

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Humbert, Chair; Seth Beal, Vice Chair; Jennifer Adler; Sharon Serpico Hanson; Brynn Bateman Louis; Ann Sowder; Debra Stafsholt; Patricia Stokes; Andrea Zavala; Ann Whitworth, Friends of the Library Liaison **EXCUSED:** Tana Toly, City Council Liaison

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director; Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Manager; Kate Black, Library Board Secretary

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Humbert called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-21-22 Minutes: Ms. Stokes motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Bateman Louis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES FROM BOARD, LIAISONS, AND STAFF

Ms. Herrick Juarez attended the Utah Library Director's Summit during the first part of October. A highlight of this conference was watching the 2020 documentary Crip Camp, followed by a discussion panel from the Disabled Rights Action Committee. Park City Library also received a Quality Library award.

Ms. Stokes asked if volunteer hours could be included in the library's annual report, which Ms. Herrick Juarez confirmed.

Ms. Herrick Juarez thanked Board members and Friends of the Library (FOL) members for coming to the Library Staff/Board Member/Friends of the Library Social last month.

Ms. Herrick Juarez gave the reminder that the Library Board does not meet in December and will hold a longer two-hour meeting in January.

Ms. Bateman Louis mentioned that on September 28th, the 1A podcast covered the topic of the strain of censorship on public libraries. There was general discussion of censorship and book challenging being a timely and worthwhile topic to become knowledgeable about. Ms. Herrick Juarez said we could arrange for someone to come and speak with the Board on the topic of banned and challenged books as an education item.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATISTICS

Ms. Herrick Juarez gave highlights from the October Director's Report, including presenting at Rotary Club on Library offerings; the e-bike for staff use being up and running; Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Manager, getting her 15-year service award; the City Maintenance Team repairing the library's water pipe with no interruption of library service; wrapping up the Utah Humanities Book Festival with Nathan Hale and Carl Sandberg events, as well as the Reading Dangerously program on challenged books. We also kicked off our ongoing local speaker series with Dana Williams. The library is still looking for a part-time Spanish services Library Assistant.

Ms. Bateman Louis said she thought the idea of the library having a booth at events was great and wondered if we could run a booth at more local events. There was general discussion and agreement on this.

Ms. Serpico Hanson spoke recently to the Ouray Library in Colorado, which is a small rural library. They said they would love to have children's books donated, and the Park City FOL have many of these, but the problem is shipping them. There was general discussion on shipping costs and logistics, as well as brainstorming other ways to transport book donations between the libraries.

Mr. Beal pointed out an error in the Total Circulations of Current Month of Last Fiscal Year statistic, which was corrected. Mr. Beal mentioned the stats seem to be up about twenty percent in many areas.

V. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Whitworth said the Friends of the Library (FOL) meeting is this afternoon, and since the Board Meeting was a week early this month, they don't have a full update yet. However, the FOL Annual Luncheon is a week from today, with author and New York Times journalist John Branch speaking. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Library Information Desk. It will be held at Silver Lake Lodge at Deer Valley. The doors open at 11AM. Ms. Herrick Juarez thanked the FOL for providing a table for library staff.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kmak gave an update on the goal of student cards and the related subcommittee. Many students signed up for a library card during the recent Nathan Hale author event. Ms. Kmak and other library staff and members of the subcommittee have been developing a great relationship with local school librarians. Soon there will be an area on the Library website where students can go to sign up for a library tour and learn about resources we have to offer. We are working on an option for opting into a library card with school registration. Ms. Herrick Juarez said she was hoping to set up a meeting with the school superintendent, which Mr. Beal offered to help orchestrate.

Ms. Bateman Louis gave an update from the operating hours subcommittee. The idea currently is to try opening the library an hour earlier, at 9AM. The subcommittee concluded that there seem to be many reasons to try it and not much downside. Ms. Herrick Juarez said the library's operating hours are not in policy at the City or library level. Matt Dias, City Manager, said the next step would be asking Ms. Toly to talk to Council.

Other subcommittees formed to implement strategic planning goals are finding times to meet. Mr. Humbert and Ms. Herrick Juarez thanked Board members for engaging with these subcommittees. Ms. Serpico Hanson thanked library staff for their work on the subcommittees.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Herrick Juarez outlined the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training handout that the Legal Department sent for Board Members to read. This is an annual requirement for public bodies.

VIII. EDUCATION ITEM

Ms. Kmak presented an education item on her time attending the American Library Services for Children Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. There were several takeaways, including a session about how underrepresented BIPOC people are underrepresented in outdoor recreation picture books; a session about Anji Play, which is a Chinese study of play using opening ended objects in a very free-form manner, simplifying materials and multiplying options. For kids, there are big connections between learning, playing, reading, writing, and talking, which is why Storytime and library programming is so important for development.

X. OTHER/SUMMARY

None.

XI. ADJOURN

Ms. Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Zavala seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

The Park City Library Monthly Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM in the Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue, Park City, Utah 84060. This meeting will be open to the public both in-person and electronically. If you wish to attend this meeting electronically, please contact the Library Board Secretary, Kate Black at kate.black@parkcity.org, prior to this meeting time to receive login information.