

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Council Work Session Room at City Hall – February 11, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas. President Jean Greenlaw, Vice President Benjamin Huttash, Secretary Kate Margolis, and Members Laura Cantu, Jim Owen, Ling Jeng and Vicki Byrd participated via video/teleconference.

PRESENT: Jean Greenlaw, Benjamin Huttash, Kate Margolis, Laura Cantu, Jim Owen, Ling Jeng, and Vicki Byrd

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker

GUESTS: None

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. LB21-011** The minutes from the January 14, 2021 board meeting were approved.
- B. LB21-006** The Foundation still has a \$100,000 CD. There are no changes to report.
- C. LB21-007** The Friends of the Denton Public Library have a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6 pm. Jennifer Bekker asked if Kate Margolis if she could attend the meeting. Kate said she thought she could attend. They have some changes they would like to discuss at this meeting.
- D. LB21-008** The library plans to remain in Phase II (core critical services) status until at least May 1, 2021, when it is believed they will be able to open for walk in services. They have also sent emails to the 2020 reading challenge prize winners to schedule curbside pickup of their prizes. They will send 2nd email in a week or so. They have already had 71 pick-ups. In the meantime, they are looking at expanding curbside pick-up by adding evening hours. They have also been considering 30-minute Grab and Go appointments. Citizens will be directed to self-check-out. This will be at all 3 libraries.
- E. LB21-009** There have been some revisions made to the Volunteer Policy. The minimum time commitment is an annual commitment. There are specific forms that need to be filled out and volunteers need to sign in and sign out when they volunteer.
- Ling Jeng asked for clarification on the policy. She asked if the policy covers both community and practicum students. Jennifer Bekker stated that both would fall under this policy. The practicum students also have

additional guidance that is specific to them. The library currently has 2 practicum students and they both had to go thru a background check.

The board approved the changes. Kate Margolis motioned to approve, Jim Owen, 2nd.

E. LB21-010

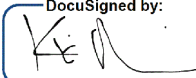
We received reports on the following:


- **North Texas Book Festival Grant**
\$1,000 to replace worn board books and children's titles at North Branch. The materials purchased under this grant have been received and the books are now starting to hit the shelves.
- **TexTreasures Grant**
\$24,820 to digitize issues of the DRC from 1939-1954. This project should be done around early summer.
- **Special Projects Grant**
\$54,058 to move and expand the Forge Makerspace at the North Branch Library. This project is in progress. An engraving machine, laminator, 3D printer, and scanner have been ordered.
- **Cares Act Grant**
\$20,929 to expand Wi-Fi to parking lot and Nook, purchase additional hot spots and loan of \$7,500 to purchase additional digital materials. They are submitting the orders and starting the process next week.
- **Binge Box**
Search catalog for "binge box" to see a list of items in the new collection. Binge boxes include multiple movies/DVDs that count as one checkout.
- **Homebound**
This program had been suspended but has been reinstated. There is a monthly drop off and pick up of materials. They are working with the coordinators at some of the senior centers to get the word out about this program.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None

The Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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Dr. Jean Greenlaw, President