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On April 8, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., the Amarillo Advisory Library Board met at the Northwest Branch Library. The following attended:

Members	Today	Meetings Held Since Appointment	Meetings Attended Since Appointment
Denise Blanchard, Chair	Yes	50	42
Cathy Dixon	No	57	36
Sandy Riney	Yes	45	40
Lola Whitaker	Yes	14	13
Maury Roman Jordan	Yes	14	12
Rita Wilson	Yes	9	5
David Kemp	Yes	5	4

Staff
Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services
Mary Redmond, Secretary
Kay Johnson, Northwest Branch Librarian

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order.

MINUTES:
February 2013 minutes were approved as distributed.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Presentation and Discussion on current Departmental issues and activities

City of Amarillo water conservation programs
The City of Amarillo Water Wise Team put together a series of water conservation programs that were at the Downtown Library, and the branches. Attendance was very good at each of the library locations.

The Benefit Bank
The Benefit Bank is an online program that is in corporation with the Texas Health Institute.
The online service will be available at each of the library locations by August.

Strategic Planning update for APL and HLC
The Strategic Planning processes for the Amarillo Public Library and the Harrington Library Consortium have been ongoing.
The focus groups for the Harrington Library Consortium have been planned.

Summer Reading Program and AMA-CON
Kay Johnson, Northwest Branch Librarian, shared information about Summer Read gardening programs that will be at the Northwest Branch.
The Summer Reading Program will include programming for families, adults, teens, and kids.
The final prize for adult and teen readers, who complete 45 hours of Summer Reading, will be a voucher for

a free bag of books at the Friends Book Store. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin in June.

The AMA-CON event will be July 20.
A $25.00 refundable deposit is required for each vendor to reserve a booth, and vendors have the option to donate the deposit to support AMA-CON and other programs sponsored by the Friends.
Andy Chase, a local artist, has designed the Mascot for this year's AMA-CON.

Public Tornado Drill, March 6th
The Amarillo Public Library participated in the City of Amarillo Public Tornado Drill.
The drill went very well. Patrons were given the option to participate.

Educational Services Summer Schedule
The Amarillo Public Library will offer ESL and Citizenship classes for the summer.
Registration for Citizenship classes will be May 20, and ESL class enrollment will be May 21.
All classes will be at the Downtown Library.

Genealogy 101 series
Cindy Wallace, in Research Services, will be teaching the Genealogy 101 series. The first class will start May 7, in the Harrington Library Consortium meeting room. All classes will be at the Downtown Library. Classes will be limited to 15 people.

Amarillo Reads Spring Selection
Amarillo Reads Spring selection is *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell. The author will have an event in Amarillo on May 21.
Denise Blanchard suggested that Polk Street United Methodist Church or some of the local churches could possibly be a place of contact for the Amarillo Reads Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto program.

National Poetry Month Collaboration between North Branch Library and Palo Duro High School
North Branch Library is celebrating National Poetry Month in April.
Shannon Holt, North Branch Youth Assistant, has been working on the celebration of *Voices from the North Side,* an art and poetry exhibition featuring North Amarillo teen artists, and poets.

College Prep workshops
The Northwest Branch Library and staff will have four free College Prep workshops. The first workshop met on April 6, at the Downtown Library. The workshops offer information about school applications, financial aid, courses, entrance exams, essays, and scholarships.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be April 12-14.

Report from Northwest Branch Library staff
Kay Johnson shared information about some of the programs at the Northwest Branch.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be at the Downtown Library, 413 S.E. 4th on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Donna Littlejohn, Director of Library Services