

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library Meeting Room – August 9, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library Meeting Room located at, 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: President-Kate Margolis, Jean Greenlaw, Ling Jeng, Cleopatra Birckbichler, Benjamin Huttash, and Jim Owens

ABSENT: Secretary-Laura Cantu

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker and Haley Phillips

GUESTS: None

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB21-048

The minutes from the July 12, 2021, board meeting minutes were approved. (Jean Greenlaw motioned for approval, Cleopatra Birckbichler seconded, all in favor)

B. LB21-045

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board met on July 15, 2021. The group discussed Secondhand Prose Books Store operations, the November 6, 2021, Big Book Sale, and organization officer roles.

Bookstore hours are currently Saturday only due to staffing.

Future Friends Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6pm at the North Branch Library.

C. LB21-046

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

There have been no changes since the July 12, 2021, Library Board Meeting.

D. LB21-047

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding DPL2Go Outreach Services.

Outreach Librarian Haley Phillips gave an update on Denton Public Library's DPL2Go Outreach Service. DPL2Go services include any library programs, events, or appearances that occur outside library facilities. DPL2Go events range from small events to library participation in large community festivals.

In the last three years DPL2Go has engaged in 350 outreach events from Career on Wheels to Armchair Travel to Denton Arts & Jazz Festival.

Some examples include:

- Library card sign-up tables at an elementary school Literacy Night
- Book talks at senior living facilities
- Story Time performances or information booths at local festivals
- Presentations about small business resources at chamber of commerce meetings
- Technology training classes at the Senior Center
- Youth STEM or STEAM programs at Denton Recreation Centers
- Genealogy research instruction with area genealogy organizations

E. LB21-049

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding:

2021 Summer Reading Challenge – Kicked off May 27th and runs through July 31st. This year's theme was Tails and Tales. 2,371 people registered to participate in the program. 1,375,518 minutes of reading were logged, and 1,093 participants read at least five hours to earn their first prize book, with 749 of those participants completing the program by reading at least 10 hours and earning a second prize book. In 2019, 5,471 people registered, 1,470 read at least 10 hours, and a total of 2,532,954 minutes were read. In 2020, 1,776 people registered, 630 of them read at least 10 hours, and a total of 1,348,625 minutes were read. The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge theme will be "Oceans of Possibilities."

The 2021 Fall Classes & Events – The Fall Classes and Events list for proposed programs for September-December was reviewed. Fall classes and events are generally in person events, with some virtual events. The library advised that they were seeking input and approval from the Library Board regarding the proposed programs and direction for future programming at the library.

Jean Greenlaw made a motion to approve the proposed Fall Classes and Events. The motion was seconded by Cleopatra Birckbichler. Motion passed-All was in favor.

Library 3rd Quarter Update – The update provided an overview of services, programs, community engagement, operational activities for April-June 2021.

Mural in the Forge Makerspace – The Library presented information about a mural in the Forge Makerspace at the North Branch Library to the Public Art Committee on Thursday, August 5, at 4pm. If approved, the library will move forward to have a mural painted on the back and side wall of the makerspace. The top three quotes will be provided at the September meeting. Examples of work from the artist will be received. The budget is \$3,000.

Mango Languages – The Library's online language learning product will change from Pronunciator to Mango Languages in mid-August. Pronunciator cut the app option as part of their basic product subscription last year. That resulted in a decrease in usage and patron comments that they prefer a product that is app based. After reviewing online language learning products available to libraries, the library will be transitioning to Mango Languages. Mango Languages provides language learning for adult learners and an option for youth language learners. It also provides an app-based service.

Frederick Olmstead and Parks Display at South Branch – There will be two displays about his works and efforts.

Social Worker Intern at the Library - The Library plans to coordinate with local social service providers to use the library as a place to assist library patrons and community members. Library staff can assist with some information but are not trained in social services or social work and do not have the professional education and experience in that field. The library has reached out to United Way to have a social worker intern provide referral, benefit coordination, and resource education services during set, advertised hours at the Emily Fowler Central Library. The United Way intern coordinator would work with the library to find the best intern fit and would supervise the social work intern. Additional non-profit social service providers could be added to the library's calendar as the program grows. This is no cost to the library.

F. LB21-050

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

Circulation Services Policy – Page 2 under Temporary Resident-Second Bullet Point-add "Or a" in front of- Daily Bread identification card.

Print Media Policy – Would like to remove this policy because the City of Denton currently has a policy.

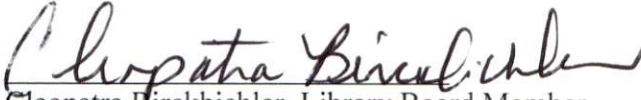
Local Authors Collection Policy – One sentence was deleted from the first paragraph. The word “Primarily” was added in the sentence, “Books in this collection are primarily acquired through donation.”

Cleopatra Birckbichler made a motion to approve all changes made to the Denton Public Library Policy. The motion was seconded. Motion passed- all in favor.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Cleopatra Birckbichler, Library Board Member


Kate Margolis, President