

MINUTES  
CITY OF DENTON  
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
Emily Fowler Central Library Meeting Room – December 12, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library Meeting Room at 502 Oakland St., Denton, Texas. Chair Cleopatra Birckbichler, Vice-Chair Ling Jeng, and Members Laura Cantu, Dallas Guill, and Sandy Swan were in attendance.

PRESENT: Cleopatra Birckbichler, Ling Jeng, Sandy Swan, Jamie Taylor, and Dallas Guill

ABSENT: Laura Cantu, Jean Greenlaw

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Cynthia Carter

GUESTS: none

**1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

NONE

**2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. LB22-074**

Consider approval of the minutes of December 12, 2022.

The Board accepted and approved amended minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting. Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Ling Jeng seconded, all in favor.

**B. LB22-070**

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

**C. LB22-071**

The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.
- Foundation Trustee Cary Cates will be moving in 2022 and the Library Board appoints replacement Foundation Trustees. The replacement Trustee would need to have a background in finance and be able to submit the annual IRS filing for the organization. Board members were asked at the November Library Board meeting to recommend someone to replace Mr. Cates for discussion.

Dallas Guill submitted the names of two nominees. After a brief discussion, it was decided the nominees would be asked to submit a resume and be invited to attend the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting for a brief discussion.

Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Jamie Taylor seconded, all in favor.

**D. LB22-075**

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

*2023 Texas Library Association Conference*

The 2023 Texas Library Association Conference will be in Austin April 19-22, 2023. Library Board members who wish to become members of TLA at the Associate (formerly Lay/Trustee/Advocate) membership level will have their membership dues of \$42 paid by the library. Library Board members with an Associate membership level can also attend the 2023 TLA conference in Austin. The Library will pay for Full Conference and Exhibit Associate Member Registration (\$155) if purchased by the January 31, 2023 Early Bird Registration deadline or an Exhibits Only Multi-day Pass (\$80-\$95) through the Standard Registration deadline of April 1, 2023.

*Temporary North Branch Service Adjustments*

Multiple library staff members at the North Branch Library tested positive for COVID the first week of December. Due to the limited staffing levels available, the Forge Makerspace was closed December 10- 17. Should additional staff members be out before recovered staff members return, additional service adjustments may be made including shorter hours, shifting to drive-up window service only, or if necessary, temporarily closing the branch. Any service adjustments would be temporary, lasting the minimum number of days needed. Staff at other branches are unaffected.

*South Branch Library Future Plans*

City staff is preparing options to bring to City Council for a possible 2023 bond proposal. One of the options included is to move and replace South Branch Library. The 2020 Library Master Facilities Plan recommended moving South Branch to a more southwestern location (closer to the middle area between the two I-35 highways) and to a much larger facility to serve the neighborhoods in the southern area of the City. The current location was noted to be significantly undersized to serve the surrounding service area, difficult to find and access due to heavy surrounding development and busy roads, and lacking in space for voting, meetings, and events. The Library Master Plan recommended that the new South Branch Library begin construction by 2025.

**E. LB22-072**

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the Library's 2023 Spring Classes and Events:

Denton Public Library observes three programming seasons, Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. Prior to each programming season, proposed classes and events are presented to the Library Board for discussion and approval. Library programs are developed by professional library staff members and follow the library's mission to transform lives, strengthen community, and inspire imagination. The library offers a wide range of programs for all ages and interests with events representing and responding to the needs of the diverse community it serves. The proposed draft of 2023 Spring Classes and Events list is attached as Exhibit 2. It includes proposed programs for January-April.

Library staff recommends approval of the 2022 Fall Classes and Events list.

Ling Jeng motioned for approval, Sandy Swan seconded, all in favor.

**F. LB22-073**

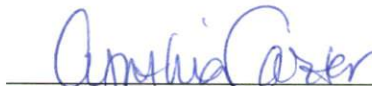
The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding Denton Public Library being awarded a 2023 Texas Reads Grant.

Denton Public Library has been awarded a \$7,252 Texas Reads Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (LS-252486-OLS-22). The grant award will fund a StoryWalk® along the sidewalk trail in Fred Moore Park. The StoryWalk® will include 20 sign posts with 1-2 book pages. Park visitors and trail walkers can follow the path to read the entire story. Books will be changed at least quarterly and may additionally be changed for special events or holidays.

**3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**    None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
Cleopatra Birckbichler, President

  
Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant  
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 1/9/23