

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – June 11, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, June 11, at 5: 37 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Sashenka Lopez, Laura Cantu, Kate Margolis, Alice Mankoff
ABSENT: Sarah Gamblin, Amy Taylor, Sherry DeBorde

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker

GUESTS: None present

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

LB18-990 Consider approval of minutes from the May 14, 2018 meeting.
Cantu motioned to approve. Lopez seconded. Unanimous approval.

LB18-983 Received a report from Bekker about the Friends of the Library. Friends Board members attended the Summer Reading Challenge kickoff concert with Brave Combo. Friends Vice President, Teri Lupo, reported that they received interest from potential members and had a couple of membership forms completed and turned in at the event. Lupo reported that the positive momentum is building to help grow the Friends. The Friends is looking at an external vendor to handle excess donations and discarded materials that do not sell at the book sales and book store. They already use Texas Book Consignments and are looking at adding Better World Books or Thrift Books to handle those excess items. Donations have increased significantly over the last year. About 800 items are accepted each week.

LB18-894 The Emily Fowler Library Foundation met April 11, 2018. There has been no additional activity. A \$100,000 CD matures in 2010. The Foundation's checking account balance for the month is \$15,698.83

LB18-895 Bekker provided an update on the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge. An online registration and tracking option was implemented for the first time. It is popular with families with very young children, teens, and adults. Families with elementary school age children seem to prefer the print. 3,252 registrations have been tracked. Print registrations at some branches have not been entered yet, so the number is expected to increase. The SRC kickoff concert with Brave Combo drew 230 community members. The SRC children's kickoff with a magician entertained 160 people.

LB18-896 Bekker provided an update on the Library department's FY17/18 budget requests. Staff submitted budget information and presented budget requests to City Administration in late May. Two requests were approved for immediate action: Reclassifying a vacant Assistant Branch Manager to create a Library Archivist and Part-Time Library Assistant II for Emily Fowler Central Library and replacing 10 lounge chairs at North Branch. The Library was encouraged to revise two requests: hoopla digital and OverDrive downloadable resources. Staff updated those requests to the following:

- Hoopla: request of \$29,600 to eliminate patron turnaways
- Overdrive: request of \$55,000 to be able to purchase 35% of patron requests and have 20% of the entire Overdrive allocation for curated content selection.

LB18-897 A storm came through during the new roof installation at South Branch Library. About 100 books were damaged and several rolls of colored butcher craft paper were damaged. An itemized list will be submitted to facilities for reimbursement from the roofing vendors. The books were from the new books section. Replacements have already been ordered.

LB18-898 DeBorde had requested that the library look into a brain training online service. The Electronic Resources committee reviewed options. One product, BrainHQ, is available to libraries. There appeared to be inconclusive evidence about the cognitive and memory benefits of the product. Staff has also heard of technical difficulties and periods of product unavailability from other libraries that subscribe to BrainHQ. It is a new product. Staff believes such a product would be of interest to library users, but would like to wait and research it again during the next budget season.

LB18-899 Bekker asked board members to provide input for a new Library's operational strategic plan. She led brainstorming sessions about the Library vision, values, and a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjournment at 7:06 p.m.