

# McKinney Public Library System

## MINUTES

### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2012

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Library on February 16, 2012. Board Members present were: Kevin Magavern, Jo Dell'Antonia, Amanda Frady, Judy Gay, Andrew Hudson and David Patterson. Absent was Brandi Price. Also in attendance were Beth Scudder, Library Director, Susan Kusterbeck, Genealogy Librarian, and Linda Long, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jo Dell'Antonia moved that the January 19, 2012 minutes be approved and David Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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#### **INFORMATION SHARING**

##### **Discussion on Genealogy Department Report**

Susan Kusterbeck, Genealogy Librarian, introduced herself to the Board. A native New Yorker, Mrs. Kusterbeck has been with the Roy & Helen Hall Library for 15 years. She started out in the Children's Department, was the Circulation Supervisor for 10 years and after receiving her MLS was promoted to Genealogy Librarian. She has been in this position for one year.

It has been a busy year for Mrs. Kusterbeck. She coordinated a program for the Daughters of the Revolution and the Northeast Texas Library System sponsored a full day of lectures by Mr. George Morgan. There were 208 in attendance for the 5 lectures.

Mrs. Kusterbeck hosted a group of Cub Scouts eager to learn about genealogy in order to qualify for one of the badges. In addition to this, she hosted a group from the Melissa Public Library's genealogy group helping them to become familiar with the genealogy resources that we offer. She created and presented a program on beginning genealogy.

Mrs. Kusterbeck was a guest speaker for the Voyagers Social Club. This March she will be representing the Library at a Library Lock-In in Plano.

This has been an interesting year in that the genealogy department has had visitors from California to Rhode Island. Patrons plan their vacations just to come to the genealogy department. Mrs. Kusterbeck has had many interesting requests. A week ago the Bakersfield coroner's office contacted her for an obituary for the next of kin of someone in Oklahoma.

The Collin County Historic Preservation Group and the Collin County Genealogical Society are working with the Library to have a 1939 map of McKinney preserved and framed for us. It will be displayed in the Genealogy Department.

We are donating deeds which are in a very delicate condition to the Haggard Library in Plano for preservation.

In the past year, Mrs. Kusterbeck has received 211 emails for 746 requests to look up genealogy-related information.

Our genealogy collection follows the migration trail from Pennsylvania to the south. People are asking for records and information for Montana and New England. We will be rounding out this collection.

Library staff members continue to assist patrons in finding the material they need and helping them with the microfilm machines. Indexes of obituaries listed in the McKinney Courier-Gazette are continuously updated.

Mrs. Kusterbeck hopes to increase her knowledge of genealogy by attending conferences and taking online courses in order to better serve our clientele. She plans to present more basic programming and hosting guest speakers for more advanced programs.

### **Library System Update**

The Library is working on reupholstering the furniture. A few new pieces are now in the lobby.

Our Youth Services Department is presenting a Passport to Adventure program. We had the second program at the John and Judy Gay Library yesterday. We had 50 children in attendance. It was a very busy day. Parents are looking for this type of programming for their children. The Passport to Adventure program will be presented here on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Beth and Mike Smith filmed a piece for McKinney Vision. They talked about upcoming events, AARP, e-readers and downloadable devices. Staff had training on our Staff Development Day. Mr. Smith is presenting a program next Tuesday night. Participants will bring their e-readers for a hands-on experience. We deal primarily with Kindle and Nook devices.

Last week, our Maintenance Department discovered about 30 empty DVD cases in the upstairs men's room in the air shaft. The air shaft has since been sealed. Mrs. Scudder checked the DVD records and found that check-in dates ranged from mid-December to the present.

This type of activity has been rampant in nearby libraries such as the Richardson Public Library.

### **ACTION ITEM**

**3-12**

Cancellation of March 15, 2012 Library Advisory Board Meeting

Motion made by Judy Gay and seconded by Andrew Hudson to cancel the March 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday, April 19, 2012 Library Advisory Board Meeting

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business relating to the agenda, Judy Gay moved and Jo Dell'Antonia seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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Kevin Magavern, Chair