

McKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 17, 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 March 17, 2016 at 5 p.m.

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

Absent: Coretta Lule

16-307 Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2016

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

16-308 Discuss Roy and Helen Hall Public Services Report

Helen Talley, Public Services Coordinator, started her career at the McKinney Public Library System in October of 2001. She worked a variety of positions until settling in as a Young Adult Technician. Helen obtained her MLS in 2007 and became a Young Adult librarian, and then moved into a Collection Development Librarian position. In November 2015 she was promoted to Public Services Coordinator at RHHL. Helen currently manages circulation staff and Susan Kusterbeck, Genealogy Librarian. In addition she maintains the public desk schedule, coordinates adult programming at Hall, and purchases all Fiction materials for JJGL. In late 2015 Helen took on the supervision of the Interlibrary Loan Services Department. This includes one full-time and one part-time technician. Ann Gustafson moved from the Interlibrary Loan Department into a full-time technical services position and we hired a new full-time technician, Rebecca Hantson, in February. Rebecca will not only work with Interlibrary Loans but will teach computer class's beginning in the fall. Rebecca is currently working with the Atomic Training system

acquired by the library and plans to incorporate this software into her classes.

Helen is working on creating some exciting Adult programming. We've already had a successful program about FAA drone guidelines conducted by Eric Pratt, Airport Operations Manager for the McKinney National Airport. This spring there will be a number of programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library with book reviewers and authors. Martha Cavazos-Fipps, Environmental Education Coordinator, with the city will conduct programs concerning Edible Landscapes and Native and Adaptive plants in North Texas.

Our ESL spring classes are in session currently. Susan Kusterbeck reached out to the city's Communications Department as well as local organizations to recruit tutors and this has been very successful. The AARP volunteers continue to provide IRS tax assistance every Friday and Saturday and this year have also offered assistance at JJGL.

Helen, along with Trevor Naughton, Youth Services Technician, met with the director of the Samaritan Inn to coordinate services and outreach to better serve Samaritan Inn residents. Helen is also contacting local veteran's organizations to foster more outreach and general services for this population.

The library has a number of new databases and software and we have dedicated training time for staff to learn and practice the new programs. Public Services meetings were sporadic during the Public Services Coordinator vacancy; however, Helen and Jason Giang, Circulation Supervisor, have begun scheduling monthly meetings again. Lisa Bailey and Helen attended a city-wide meeting concerning the new Open Carry laws and Helen has made it a priority to provide staff this information. Helen looks forward to new opportunities and innovations for staff and herself.

16-309 Discuss Director's Report

The spring break STEAM children's program held at JJGL was a success; each day was sold out, averaging sixty children and their parents. Programs were held for both pre-school and school age children. We currently have a survey for receiving feedback from our patrons, allowing us to grow the program next year based on their suggestions. The summer camp was only held at JJGL, but next year we will duplicate the program at both locations. We will continue to pull in more STEAM projects with our summer programming.

Voting at JJGL has become very popular and parking has become a concern; Spencer will talk with the supervisor of the Davis Library in Plano to see how they handle parking during times of voting. We have hired a new Youth Services Coordinator who will start in May. He has twenty years of previous library experience. Janet Cox, Tech Services Coordinator, has accepted a job in Plano and will be with us until the end of April. Circulation has risen by twenty-five percent in February since last year. We now have three teen only computers in the teen section. Only youths who have a youth level card can use these computers; these computers are filtered for content similar to the adult computers located in the computer lab. Abby Stapp, Librarian I in youth services, has hit the ground running with community outreach, and we continue to increase our rapport with the local junior high, elementary, high school, and daycare centers. Abby has also become a member of the Kiwanis Club as a liaison for additional outreach. Spencer asked if any board members had any comments, observation, or concerns to discuss.

Board member Joann Pond really enjoyed the emergency disaster kits which staff passed out during the month of March. Jon Perera, Library Advisory Board Chair, was impressed with Beanstack, a new database, which we will be using for our summer reading program.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Peter Samsury, seconded by Board member Joann Pond, to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

JONATHAN PERERA
Chair