

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – July 10, 2023

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas. Chair Ling Jeng, and Members Sandy Swan, Jamie Taylor, Jean Greenlaw, Cleopatra Birckbichler, and Dallas Guill were in attendance.

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

ABSENT: Laura Cantu

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Cynthia Carter

GUESTS: Yu-Ting Huang, Chyi-Kuan Wang, and Chia Yi Liu

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB23-036

Consider approval of the minutes of May 8, 2023.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the May 8, 2023, meeting. Jean Greenlaw motioned for approval, Sandy Swan seconded, all in favor.

B. LB23-037

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

- The Library has closed out all 2022 Friends funded projects, totaling \$16,471.24:
 - Summer Reading Challenge Prize Books
 - Author Events
 - Emily Fowler and North Branch Puppet Stages
- The 2023 approved requests are almost all completed, totaling \$22,605.05 so far:
 - Summer Reading Challenge Prize Books
 - Emily Fowler Microfilm/fiche Reader/Printer (awaiting installation)
 - North Branch 5 Book Trucks
 - South Branch Teen Room Furniture
 - South Branch Acrylic Desk Signs
 - Author Events (pending two additional events this summer)

C. LB23-038

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

- Trustees have been working with Outreach Librarian, Haley Phillips, as they plan a fundraiser and grow awareness of the organization as part of National Library Card Sign Up Month in September. The event would be a flash tattoo fundraiser at a local tattoo parlor on the square. The library would also have an outreach table at the event to help promote library services.
- Trustees next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 14 at 11 a.m. in the Emily Fowler Central Library Meeting Room.

D. LB23-039

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

- Volunteer Policy. Sandy Swan motioned, Cleo Birckbichler seconded, all in favor.

E. LB23-040

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

2023 Summer Reading Challenge Update - As of Thursday, July 6, 2,358 people had registered for the Summer Reading Challenge. Over half, 1863 have read at least 5 hours to earn their first prize. Participants have logged 1,194,198 minutes of reading. The Summer Reading Challenge runs through July 31. Last year, 2,809 people registered for the Summer Reading Challenge.

City Compensation and Classification Study - The City of Denton recently completed a compensation and classification study. A new pay plan was approved. In the review, the Library Assistant II and Library Assistant III positions were updated. There was no Library Assistant I position as all LAIs were moved to LAIIs as part of the one service desk cross training project. The updated positions are now Library Assistants-cross trained to provide service desk assistance and responsible for circulation related duties. Library Specialists-cross trained to provide service desk assistance and responsible for reference and programming support duties. Senior Library Specialists provide specialized duties involving complex decision making, subject matter expertise, or specialized training. As part of the study, all City employee pay was adjusted to match their placement in the pay plan, meet market trends, and address internal equity. All employees received at least a 3% salary increase.

Books2Go Denton ISD Student Accounts Agreement - The library is drafting a renewal addendum to the Books2Go Denton ISD Student Accounts Agreement. The agreement would continue the Books2Go program, providing a streamlined way for families to register their DISD

students for a Denton Public Library account. The account type mirrors the Youth Courtesy Account, allowing students to check out up to three physical items at a time and access digital materials and online resources. Their student IDs become their library account number. In the renewal addendum, the library is expanding the program to include Denton ISD employees. Approximately half of Denton ISD employees live outside the City. The update would allow those employees who opt-in to get a Denton Public Library account and check out up to three physical items at a time and access digital materials and online resources.

StoryWalk® at Fred Moore Park - The StoryWalk® at Fred Moore Park is open. Sarah Ward, Youth Services Librarian at Emily Fowler Central Library, applied for grant to install permanent display posts along the walking path at Fred Moore Park. She was awarded a grant of \$7,252, funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. The Texas Reads Grant program supports projects that promote reading and literacy within local communities. City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department installed the signposts along the Fred Moore Park walking path just in time for the StoryWalk® to be available as part of the Juneteenth Celebration. It currently displays Angela Johnson's book *All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom*. Laminated picture book pages are inserted into signposts which are then installed along a walking path. As readers stroll down the path they are directed to the next page in the story. Denton Public Library is excited to bring a new StoryWalk® to the Fred Moore Park neighborhood. Books in the StoryWalk® at Fred Moore Park will be changed seasonally and new reading material will be available throughout the year.

Land Acquisition for South Branch - The Library and Parks are working with Real Estate to purchase land for a new location for South Branch Library. The discussion will be brought to City Council this summer, recommending approval to enter into a contract to purchase the land.

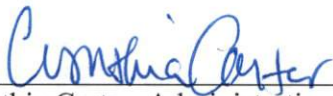
Proposed 2023 Bond Project: South Branch - The 2023 Citizen Bond Advisory Committee has been meeting to hear project recommendations from City staff, tour City facilities, and learn and ask questions about city funding and project proposals. The Committee's last meeting is July 11, 2023. At that meeting, they will develop a recommendation to City Council regarding which projects should be included in a bond election in November. They will present their recommendation to City Council at the July 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Ling Jeng, Chair



Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 8/14/23