

STATE OF TEXAS *
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 AND RANDALL *
 CITY OF AMARILLO *

On August 8, 2011, at 4:15 p.m., the Amarillo Advisory Library Board met at the Southwest Branch Library. The following attended:

Members	Today	Meetings Held Since Appointment	Meetings Attended Since Appointment
Denise Blanchard, Chair	Yes	41	35
Cathy Dixon	No	48	32
Peggy Parker	Yes	47	36
Sandy Riney	Yes	36	31
Lola Whitaker	Yes	5	5
Maury Roman Jordan	Yes	5	5

Staff

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services
 Mary Redmond, Secretary
 Valisa McHugh, SW Branch Librarian

Guest

Robert Goodrich

CALL TO ORDER:

Denise Blanchard called the meeting to order.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

MINUTES:

The board will approve April 2011 minutes at the October board meeting.

REVIEW OF BUDGET FY 2011-2012

Donna Littlejohn shared highlights from the FY 2011-2012 Budget.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer Reading Program/Xtreme Read

The Amarillo Public Library's Summer Reading program was successful. 6,403 children signed up for the program. Over 300 teens attended the Xtreme Read programs.

Job Seekers Lab

The Job Seeker's Lab has had over 300 hours of tutoring.

Amarillo Reads/Read to Succeed

The Amarillo Reads Summer selection is *Along the Watchtower* by Constance Squires. Constance Squires will have an event at the Amarillo-Globe News Center for the Performing Arts on August 30.

Josh Wilson, the library's new Youth Assistant Librarian, is in charge of the Xtreme Read programming. The fall selection for the Amarillo Reads will be *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

The Conversation group has been going very well. The group meets on Saturdays at the North Branch Library to help people interested in practicing English.

Staffing

The Library has filled all staff level positions.

Texas State Library funded Interlibrary Loan

As of August 31, Interlibrary Loan will not be Texas State Library funded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friends Store sales have been successful, averaging \$1,000 a month in sales.

Friends Book Sale schedule:

Saturday, September 10 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Friends Only) 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Sunday, September 11 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Mr. Goodrich discussed the letter that he wrote to the Library Advisory Board urging their support for fully-funded programs and services. His letter was in response to library funding being cut nationwide.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be at the Northwest Branch Library, 6100 W. 9th on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 4:15 p.m.

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services