

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On December 12, 2022, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Downtown Library, 413 SE 4th, Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Shawn Read, Chair	YES	14	13
Howard Rodriguez-Mori, Vice-Chair	YES	9	9
Lillian C Withrow	YES	6	6
John Esler	NO	4	2
Christy Gagnon	YES	4	4

Also in attendance:

<u>Amanda Barrera</u>	DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Courtney White</u>	ASST CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Shaun McDonald</u>	ASST DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Catherine Urban</u>	TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Silvia Shaver</u>	LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO

1. Call to Order and Introductions. Mr. Shawn Read, Chair, established a quorum and called the regular meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Amanda Barrera introduced Catherine Urban, Technical Services Coordinator and Shaun McDonald, Assistant Director of Library Services.

2. Public forum. None

3. Minutes. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on OCTOBER 10, 2022. Motion was made by Dr. Howard Rodriguez-Mori, seconded by Ms. Lil Withrow, and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

4. Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Library Services on Current Departmental Issues and Activities.

A. Friends of the Library: The Friends held a discount book sale in December; they made over \$2,000 for that sale. The total revenue from book sales in 2022 came to \$19,044.28.

The Books to Broadway event held in October went well, with 120 in attendance. Proceeds from the silent auction, tickets, and donations totaled \$3,500.

B. Programming and events at all APL locations: Ms. Amanda Barrera talked about some of the library programs planned for December. Downtown youth staff will provide Holiday skits in person this year; they will take place Monday through Thursday, December 12-15.

APL is going to offer "12 Days of Reading" during the schools' winter break. This Winter Reading Challenge is open to students from four years old through high school. To take the challenge, students need to stop by any Amarillo Public Library location starting on Friday, December 16 to register and pick up a reading log. Then, they color in one snowflake on the log each day that they read at least 30 minutes between December 16 and January 9. Students who complete the challenge earn a free Cinergy movie ticket.

Holiday Gift Guide: Ms. Amanda Barrera passed out Holiday Gift Guide pamphlets.

ESL classes for the fall semester concluded last week. APL already has the schedule set for the Spring. In addition to the classes at Downtown Library, APL will offer ESL instruction at the East Branch Library.

Ms. Amanda Barrera mentioned that she is in the process of completing the application for the "2022 TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Library Award". Amarillo Public Library has received this recognition every year since 2015.

C. Presentation on the Technical Services Department: Catherine Urban presented a report on the Technical Services department.

The Library Board members toured the Technical Services department after the conclusion of the meeting.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas:

1. Presentation on the Girls Who Game program by Maggie Elder, Youth Library Assistant, Northwest Branch Library.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.


Shawn Read

ATTEST: 
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services