

McKinney Public Library System

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2011

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Library on June 16, 2011. Board Members present were: Kevin Magavern, David Patterson, Jo Dell'Antonia, Judy Gay, Brandi Price, and Andrew Hudson. Absent was Shannon Burton. Also in attendance were Beth Scudder, Library Director, Mike Smith, Technology Librarian, and Linda Long, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandi Price moved that the May 19, 2011 minutes be approved as presented and Jo Dell'Antonia seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Technical Services Report

The past few months have been a busy time for the Tech Services department. Our first set of eBooks through our downloadable audiobook vendor, Overdrive, has been very popular. We have patrons who have not used the library in years renewing their library cards to download from our eBooks collection. Our eBooks collection includes best sellers, juvenile fiction, young adult and non-fiction.

There is a list of apps that are downloadable. By the end of this year, Kindle will be compatible with our eBooks.

The Loan Star Libraries Grant allowed us to purchase six Early Literacy Station computers. The Hall library has two English Early Literacy stations in the children's department and two bilingual stations in the Spanish area on the second floor. JJGL has two English Early Literacy stations in the children's area. These stations include a colorful keyboard and mouse and a touch screen monitor.

Sadly, this is the last year for the Loan Star Libraries Grant, as they are no longer being funded by the State of Texas.

E Sources at the McKinney Public Library System

Mike Smith is in charge of maintaining and recommending databases for the library system. Mike was asked to report how databases are chosen and to describe the databases the library offers. Following is his report.

The McKinney Public Library System offers two kinds of electronic reference sources: databases and e-reference books. Databases are available over the Internet, continually updated, and are subscribed to and renewed annually.

Librarians choose databases based on a number of factors including cost, usefulness to our patrons, coverage, ease of use, and remote access.

McKinney Public Library databases are all accessible from both inside and outside the library, with the exception of Ancestry Library Edition, available within both branches only.

Library System Update

Jim Parrish resigned recently. City Manager, Jason Gray, appointed new Deputy City Manager, Joe Williams. Mr. Williams was Chief of Police in Celina. Mr. Gray and Mr. Williams have worked together in Celina and Frisco. The library will be under Mr. Williams' supervision.

Kelli Phelan has resigned. She has gone on to start her own business. The position was upgraded from library supervisor to library coordinator to coordinate Youth Services at both libraries. The position is being advertised.

The City Manager will be presenting the City budget to City Council on June 24, 2011. He will be doing the presentation of the budget in a more comprehensive manner. The budget will be balanced.

The Summer Reading Program and Summer Reading Club are well underway. We have over 2,000 sign ups. Beth distributed pictures of opening day of Summer Reading Program at John & Judy Gay Library. We are doing programs every other week – Wednesdays at the Hall Library and Thursdays at John & Judy Gay Library. These programs are going remarkably well.

We now have a new service at the Hall library. We have a new fax machine. It is a stand-alone, self-contained unit. It walks patrons through the process and has been successful. At this time we have a fax machine at the Hall library only. We are not charged for this service. If we hit a certain number of faxes per month, we will receive a percentage of the revenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, June 20, 2011 Boards & Commissions Recruitment Reception from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4, 2011 Library Closed

Thursday, July 21, 2011 Library Advisory Board

August meeting is cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business relating to the agenda, Brandi Price moved and Andrew Hudson seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Kevin Magavern, Chair