

McKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

MAY 19, 2016

The McKinney Public Library System Advisory Board met in regular session in the conference room of the John and Judy Gay Library, 6861 W. Eldorado Parkway, McKinney, Texas, on May 19, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Board members Present: Coretta Lule, Jonathan Perera, Joann Pond, Amanda Hamilton, Peter Samsury, Joseph Closs, Cheryl Darveaux

Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Joel Bangilan, Youth Services Coordinator, Spencer Smith, Director of Libraries, and Brenda Romero, Library Administrative Assistant, as transcriber.

16-539 Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of April 21, 2016

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Peter Samsury, seconded by Board member Cheryl Darveaux, to approve the minutes as presented.

16-540 Discuss Youth Services Report

The McKinney Public Library System continues to experience a growing number of patrons visiting the library and attending library programs, especially our youth programs. Youth programming reached an attendance high of 1,279 participants attending 79 youth programs in April.

Beanstack, our online youth book recommendation platform, will be used for the summer reading program for all ages starting on May 19th.

Everyone can begin logging minutes and book titles for summer reading starting on June 6th. Beanstack will track reading progress as well as provide recommended reading options.

Our youth outreach initiative began in April, targeting all schools within the McKinney city limits. So far we have been able to promote our summer programs at 30 of the 39 public school open house events,

morning announcements, class visits, assemblies, and more. We attended seven of these school events in the month of April and reached out to 1,980 kids. The Library has also provided bookmarks, posters, calendars, and registration tutorials to the public, charter, preschools, day camps, and many other child care organizations to promote upcoming programming events, the summer reading program, and our library resources. These outreach efforts will help us meet our system goal of 5,000 reading log participants, compared to 2015's number of 1,600 youth participants for our Summer Reading Program. We have also included an adult summer reading program titled Six Degrees of Separation.

On Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27, the Perot Museum Tech Truck will visit our library locations, Thursday at Hall and Friday at JJG. They will be bringing robotics, kids will be making paper rockets, coding robots, and electronic kits; all the stations will be S.T.E.A.M centered.

We will continue our favorite infant and preschooler programs this summer alongside our special family, school age, and teens programs. These special events will begin with a return of the Truck Rodeo kickoff event on Tuesday, June 7th at both locations. The City has helped us arrange for many of the big service trucks and vehicles to be displayed at each library's parking lot so that families can view and tour within, depending on the vehicle.

The Summer Reading Program received donated reading incentives appealing to children and totaling approximately \$20,000 in value. This investment demonstrates that the local businesses, partners, and agencies value reading through the summer.

Joel Bangilan, our new Youth Services Coordinator, grew up in Houston. He started his career as a paraprofessional Children's services staff member. It was there that his love for children's services grew. He received his Master's Degree in Library Science from UNT. The program

was a distance program in which professors visited Houston. The first time he set foot on the Denton campus was on Graduation Day. He worked for Houston Public for 13 years. In 2007 he accepted a Branch Services Coordinator position in San Antonio. He supervised nine locations and managed special projects such as Spanish language services, bookmobiles and outreach, low-vision initiatives, adult programming, and he coordinated with other departments on projects like VITA, Affordable Care Act registration, and computer literacy.

16-541 Discuss Director's Report

We will be hosting a staff development day on Tuesday, May 31. Staff will be split into groups and travel to four libraries; Frisco, Irving South, Denton North, and Lewisville. They will be asked to assess and bring back take-a-ways they had from their visit they would like to see implemented within the McKinney Library System. Prior to us leaving to our destinations, we will have an overview of the upcoming Summer Reading Program and will go over the library systems emergency procedure manual covering both libraries. Hall will also have a number of maintenance and minor renovations completed while we are out. Brenda has been working with Janay Tieken, Housing and Community Manager, Sandra Doak, from the McKinney Arts Commission, and artist Annie Royer, to have an ongoing art exhibit here at the Hall Library. The McKinney Arts Commission purchased a set of wall hangers and the library purchased a few more to allow us to hang some additional pieces of art. We will have a four month rotation (though this first year will not be quite four months) and are hoping to have a collection by June from a variety of artists to hang through August. Each year the library will be part of MAST, McKinney Art Studio Tour, and their artists will have paintings hung up throughout the library from September to December. By the end of this upcoming year, Janay will have an electronic process for artists to register pieces and have them for future exhibits; this will be the future

process for the public.

DJ Siddens, PT technician, has been working weekly with the students from MISD. We have been working on a labeling project of our DVD collections and preparing books for our donation shelves. The students are eager to settle down to the tasks assigned to them, and work with great focus on each item. Each student works at their own pace and delights in completing the tasks.

Helen Talley, Hall Branch Manager, has continued her outreach efforts at the Samaritan Inn. She asked parents for feedback about what days and times work best for scheduled programming either at the Hall library or at the Samaritan Inn. She spoke about the ease of getting a library card, and discussed the proof of residency forms available at the main resident desk at the Inn. Helen also discussed the databases available for children and adults for research, career opportunities and educational testing. The second meeting was an adult's only meeting. Helen again spoke about the ease of procuring a library card and the proof of residency forms available. She spoke about the basic library policies, hours of operation, items available for checkout including e-books and audio books, databases including Atomic Training, Learning Express databases, and research databases. There were about 19 people at the family meeting and 17 at the adult's only meeting. Since then we have noticed Samaritan residents coming in for library cards. We are currently providing outreach services to Samaritan Inn and the Boy and Girls Club, and would like to expand our services to others as well. We will launch our Preschool/Daycare outreach initiative June 6th, encouraging teachers to register their whole enrollment in Summer Reading for prizes. We have also had various elementary schools here to tour the library and learn about our services as well as Job Corps, which we hope can form a volunteering program for these individuals to gain some job skills. Both Hall and JJGL are now set up for wireless printing. A patron can

print from their mobile device either from within the library or from home.

Spencer also talked to the Board about the organizational changes he has made to allow for growth, distribution of responsibilities, and the establishment of new positions.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Peter Samsury, seconded by Board member Coretta Lule to adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

JONATHAN PERERA
Chair

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