

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Branch Library Meeting Room – November 22, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the North Branch Library Meeting Room at 3020 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas. Chair Cleopatra Birckbichler and Members Laura Cantu, Dallas Guill, and Jean Greenlaw were in attendance.

PRESENT: Cleopatra Birckbichler, Laura Cantu, Dallas Guill, and Jean Greenlaw

ABSENT: Sandy Swan, Ling Jeng,

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Kimberly Wells

GUESTS: UNT student observer

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. LB22-063** Consider approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting.
- The Board accepted and approved amended minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting. Laura Cantu motioned for approval, Dallas Guill seconded, all in favor.
- B. LB22-064** The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.
- A summary of the October 13, 2022 Executive Board of the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries meeting was provided.
- C. LB22-065** The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.
- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting. Board members were asked to bring nominations to the December 12, 2022 Library Board meeting to replace a Foundation Trustee who is moving.
- D. LB22-066** The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding an appeal request for a library suspension issued to a patron on September 29, 2022.
- Board members reviewed the September 29, 2022 staff incident report and the submitted appeal letter. They also watched the video footage of the patron throwing away a crumpled, torn library

newspaper. Kimberly Wells, Emily Fowler Central Library Manager, also described the situation as the staff member who witnessed the incident. A discussion was held.

Laura Cantu motioned to uphold the library suspension as issued, Dallas Guill seconded, all in favor.

E. LB22-067

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding:

- Library Staffing Update—Recent retirements, resignations, and new position staffing changes were discussed.
- Additional Fall Programs—Two educational programs were offered at the library in addition to the approved fall schedule of events. While they had a small turnout due to the limited marketing on short notice, attendees received personalized assistance and step by step instructions to manage finances.
 - Building and Repairing Your Credit Score
 - Budgeting and Navigating Your Finances for Young Adults
- Partner Program Agreements—Two agreements were scheduled to go before City Council for approval on November 15, 2022. One was for in-house library partner programs and the other was for outreach partnerships. Both are intended for use with recurring coordination with local organizations and businesses.

F. LB22-068

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- Library Meeting Room Policy-Minor phrasing edits and a proposed change to adjust how far in advance rooms may be reserved were recommended. Room reservations were recommended to change from up to 12 months in advance to up to 3 month in advance.
- Circulation Services Policy-Minor phrasing edits, elimination of no longer valid or duplicate text, and updates to reflect previously Board approved changes to TexShare checkout limits and account expiration periods were recommended.

Jean Greenlaw motioned to approve the proposed policy updates, Laura Cantu seconded, all in favor.

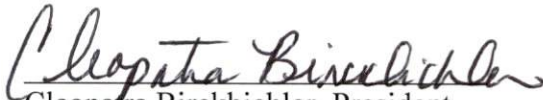
G. LB22-069


Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding data received from focus group meetings, community meetings, and an online survey to update the Denton Public Library Strategic Plan.

Data collected from public meetings, focus group meetings, and an online survey was discussed. Board members noted that there was interest in a focus on education and voting and civics education. A rough draft the strategic plan will be presented to the Board at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Cleopatra Birckbichler, President


Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 12/12/22