. Drop in anytime Saturday, February 12th between 11 and 1 for games the whole family will enjoy.



BELLEVILLE AREA  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

# *Judy Ann Darling Memorial Concert*

**Join Us at the  
Belleville Area District Library  
Saturday,**

**February 26 at 11:00 am**

**We will be in the  
Judy Ann Darling Early Learning Center  
In the Childrens Area  
Lets fill it with families  
enjoying in songs and dancing together**



*Judy Darling*



*Beverly Meyer*

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**A joyful celebration with Beverly, The Music Lady**