

McKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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 February 21, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Board members Present: Jo Dell'Antonia, Kevin Magavern, Amanda Frady, Marilyn Moore, Jonathan Perera, Himanshu Sharma. Absent: Judy Gay.

Staff present were Beth Scudder, Library Director, Wendy Turner, Children's Librarian Supervisor, and Brenda Romero, Library Administrative Assistant as transcriber.

Chairman Magavern called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after determining a quorum present.

CONSENT ITEMS

13-147 Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting of January 17, 2013

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Jo Dell'Antonia, seconded by Board member Jonathan Perera, to approve the minutes as presented.

REPORTS

13-148 Discuss Youth Services Report

Mrs. Turner reported that the Youth Services department added two new part-time staff members and relocated a staff member to JJGL to give a youth services presence at that location. She reported that programming for preschoolers was held four mornings a week, two mornings at each library, which included one morning of story times and one morning of Music and Movement. Animal Kingdoms was the theme for the school age program and was held once a month at each library for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The Teen programs included a craft program, a book club, and a new program called Music Exchange. These programs were held once a month on Thursday afternoons at JJGL. Mrs. Turner informed the board from September through

December, the Youth Services team held 165 children's programs with 4,291 preschool and school-age children attending and 15 teen programs with 135 teens attending.

Mrs. Turner announced in late September JJGL extended their hours and days they were open. She stated this was wonderful news for the Youth Services department and they added, a new Youth Services Librarian, Kelly Ellis. Mrs. Turner reported the Youth Services department now has two full-time staff members at JJGL which benefits the patrons at that location because there are now staff members who participate in the Youth Services programs and are familiar with the different youth collections that are housed there.

Mrs. Turner welcomed a new part-time staff member for the Youth Services department, Lisa Everett. Lisa is replacing Nicole Matthews who moved to Kansas. She informed the board of some new programming that has been added by the Youth Services department. A Teen Anime club is now being offered one Monday evening a month at Hall and is led by Kelly Ellis. This program is in addition to the three current teen programs offered at JJGL. On Tuesday evenings, a family storytime has been added to JJGL's programming and is also led by Kelly Ellis.

Mrs. Turner reported the school-age program for the winter is called "Imagination Creation". This fun program is designed to let children in kindergarten through 5th grade imagine being someone or something else. The program is held one afternoon a month at Hall and is held two afternoons a month at JJGL to meet the high demand for children's programming there. This program will share interesting facts and information with the children about subjects like pirates, super heroes or magicians. It will then encourage them to use their imaginations to create items such as super hero capes, pirate eye patches or to design a pirate flag or learn magic tricks.

Mrs. Turner informed the board Youth Services has already begun to prepare for the summer reading programs. Youth Services is planning a big kick-off celebration for Friday, June 7th. The goal this summer is to have higher completion numbers, so the number of hours each child has to read has been adjusted. The program will run from June 7th through August 10th.

Mrs. Turner announced the summer reading program theme this summer is "Dig Up a Good Book". This theme will be the same for our babies and our school-age children. She is excited the Youth Services department will be presenting a magician, a puppet show, Zooniversity, and a live performance of "Gertrude McFuzzy & The Three Little Whos" for our school-age children. These programs will be presented on the same day at both libraries - once in the morning at Hall and again in the afternoon at JJGL and the Youth Services team will rotate between the two libraries.

Mrs. Turner reported this summer's theme for the teens is "Beneath the Surface." Last summer the teens were able to attend four programs. Of those four programs, the Youth Services team created two original programs and both were very popular and well received by the teens who attended. This summer, it is the Youth Services team's goal to develop all four programs that will be presented to the teens. The Youth Services department considers the programs a fun challenge and is currently developing creative and unique programs.

13-149 Discuss Director's Report

Beth announced she was pleased to welcome Brenda Romero, the new Administrative Assistant for the Library System.

The Library is beginning budget preparations for the 2014 fiscal year by gathering information from library departments concerning routine and non-routine requests. Budget requests are due to Finance by mid-March. The Library is once again the only place in McKinney where people can

find printed tax forms, although this year the forms have been slow in arriving due to late changes in the tax code. As of today we finally have all the major forms but we are still lacking the 1040 booklets. The booklets are available online if people need specific information to fill out their forms.

The AARP began their free tax preparation services last week and will be here on Fridays and Saturdays from 11am – 2pm through April 13th. There are crowds waiting each Friday and Saturday morning to take advantage of this great program.

The Hall Library fountains have been refurbished and are operational as of this afternoon. This a complete overhaul, including resurfacing the inside of the fountains and replacing the electronic components.

Beth was asked to bring an update about our experiences with the Texas Book Consignments group for the next meeting.

Discussion ensued concerning an article written about the losses experienced by the Austin Public Library (APL) when patrons do not return items. It was noted that APL does not limit the number of items patrons check out at one time, and Beth mentioned that the McKinney Public Library System also does not have a limit on print materials. Staff will discuss such a limit.

The next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday March 21st.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kevin Magavern, seconded by Board member Marilyn Moore, to adjourn at 5:24 p.m.

KEVIN MAGAVERN
Chair