

McKinney Public Library System

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2011

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Library on February 17, 2011. Board Members present were: Kevin Magavern, David Patterson, Jo Dell'Antonia, Andrew Hudson, Shannon Burton, and Brandi Hart. Absent was Judy Gay. City Council Liaison, GERALYN KEVER, was also in attendance as were Beth Scudder, Library Director and Linda Long, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandi Hart moved that the January 20, 2011 minutes be approved as presented and Jo Dell'Antonia seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Library System Update

The Friends of the Library will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dulaney Room to gather input and direction from the community. There will be another meeting at the John and Judy Gay Library tomorrow at 1 p.m. The Friends developed a survey for programming. Refreshments will be served.

The Friends currently have seven members. The Friends are considering taking on adult programming such as Read Across McKinney events. The Friends have funds to go forward. Online registration is being considered. Every patron who checks out materials is receiving a brochure and insert about the meetings. The Friends of the Library Board meets on the second Friday of the month. Membership is \$10.00.

Read Across McKinney events kick off in March. This event has been marketed heavily. Invitations were personally addressed and mailed. MPAC is handling tickets. Kathleen Kent will speak at a free public event on March 18. She will be discussing her personal journey about writing the book and how its themes have transcended the times.

The McKinney Repertory Theatre will present *The Crucible* March 25 – April 3. There is a billboard on Interstate Hwy. 75 advertising Read Across McKinney. The other side will advertise the play.

MISD is receptive to partnering with Read Across McKinney but would need one year's advance notice.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission may be hit hard by funding reductions, which will impact us. This may result in the loss of vital TexShare database funding, and direct aid funding, Loan Star Libraries Grants. The library uses the Loan Star funds, which are \$24,860 (this year) to purchase items we would not normally request funding for from the City, such as a microfilm reader/printer, A/V upgrades in the Dulaney Room, replacement furniture and DVD's for the new library.

The Library purchased 4 each Early Literacy Stations in English and 2 each Early Literacy Stations in Spanish for a cost of \$2100.00 each. Headphones and audio splitters were purchased as well.

Beth reported that she has not heard anything about next year's fiscal year budget.

Genealogy Department

Tracy Luscombe resigned after 7 years with the McKinney Library System. Susan Kusterbeck has been chosen to take the genealogy librarian position. Susan was the Circulation Supervisor while earning her MLS.

Tracy coordinated genealogy workshops and speakers and grew our collection. The Library hosted 21 public programs the 7 years she was here. Attendance increased as word spread about our genealogy programming. Towards the end we had 30-40 attendees per workshop.

Our collection was promoted in outreach activities.

When Tracy arrived, the McKinney newspapers obituary indexing project was completed up through the 1960s. Since then obituary indexing has been completed up to 2010 and a system has been set in place to keep them up to date. Our obituary indexing is now available online from across the country.

Ten years ago we did not have a good genealogy collection and referred our patrons to the Plano Public Libraries.

Our genealogy collection has expanded to at least three times the size. It now stands at about 7,000 titles, including books, microfilm, maps, periodicals, and oral history tapes. We have three databases that serve these researchers including Heritage Quest, Ancestry Library Edition, and Dallas Morning News Archives. Two new microfilm readers with stand alone printers were added.

The McKinney Library genealogy department has come to be known for its service to the community as well as a great source of information in the field of genealogy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, February 17th Friends of the Library meeting, Hall Library – 7 pm

Friday, February 18th Friends of the Library meeting, JJGL – 1 pm

Thursday, March 10, 2011 Read Across McKinney Author Luncheon, Heard-Craig Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17, 2011 Library Advisory Board meeting - Canceled

Friday, March 18, 2011 Read Across McKinney Free Public Event, MPAC

Motion was made by Jo Dell'Antonia and seconded by Shannon Burton to cancel the March Board meeting. The consensus was unanimous. Motion carried and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business relating to the agenda, David Patterson moved and Brandi Hart seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:21 p.m.

Kevin Magavern, Chair