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 CITY OF AMARILLO \*

On August 9, 2010, at 4:15 p.m., the Amarillo Advisory Library Board met at the Downtown Library. The following attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Meetings Held Since Appointment</b>	<b>Meetings Attended Since Appointment</b>
Denise Blanchard, Chair	Yes	36	30
Carolyn Blackerby	Yes	22	18
Cathy Dixon	No	43	29
Pearlene Martin	Yes	52	29
Lois Nix	No	71	28
Peggy Parker	Yes	42	33
Sandy Riney	Yes	30	26

**STAFF**

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services  
 Mary Redmond, Secretary

**GUEST**

Amanda Barrera, Asst. Director of Library Services  
 Melody Boren, Tech Services Librarian III

**Welcome:**

Denise Blanchard called the meeting to order.  
 Everyone was welcomed.

**Minutes:**

Carolyn Blackerby made a motion to approve the June 2010 minutes. Peggy Parker seconded, and the motion carried.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET- Donna Littlejohn**

Donna Littlejohn shared highlights from the 2011 Proposed Library Budget.

**REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN- Amanda Barrera**

Amanda Barrera, the Assistant Director of Library Services reviewed the Amarillo Public Library’s survey. The review consisted of 272 online surveys and 156 printed surveys.

The three primary items desired by surveyors were Adult Fiction, Recorded Books, & Books for Youth Adults.

Overall all, 90% of the surveyors found the library’s collections to be satisfactory or extremely useful, and 95% of the surveyors found the library staff to be helpful.

The primary reasons why some of the surveyors did not use the library were limited time, and they preferred to browse bookstores, and websites.

Amanda Barrera, Melody Boren, & Judith Sample were thanked for their hard work in putting this project together.

## **CONSIDERATION OF INTERNET USAGE GUIDELINES – Donna Littlejohn**

Donna reviewed the Amarillo Public Library's Internet Usage Guidelines with the board. Pearlene Martin made a motion to accept the guideline updates as presented. Sandy Riney seconded, and the motion carried.

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Donna Littlejohn**

### **Amarillo Reads**

The summer selection for Amarillo Reads is *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, by Harper Lee.

Charles Shields is author of *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee*, and *I am Scout: the Biography of Harper Lee*.

Charles J. Shields will speak to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students on August 31. On September 1, Hastings and Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will host an invitation only reception for the Charles Shields event at the Amarillo Globe News Center for the Performing Arts. Following the reception, Charles Shields will give a free presentation that will be open to the public.

### **Summer Reading Program**

The Amarillo Public Library's Summer Reading program was very successful. Over 6,000 children signed up for the program.

The Grand Prize drawing was for a Netbook Laptop.

The Friends of the Amarillo Public Library supported the Summer Reading Program.

### **Regional 2011 Plan of Service**

Harrington Library Consortium and Texas Panhandle Library Services will be merged on September 1. The system's primary focus will be to expand in literacy programs throughout the region, in educational attainment, and computer basics education for patrons.

## **WEBSITE REDESIGN DEMONSTRATION – Melody Boren**

Melody Boren, the Library's Tech Services Librarian, shared information about the Amarillo Public Library new Web page.

The Amarillo Public Library is in the process of licensing *Jobs Now* and *Freegal*.

*Jobs Now* will offer job searching, resumes, templates, and other services.

*Freegal* will give patrons the ability to download music from the Sony Catalog.

### **Announcements**

Denise Blanchard has been reappointed for another term on the board.

Pearlene Martin & Lois Nix were thanked for their services on the library board.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was called to adjourn. Carolyn Blackerby moved to accept. Peggy Parker seconded, and the motion passed. The next meeting will be at the Downtown Library, at 413 E 4<sup>th</sup> on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 4:15 p.m.

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*Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services*