

MINUTES

On June 14, 2021, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Downtown Library, 413 S.E. 4TH Ave., Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Monica Smith-Hart, Chair	NO	28	17
Mary-Lynn Cameron, Vice-Chair	NO	13	9
Bruce Fielder	YES	2	2
Shawn Read	YES	7	6
Howard Rodriguez-Mori	YES	2	2

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>Melody Boren</u>	YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Silvia Shaver</u>	LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO

1. Call to Order and Introductions. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Mr. Shawn Read established a quorum and called the regular meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public forum. None

3. Minutes. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held by video conference on FEBRUARY 8, 2021. Motion was made by Dr. Howard Rodriguez-Mori, seconded by Mr. Bruce Fielder, and carried to approve minutes as amended.

4. Tour of MakerSpace: Ms. Amanda Barrera provided a tour of the MakerSpace to the Board members. Mr. Shawn Read suggested to take donations for the MakerSpace. Director Barrera said that we probably will get donations again.

5. Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Library Services on current Departmental issues and activities.

A. Friends of the Library: Friends had a virtual book sale in April, with under \$2,500 in earnings. The Friends are confident that they will have in-person sales for the last two book sales of the year.

September 10, 11 and 12
December 3, 4 and 5

Donations for the book sale are temporarily suspended, because the basement shelves are full.

B. Programming and events at all APL locations: AMA-CON will take place on Saturday, July 31. The event will be divided into two parts. The first part will be held outside from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. adjacent to the Southwest Branch. There will be vendor booths, as well as a number of activities, including a Cosplay parade, Quidditch, an Obstacle Course, Blast-a-Trooper, and Sketch-Off contest. The second part will be held in the North Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center with the gaming hall, which will open at 1:00 p.m. The Greek Prom will start at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bruce Fielder asked if there is an admission fee to participate in AMA-CON. Ms. Amanda Barrera said that it will be free to come to AMA-CON and shop the vendor booths and to Cosplay. Wristbands will cost \$5.00; they will be necessary to participate in the Quidditch clinic, run the obstacle course, and also gain entry into the gaming hall and the Greek Prom.

C. Ms. Melody Boren talked about AMARILLO READS in the Summer. Signup started on June 1; our programs are focused on animal stories, since the theme is Tails & Tales. The program currently has 2,302 people registered. Each registrant will receive a reading Brag Tag and a Calendar of in-person and virtual events. The final prizes for participants will be a new book for kids; adults will receive a voucher for a free bag of books at one of the Friends book sale, and kids ages 12 and up have a choice of a voucher or a new book. We have in-person programs, and take-and-make kits are available at all APL locations. Kids ages 3 and under who join the Rubber Ducky Club will receive a rubber ducky of their choice and a Reading Club Log with early literacy challenges to choose. The library staff have worked very hard to create and implement a total of 50 programs for AMARILLO READS in the Summer 2021.

Mr. Shawn Read asked if there is a report by branch of the increase on people registered for AMARILLO READS in the Summer from last year. Ms. Melody Boren said that she just has it by age. She will have it available for the next Board meeting.


Dr. Howard Rodriguez-Mori asked if there is a directory of sewing groups or crafty groups on social media to promote the MakerSpace. Director Barrera said that she will find out.

6. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.



Monica Smith-Hart

ATTEST: 
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services