

McKinney Public Library System

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2010

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session, in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, on September 16, 2010. Board Members present were: Dr. Tim Shannon, Shannon Burton, Kevin Magavern, David Patterson, Jo Dell'Antonia, Kathryn Waite and Andrew Hudson. City Council Liaison Geralyn Kever was also in attendance. Also attending were Beth Scudder, Library Director, and Regina Johnson, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

Dr. Tim Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Magavern moved that the August 19, 2010 minutes be approved as presented and Andrew Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

Beth opened by sharing highlights from this month's Genealogy report:

As we approach the end of the fiscal year an exciting change is taking place in our collection area. Due to the relocation of the print reference and Spanish language collections, the available space for our print genealogy collection has doubled.

In June, Tracy held a two-part Genealogy 101 program. The first week was classroom instruction, and the second part of class was held a week later in the Genealogy Department. Both classes were well attended and filled to capacity. Also in June, Tracy spoke for a luncheon of the McKinney Rotary Club and in August she made a presentation at the quarterly meeting of the Collin County Historical Preservation Society and spoke on the current collection and how it has evolved, explained about our plans for the future, and taught some of the basics of beginning genealogy research.

Current projects include working with volunteers to index the obituaries, birth, engagement, and marriage announcements in the McKinney newspapers. And looking forward, our most popular guest speaker Tresa Tatyrek has been invited back this Fall. On October 30, she'll be presenting the first program for the fiscal year on Researching Church Records.

With budgetary considerations in mind, we will continue to add materials within the scope of our genealogy collection development policy which reads:

The collection should encompass print and non-print materials including but not limited to indexes, abstracts, facsimiles and original documents with a heavy concentration from Texas and the following additional states. These states, or the territories which eventually formed these states, are shown to be on the migration trails to Texas. Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and New Mexico.

Tracy is willing to meet one-on-one to help patrons get started with their Genealogy research.

SYSTEM REPORT

We've recently added a Mango Languages Database, now available through our catalog in the library and at home to library patrons.

This past Friday, September 10th, we reached our One Million mark for checkouts! Communications has been notified so they can release a public announcement. The board requested information from Beth regarding the ten most checked out items for this fiscal year.

Today we had our first storytime program at the John and Judy Gay Library. It was well attended with 74 tickets having been distributed in the first session and 40+ in the second session, and an overflowing parking lot. The program itself went incredibly smoothly.

The City recently got the results from a City-wide citizens survey, and Beth was pleased to report:

Based on excellent ratings, residents were most proud of Fire first at 45%, Police and **Library made second** both at 41%. 41% of those polled rated our services as excellent!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Geralyn Kever led the board in extending gratitude to Kathryn Waite, and Dr. Tim Shannon for their dedicated service as this was their last official meeting. They shared warm sentiments regarding their time served.

Beth shared that it was Regina's last meeting as well and the board extended their gratitude for her service. Regina expressed great gratitude to have gotten to know each member.

At the next meeting, Judy Gay and Brandi Hart will be sworn in as our two newest board members, and Linda Long will be rejoining the group as transcriber.

September 23, 2010 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner 6pm Senior Center
 October 11, 2010 Library Closed – Staff Development Day
 October 13-15 Public Library Administrators of North Texas Conference
 October 21, 2010 Library Advisory Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business relating to the agenda, Kathryn Waite moved and Kevin Magavern seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Dr. Tim Shannon, Chair