

McKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 15, 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 on January 15, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Board members Present: Coretta Lule, Jonathan Perera, Lisa Huang, Janet Farr, Nancy Montgomery-Warren, Amanda Frady

Absent: Terri Spencer

Staff Present: Were Michaela Watson, Youth Services Coordinator, Beth Bormann, Interim Library Director, and Brenda Romero, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

15-035 Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 18, 2014

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

15-036 Discuss Youth Services Report

Fall 2014 programming ended in mid-December and spring 2015 programming began January 5. The Youth Services department gained a full time technician position with the new budget year, which resulted in a well-deserved promotion for Tamara Biggio from part time to full time. The part time technician position was filled by Abby Stapp, an MLS degreed librarian, who brings many new talents to the library. The department is still without a librarian position, vacated by Stacy Wells in September, but the position is going to be posted shortly. When fully staffed, the department will consist of Michaela, the Youth Services Coordinator, four full time technicians and one part time technician. In the fall, the Youth Services department provided 241 children's programs across the two library locations, with 7,895 participants. Programming included baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes, Music & Movement, Little Explorers, School Age STEAM programs,

Mother/Daughter Book Club, and family storytime. Nine teen programs took place at JJGL, bringing in 47 students for after school activities.

Spring programming for children consists of baby, toddler, preschool, and family storytimes and Music & Movement. Toddler storytime is having a little makeover, with the addition of playtime after a shorter storytime; we recognize that a majority of our toddler children are not ready to sit through three books and mothers value this time to socialize with other mother's. Our preschool storytime will take a "journey through the alphabet", focusing on a different letter and its sounds each week, with a craft involving the letter of the week. We will also continue the new Little Explorers STEAM program for preschool children, which was a great success in the fall. The kids will be "exploring nature" with such topics as the water cycle, parts of a plant, and the four seasons.

School Age STEAM programming will be every Monday at Hall and every Tuesday at JJGL; the kids will be "exploring the world of..." cryptozoology, disasters, and Pokemon to name a few. The programs begin with an explanation and discussion of the topic, linking it to STEAM. There is normally a group activity and then activities for the kids to do alone or in groups.

Teen programming is on Thursdays at JJGL right after school and rotates each week between teen crafts, teen STEAM, teen book club, and teen board gaming.

We gained a new skill with our new part time technician, Abby, in the children's department here at Hall! Abby will be sharing her yoga instructing abilities every other Saturday morning during family storytime with a new program called Twisty Tales, movement and stories for all ages and abilities. Along with our family storytimes, we are now offering a family maker lab at the Hall library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Children and parents can visit the Storytime room to use their imaginations and create something to take home. We will focus on using

recyclable materials and items donated from people, such as fabric scraps and leftover craft supplies.

The popular Mother/Daughter Book Club is expanding! We will now offer this program at both Hall and JJGL and we are very excited.

Summer Reading Program may be six months away, but it is right around the corner: stay tuned!

15-037 Discuss Directors Report

Beth Bormann, Interim Library Director, introduced herself to the Library Advisory Board. Beth asked each board member to introduce themselves and to share with the board how long they have each served on the Library Advisory Board, their interests, if there was something specific they would like to know more about in regards to the library, and if anyone had any thoughts or concerns they would like to share with the board at this time. Board members conveyed the importance of including bilingual materials within both locations to service the McKinney Independent School System programs. Needed space at the John and Judy Gay Library was highlighted to be of crucial importance. Members also expressed the system-wide need for more varied and engaging programming for adults, additional youth programs, ESL opportunities available system wide, engagement and involvement of community partners and volunteers, the need to connect more with other libraries, as well as improved communication and marketing of all library services, including use of social media.

Beth discussed the Library System's current open positions and stated recruitment is underway for: The Library Director, Circulation Supervisor/ Senior Library Technician (Hall Library), Youth Services Librarian (Hall Library), Two Part-Time Library Assistants (JJGL) – one of these positions was for the Hall Library however it is being transferred to the John and Judy Gay Library to meet operational and customer demands.

The Librarians worked together this December to complete the

application guidelines and submitted the packet to be considered for the Achievement of Library Excellence Award. Beth was pleased to announce to the board the library was notified of receiving the TMLDA 2014 Excellence in Libraries Award once again.

The library team has currently worked on developing library goals and actions for 2015-2016 requested by city management, these will be shared with the board during a future board meeting. The library team is also working on capturing library usage data differently than the previous tally form used at each public desk. The goal is to capture staffing patterns and demands to help us understand when and where staff is truly essential; on an hourly, daily, and weekly bases.

Beth is currently meeting one-on-one with each team member gathering ideas and feedback from the entire library staff from both libraries and captivating the library team's future vision of where we would like to see our library system within the next three to five years.

The library will have some operational changes coming soon one being a minimum fine threshold before blocking patrons accounts. Janet Cox, Tech Services Coordinator, has submitted an EDGE Grant through the state of Texas to upgrade our current print station in the computer lab to a multifunctional document station allowing patrons to print and scan or fax any document to a lab computer or to their own device. Changes that have already taken place have been the increase of item renewals from three to five, and the limit of e-books has increased from four to six.

The library has tasked a team of seven library staff members to make recommendations for a recognition program. We will work to dovetail recommendations from the library team with the recognition program the City currently has in place.

Beth thanked the board members for volunteering on the board and all their time they have committed within the community representing the Library System. Beth welcomed anyone to contact her at any time and

asked if board members would think about offering library topics they would like to learn more about during future board meetings next month.

The next Library Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Lisa Huang, seconded by Board member Nancy Montgomery-Warren, to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

JONATHAN PERERA
Chair

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