

**MINUTES**

On October 15, 2018, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. at DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, 417 SE 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Monica Smith-Hart, Chair	Yes	15	9
Cullen Lutz, Vice-Chair	Yes	26	22
Joy Brenneman	Yes	27	24
C. Thomas Warren III	Yes	10	8

Also in attendance:

<u>Amanda Barrera</u>	DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Courtney White</u>	ASST CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Cindy Wallace</u>	RESEARCH SERVICES LIBRARY ASSISTANT
<u>Guest, Kip Billups</u>	PUBLIC CITIZEN

Call to Order. Ms. Monica Smith-Hart, Chair, established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:05 p.m.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on AUGUST 13, 2018. Motion was made by Ms. Cullen Lutz, seconded by Ms. Joy Brenneman, and carried, to approve such minutes as amended.

ITEM 2: Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Library Services on current Departmental issues and activities.

Friends of the Library Activity report: Books to Broadway will be held on Tuesday, October 30, in the Civic Center Heritage Room. This year's theme is Monsters, Mystery, and Mayhem on Broadway! The concert will feature songs from shows like *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and *The Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. Doors open at 6 pm with a silent auction, complimentary coffee and desserts, and a cash bar. The show starts at 7.

The Friends were pleased with the results of their September Book Sale, which provided \$7,238.75 in total sales. The last sale of the year will be held next month, November 16-18. The November sale is always the discount sale, with buyers paying \$5 per bag of books.

FY 2018-19 Budget: The new fiscal year started on October 1, and the library's budget for 2018-19 is \$4,161,314. The department's request to fund the RFID conversion projects needed at North and Southwest Branches once again was not approved as part of the City's Capital Improvement Projects plan. Assistant City Manager Floyd Hartman continues to seek funding for the conversion for APL's final two locations as CIP money becomes available, usually due to some other approved project coming in under-budget.

Programming and Events at all APL locations: The Family Place Libraries workshop series is a five-week program for children ages birth-5 and their caregivers. APL just kicked off the second round of these special programs, and they are being offered twice a week here at Downtown Library on Wednesday and Saturday. Each session provides families a place to talk one-on-one with different community resource professionals. The second round of FPL classes will culminate in a site visit from an FPL representative. Assuming we meet all expectations at that time, it will receive accreditation as an official Family Place Libraries network member. Of the 548 public libraries in Texas, only 68 have achieved this designation so far.

Seventy-two people attended Southwest Branch's annual Star Wars Reads program on October 6. A fencing demonstration from the Amarillo Competitive Fencing Association provided tips for those hoping to hone their lightsaber fighting skills. Members of the 501st and Rebel Legions were also in attendance. A number of Halloween-themed programs are taking place this month.

Report from Cindy Wallace on Genealogy services/activities: Ms. Cindy Wallace provided a Power Point presentation on the basics of genealogy research, the many ways APL assists with this type of research, and some special programs we offer to genealogists, including: Genealogy 101 and 201, Genealogy Lock-Ins, and Participation in the statewide genealogy online conference.

ITEM 3: Public forum: None

ITEM 4: Items for Future Agendas: None

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. All comments are on file with the City Library Department.

ATTEST:   
Amanda Barrera, Directory of Library Services

  
Monica Smith-Hart, Chair