

McKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

The McKinney Public Library System Advisory Board met in regular session in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Library, 101 East Hunt Street, McKinney, Texas in on September 17, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Board members Present: Coretta Lule, Jonathan Perera, Lisa Huang, Janet Farr

Absent: Nancy Montgomery-Warren, Amanda Frady

Staff Members present: Abby Stapp, Interim Youth Services Coordinator, Spencer Smith, Director of Libraries, and Brenda Romero, Library Administrative Assistant, as transcriber.

15-897 Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of August 20, 2015

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Lisa Huang, seconded by Board member Coretta Lule, to approve the minutes as presented.

15-898 Discuss Youth Services Report

2015 has been full of changes for the McKinney Public Library System Youth Services department. The Youth Services department added a full-time Youth Services Librarian, Laura Compton, who is excited about rejuvenating our teen programming for the System. Michaela Watson resigned as Youth Services Coordinator in September and Abby Stapp was appointed Interim Youth Services Coordinator. Tamara Biggio transferred from the Youth Services department to pursue other career goals in the Library. Currently there are three position vacancies in Youth Services; Coordinator, a full-time Library Technician, and Abby's part-time Library Technician position.

Regular programming for summer included baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes, Music & Movement, Little Explorers, Family programs, Mother/Daughter Book Club, Family Storytime, Lego Storytime and Maker's Lab. Youth Services Summer Reading Programming ended successfully in August with several In-house and paid programming

supported by The Friends of the Library; Magician Todd McKinney, the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, Kidscience, Bat World Sanctuary, and Circus Chicken Dog programs. Private funding paid for our Zooniversity program again this year. In addition, special preschool programs were created and performed in-house by Youth Services staff this year. We are excited to report that 4,840 summer reading logs were given out over the summer to our young readers and 1,910 were returned for a 37% return rate. We also had a raffle raffling off several library related gift baskets.

Our Library hosted five teen programs this summer at both the John and Judy Gay and Hall Libraries. There were Wii Glow Parties, Self Defense, Giant Games and more. Regular teen participation has grown and teens have helped Ms. Compton design their own teen programming schedule for this upcoming fall. These programs will be held on Tuesdays each week at Hall and Thursdays after school at JJGL. Themes will rotate between crafts, BOYB (Bring Your Own Book), Anime Club, writing and gaming.

Fall programming for younger children continues with baby, toddler, and preschool family storytimes, and Music & Movement. Preschool Storytime attendees will take a "Road Trip Across America," focusing on different sights and a state each week, with a map craft involving the state and their landmarks. We will also continue our Little Explorers program for preschool children. "Take a Journey through the Habitats" involves learning about biomes including the desert, tropical rain forest, and the arctic.

School Age STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programming is biweekly, Monday at Hall and Tuesday at JJGL. Children will explore cultures across the globe through "Celebrations Around the World." These programs begin with a discussion of the destination country and highlight its peoples through folktales, food,

music and art. The popular Family Makers Lab continues at the Hall library and we will host a similar lab called “Crafternoon” on Saturdays at Hall to replace the lightly attended Saturday Family Storytime.

Mother/Daughter Book Club will continue at JJGL on a Monday evening once a month, 6:30-7:30pm.

The library will soon be transition to an online ticketing system instead of the previous method of handing out tickets in-house on the day of the program. The online system will allow patrons to register for the program at home or here in the library; patrons will then know in advance if the program is full when trying to register. This system does have a number of features; one is the ability to track patrons who register for programming but don't show up.

We will be stepping back some from our traditional S.T.E.A.M programming to allow for more local programming; inviting local guests such as dentists, doctors, policemen, and firemen. The Youth Services department will also expand and begin more outreach within the community on a regular base.

15-899 Discuss Director's Report

We have posted the Systems Coordinator position, this position will close out of our NEOGOV system on September 24, and we will then begin the interviewing process, and are looking at a November start date. The Director of Libraries, Spencer Smith, discussed preliminary meetings he will be having with material selectors for the new fiscal year; disbursement of funds, ordering guidelines, and collection development. Starting October 1, Spencer will report to Jose Madrigal, Deputy City Manager, to allow for additional management opportunities among the city managers. Spencer is currently working every Tuesday at JJG and is currently working through his one on one meetings with library staff. Some of the new changes currently taking place is the separation of Adult and Juvenile nonfiction. The nonfiction DVD's have moved to the

shelving units in front of the nonfiction collection to allow patrons the ability to browse through them. Some of our new Blu-ray collection has hit the shelves; these are being checked out quickly. We have several changes that will occur to staff schedules and will strive to create a functioning schedule for everyone in addition to making sure we use our time wisely; assessing needs at both JYG and Hall Libraries. We have moved the shelf-check out machines to increase the utilization of the machines. We are looking into the possibility of new library cards for the Youth Services department with a child-friendly design. We continue to assess the value of the auto renewal service with benchmarking other libraries concerning auto renewals and check out periods. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Lisa Huang, seconded by Board member Janet Farr, to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

JONATHAN PERERA
Chair

