

McKinney Public Library System

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2011

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session in the Conference Room of the John and Judy Gay Library on January 20, 2011. Board Members present were: Kevin Magavern, David Patterson, Jo Dell'Antonia, Andrew Hudson, Shannon Burton, Brandi Hart and Judy Gay. City Council Liaison, Geralyn Kever, was also in attendance as were Beth Scudder, Library Director, Lisa Bailey, Library Manager, 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 December 16, 2010 minutes be approved as presented and Brandi Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Library System Update

A new policy was implemented as of January 1, 2011 – no pay, no play. Patrons must have a zero balance to check out materials and use the internet. We were concerned about the number of outstanding fees and so we had a Half-Off Sale in December which produced \$3800 in outstanding fees.

We had an unofficial seven-day grace period on materials that were checked out. That saved us postage on sending notices. As of January 1, 2011 we implemented a 3-day grace period. Library staff members must pay fees as well.

We found that even with the Amnesty Program and the Half-Off Sale we still had more people owing money. We are considering using a collection agency. After 90 days, the patron's account goes to collections. We collect the funds and then pay the collection agency. We are specifically considering a collection agency that does library collections. Beth will present a recommendation to Jim Parrish for his review and will report to the Board.

The Friends of the Library will have two meetings to invite people to join and to gather input from the community. The meetings will be on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7pm at the Hall Memorial Library and Friday, February 18 at 1 p.m. at the John and Judy Gay Library.

Read Across McKinney will begin in March featuring *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent. Ms. Kent will meet with our Communications Department to do a video. A luncheon is scheduled on March 10 at the Heard-Craig Hall featuring the author. The book will be for sale and the author will sign books at this event. Tickets are \$21.50. *The Crucible* will be featured a few weeks later at the MPAC.

John and Judy Gay Library

Lisa Bailey reported on the first year of operation of the John and Judy Gay Library. A tour of the new library followed.

Staff celebrated the first year in December with party hats, cupcakes, and silent noise-makers. Staff enjoys working in this beautiful building. The community appreciates having a library nearby that is not only aesthetically pleasing but one that offers a comprehensive collection and programming.

Lisa pointed out that from December 2009 through November 2010, 489,479 items were checked out; 370,666 items were checked in; 7,677 new cards were issued; 145,625 items were checked out by patrons using the Express Checkout stations; 91,923 males checked out items; and 357,281 females checked out items – many of whom are mothers with children.

Lisa was pleased to mention that the John and Judy Gay staff is very hands-on. They assist the public with the Express Checkout Stations and are happy to answer a variety of questions. This spring, with the addition of children's programming, staff had the opportunity to stretch by issuing new library cards to additional families drawn to the library, experiencing an increase in the volume of check out materials and facilitating programs and activities.

This is a uniquely dedicated group of people who work together to make it work. There are ten staff members. Melanie Moore, Meredith Carnley, and Amy Sassatelli are part-time shelvers. Debbie Montenegro and Alice Schad are part-time library assistants. Jason Giang, Rachel Siddens, and Angie Morales are full-time library assistants. Steve Sexton is the Circulation Supervisor.

This is a dedicated staff and they know that we value their input. They do what it takes to get things taken care of.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, February 17th Friends of the Library meeting, Hall Library – 7 pm

Friday, February 18th Friends of the Library meeting, JJGL – 1 pm

Thursday, February 17th Library Advisory Board meeting – 5 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business relating to the agenda, David Patterson moved and Judy Gay seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Kevin Magavern, Chair