

**MINUTES**

On FEBRUARY 13, 2017, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. at NORTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 6100 W. 9<sup>th</sup> for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joy Brenneman, Chair	Yes	18	16
Cullen Lutz, Vice-Chair	Yes	17	16
Monica Smith-Hart	Yes	6	3
Joe Sullivan	No	6	4
C. Thomas Warren III	No	6	4
	Yes	1	1

Also in attendance:

Amanda Barrera  
Mary Redmond  
Kay Johnson

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO  
LIBRARY BOARD SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO  
NW BRANCH LIBRARIAN, CITY OF AMARILLO

Call to Order. Ms. Joy Brenneman, Chair, established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ITEM 1:** Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on DECEMBER 12, 2016. Motion was made by Ms. Cullen Lutz, seconded by Dr. Monica Smith-Hart, and carried to approve minutes as amended.

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

Friends of the Library purchased a new Storytime rug for the Northwest Branch. Book Sales, AMA-CON, and Books to Broadway are fundraising events, supported by the Friends to assist with other library programs and activities.

The Amarillo Public Library received an Achievement of Library Excellence award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association for a second year in a row.

Members received copies of the Amarillo Public Library February Events.

On January 8, Amarillo Public Library partnered with Panhandle PBS in a prescreening of the masterpiece series, *Victoria*. Ms. Cullen Lutz expressed gratitude in partnering with the library.

Citizenship and ESL classes started on January 9. Evening classes have been averaging 55 students a session, and morning classes have averaged 30 to 40 students. Citizenship classes are held at Downtown Library. The ESL classes are offered at Downtown Library and the North & East Branches.

Dr. Monica Smith-Hart was a presenter at the January 28 AMARILLO READS event. She talked about Mary Shelly and her contemporaries. On February 23, Amarillo Reads Downtown Lunchtime Book Club will be discussing *The Last Man* by Mary Shelley.

RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system upgrade is underway at the NW & East Branches. The system includes enhanced customer service features, extra security in inventory, and self check out. RFID upgrade is complete at the Downtown Library.

The Amarillo Public Library will offer FaxScan24 service to the public. Services will be available in March.

Ms. Kay Johnson shared information about some of the programs at the NW Branch.

The Amarillo Public Library received a grant from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission for \$4,000. The funds will be used to purchase four iPads, and ESL language, grammar, and reading workbooks for literacy & ESL programs.

Ms. Amanda Barrera shared highlights from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission's Return on Investment Study report. The State link for the full report is [TSL.Texas.gov\roi](http://TSL.Texas.gov/roi)

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.

ATTEST: Mary Redmond  
Mary Redmond, Board Secretary

Joy Brenneman  
Joy Brenneman, Chair