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 CITY OF AMARILLO \*

On December 12, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., the Amarillo Advisory Library Board met at the North Branch 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	43	37
Cathy Dixon	Yes	50	33
Peggy Parker	No	49	36
Sandy Riney	Yes	38	33
Lola Whitaker	Yes	7	7
Maury Roman Jordan	No	7	6
Rita Wilson	Yes	2	1

**Staff**

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services  
 Stacy Yates, PR Coordinator  
 Zetta Rile, North Branch Librarian

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order.

**MINUTES:**

Lola Whittaker moved that minutes from the previous meeting be approved as written. Sandy Riney seconded and the motion carried.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Annual Report**

The library has an annual report for the first time, highlighting programs and projects in 2011. Copies of the report were distributed to the board. Additional copies will go to City Managers and Commissioners.

**Young Adult Program**

The Steampumpkin Ball held in October was very successful with more than 250 people in attendance. Amarillo Anime is well-attended with average turnout of 40+ young adults. TAG membership continues to grow.

**Friends of the Amarillo Public Library Book Sales and Projects**

Book sales held in 2011 will easily fund the 2012 Summer Reading Program.

The Friends Store raised \$7000 in 2011 while eliminating unused space that presented a security issue at the Downtown Library.

Dates for 2012 Book Sales are:

April 13 – 15, September 7 – 9 and November 9 – 12

Friday – 6:30 to 9 PM: After Hours – Friends Only

Saturday – 9 AM to 6 PM: Open to the Public

Sunday – 2 PM to 6 PM: Discount Bag Day! \$3 per bag

The November sale will be a discount sale, with bags selling for \$3 per bag on Friday and Saturday and \$1 per bag on Sunday. The usual price per bag is \$5.

### **Technology Services**

Ebooks are now available for Kindle

Atomic Learning—short online software tutorials will soon be available through the library website.

### **Capital Christmas Tree**

The Capital Christmas Tree stopped in Amarillo on its way from California to Washington DC. The library partnered with the City of Amarillo, Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Amarillo Public Library and Center City of Amarillo to offer a public event for people to see the tree. The Golden Spread Chorus performed holiday carols and cookies & cider were provided by Friends and the City. The event was very popular with more than 200 people in attendance.

### **Staff Service Awards**

14 library employees were recognized for a total of 155 years of service to the library. Because several staff left to attend school or other reasons, several of those honored have actually served even longer.

### **Staff Change**

Youth Services Coordinator Pat Mullin will become the new ESL Services Coordinator in January. This is a major change for Pat, who has served in the Youth Staff for more than two decades, but he has taught ESL classes for Region XVI for many years and is excited to take on this new challenge.

### **Holiday Skits**

1397 kids attended holiday skits presented by youth staff.

### **AMARILLO READS**

Titles have been selected for AMARILLO READS in 2012:

Winter: The Brontë Sisters

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* by Anne Brontë

Spring: *Bill Warrington's Last Chance* by James King

James King will be in Amarillo for a public event at the Globe-News Center on May 1.

Summer: *A Cold Dish* and other *Walt Longmire Mysteries* by Craig Johnson

This mystery series has been picked up by the A&E Network for adaptation as a television drama.

Episodes should begin airing this summer. Craig Johnson will be in Amarillo for a public event at the Globe-News Center on August 16.

Autumn: *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan

This will be the largest AMARILLO READS partnership yet, with KACV, Amarillo College, AISD, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Amarillo Museum of Art and several area libraries taking part. Timothy Egan will be in Amarillo sometime in the Fall.

### **Knitting**

Knitting 101 and 102 classes have been very popular and Program Specialist Cynthia Hunt will look for ways to keep them going in 2012.

### **Family Game Night**

East Branch Library is hosting a Family Game Night, which will likely be a monthly event. Friends of the Amarillo Public Library provided funds to purchase board games and the event will include a Story Time for younger kids.

**Circulation Procedures Manual**

Assistant Library Director Amanda Barrera is working with branch librarians to develop a manual for circulation procedures to be used at all library locations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Zetta Riles offered a report on activities at the North Branch:

A Christmas skit is planned for December 13.

Conversation Club is averaging about 15 people in attendance each week.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be February 13 at the Southwest Branch Library.

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*Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services*





