

McKinney Public Library System

MINUTES

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2010

The MPLS Advisory Board met in regular session, in the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, on May 20, 2010. Board Members present were: Dr. Tim Shannon, Kathryn Waite, Shannon Burton, Kevin Magavern, and Andrew Hudson. Not Present: Jo Dell'Antonia and David Patterson. City Council Liaison Geralyn Kever was also in attendance. Public Guests: Kevin Magavern's two daughters. 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 March 18, 2010 minutes be approved as presented and Kathryn Waite seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

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YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

Beth opened by sharing highlights from the Youth Services Report:

We are currently in a programming break between Spring programming and the Summer Reading program. Every year we take a break in May so that we have time to finish preparing for the busiest time of the year, which is summer. We had more than 3500 children attend our 150+ programs from January through April.

Tomorrow, on the 21st, MISD schools are closed and we'll be hosting an all day movie marathon. We're also pleased to announce that next week we'll be receiving an AV upgrade here in the Dulaney room that will include a remote controlled screen that comes down from the ceiling and a ceiling mounted projector unit as well.

We have already scheduled performers for the Summer Reading Program for Children and Young Adults. The theme of this summer's program for Children is "Catch the Reading Express!" and for Young Adults is "Within Arms Reach: The Future is Yours!" Last year over 1800 children and approximately 420 teens kept track of the time they spent reading, and this year we expect that and more. We have begun advertising within the library, and we have made visits to summer activity fairs at various schools. This year, for the first time, Children and Young Adults will be able to register online to participate in the Summer Reading Club. They can also sign up for the program at the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library. This should help increase the number of sign ups for the children on the west side of McKinney as they will not have to drive all the way across town to register.

This summer we will begin advertising programs for the fall which will take place at the John and Judy Gay Library. We plan to utilize existing staff to conduct family storytimes on Thursdays.

Kelli, our Youth Services Librarian Supervisor, had the opportunity to participate in the City's Kid Council this year. Third graders from McKinney schools visit council chambers, learn about various city departments, and have a mock council meeting. She spoke to over 900 children who attended and took part in this program. They voted on whether they would like a new water park or a children's library. The vote went both ways, but, even when they did not vote for a library, it was great to share with them what the Library has to offer. Also, there were many former storytime attendees in the crowd.

SYSTEM UPDATE

Last Sunday, the 16th, the Roy and Helen Hall Library was closed due to City Internet/Power Outages. We utilized that time to begin shifting the non-fiction area to make room for reference materials that will be shifted into that area.

Our computer lab will be closed tomorrow, the 21st, for hardware transitions as we update the systems to a self-serve module similar to what we are using at the John and Judy Gay Library. With this upgrade also came the elimination of 3 part time computer lab positions. The staff that formerly filled those positions have each been moved to comparable positions.

Tomorrow the lobby shelving will be moved to the Fiction area as DVD's will now be housed in Fiction, and we are looking forward to restoring the seating area in front of the fireplace.

Beth has agreed to research information regarding late fees and report back to the board. The possibility of the library accepting credit cards was also discussed and Geralyn Kever agreed to review it from the Council's perspective.

It was reported that the 2011 Read Across McKinney planning is moving along on schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 17, 2010 Library Advisory Board meeting

June 21, 2010 Boards & Commissions Recruitment Reception

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business relating to the agenda, Kathryn Waite moved and Kevin Magavern seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Dr. Tim Shannon, Chair