

MINUTES

On October 9, 2023, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the North Branch Library, 1500 NE 24TH, Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Shawn Read, Chair	YES	19	18
Howard Rodriguez-Mori, Vice-Chair	NO	14	13
Lillian C Withrow	YES	11	11
John Esler	YES	9	7
Christy Gagnon	NO	9	8

Also in attendance:

<u>Amanda Barrera</u>	DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Laura Storrs</u>	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Courtney White</u>	ASST CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
<u>Carmel Barnhill</u>	NORTH BRANCH LIBRARIAN, 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 scheduled meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. Public forum. None
3. Approval of Minutes. Mr. Shawn Read, Chair, considered approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on AUGUST 14, 2023. Motion was made by Mr. John Esler, 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: Mrs. Amanda Barrera informed that the Friends held their Book Sale on September 8-10, with over six thousand dollars in sales. 138 vouchers were redeemed for a free bag of books, which is the final Sumer Reading Club prize. The final sale of the year will be held December 1-3.

Books to Broadway is an annual concert celebrating music, books, and love of reading that is produced by Dr. Robert Hansen. This year’s theme is *Love Stories on Broadway*, so the audience can expect to hear numbers from shows like *RENT*, *The Fantasticks*, and more. A bookish silent auction takes place at the concert. The event will be held on October 24 at the Amarillo Civic Center in the Heritage Room-doors open at 6pm, and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Amanda Barrera reported that the Mural at Downtown Library is finished. Blank Space Murals did a fantastic job in bringing the artists’ concepts together in a cohesive and colorful design.
 - B. Programming and events at all APL locations: Board members received an October Calendar of Events at the five Libraries.

Mrs. Barrera mentioned that APL hosted Session #6 of Amarillo 101, which is the City’s Citizens Academy. Along with the library’s presentation, citizens heard from Parks and Recreation and the Civic Center. We had 14 people in attendance.

Mrs. Barrera announced a new partnership between the Amarillo Public Library and Amarillo Little Theatre. ALT will make a limited number of tickets available for “check-out” by APL cardholders. The tickets will be available at Downtown Library only. Show information for the 2023/24 season is available at the library’s website.
 - C. Mrs. Amanda Barrera presented the Amarillo Public Library’s Organization Chart to the Board members.
 - D. North Branch Activities – Carmel Barnhill talked about current and upcoming programs at the North Branch Library.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.

ATTEST:

Amanda Barrera
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services

Shawn Read
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