

MINUTES

On August 10, 2020, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a meeting by Video Conference.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Monica Smith-Hart, Chair	YES	24	15
Mary-Lynn Cameron, Vice-Chair	NO	9	6
Kenneth Bates	YES	7	6
Shawn Read	YES	3	3

Also in attendance:

<u>Amanda Barrera</u>	DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Mary Redmond</u>	LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Courtney White</u>	ASST CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Michael Freeman</u>	LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST, CITY OF AMARILLO

1. Call to Order. Ms. Monica Smith-Hart, Chair, established a quorum and called the regular meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:10 p.m.
2. Public forum. None
3. Minutes. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held by video conference on JUNE 15. Motion was made by Mr. Shawn Read, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Bates, and carried to approve minutes as amended.
4. Discussion by the Director of Library Services on current Departmental issues and activities.
 - A. Friends of the Library: Due to COVID-19, the library canceled April Book Sale and AMA-CON 2020. The library will decide whether to have the Books to Broadway and the other two book sales.

The Virtual AMA-CON went well, with the Friends earning almost \$1,000. Mr. Jon Barnes at NW Branch shared photos of past Cosplay winners, Cosplay videos, and tutorials on the AMA-CON Facebook page. Ms. Stacy Yates designed AMA-CON T-Shirts to sell. The Library Staff Celebration sponsored by the Friends will be August 27, at the Downtown Library. S & J will serve flavored iced coffee and fruit smoothies to staff and each staff member will receive a backpack purchased by the Friends.

B. Zoo Partnership – Storywalk: The library will have a trial Storywalk at the Amarillo Zoo. If received well by zoo visitors, the library could possibly partner with the zoo to install a permanent. Storywalk is a creative way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

C. Makerspace update: Facilities are preparing for the construction on the Makerspace project. The library received grants for \$26,000 from Amarillo Area Foundation and \$23,847 from Texas State Library & Archives Commissions to help with Makerspace. The Friends approved up to \$10,000 for equipment, and the City of Amarillo reallocated \$39,000 for Facilities to renovate space on the second floor of Downtown Library for the Makerspace.

D. Programming and Events at all APL locations: Amarillo Reads in the Summer has ended. The library is continuing Story times Live on Facebook. Ms. Stacy Yates started a new book club via Zoom, featuring books related to themes of diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, called *Doing the Work*. For citizenship this fall, Mr. Ben Wilting and Ms. Cindy Wallace will be filming content usually taught in classes and will post it online to help students continue in their progress to naturalization. Decisions are underway to prepare for ESL classes.

E. Report from the Library Technology Specialist: Mr. Michael Freeman talked about his various duties as the Library Technology Specialist at the library, and his assistance with the City IT Department. He mentioned his passion for technology and his prior certification before being offered the position.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. Mr. Kenneth Bates will give a presentation at the next meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Library Department

ATTEST: Amanda Barrera
Amanda Barrera, Directory of Library Services

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