

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On August 12, 2024, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the East Branch Library, 2232 E 27th, Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
John Esler, Chair	YES	12	10
Lillian C Withrow	YES	14	13
Christy Gagnon	NO	12	8
Katy Reid	NO	3	2
Courtney M White	YES	2	2

Also in attendance:

Amanda Barrera
Jacob Workman
Cynthia Hunt
Silvia Shaver

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
EAST BRANCH LIBRARIAN, CITY OF AMARILLO
LIBRARY PROGRAM SPECIALIST, CITY OF AMARILLO
LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Mr. John Esler, Chair, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Public forum. None.

3. Approval of Minutes: Mr. John Esler considered approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on JUNE 10, 2024. Motion was made by Ms. Courtney White, seconded by Ms. Lillian 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: Ms. Barrera reported that AMA-CON was a success, with an estimate of 4,500 attendees. The next Book Sale will take place September 6-8.
Amarillo Reads in the Summer had over 3,300 participants, which is a 6.5% increase from last summer. Over the six weeks that Summer Reading Club took place, APL staff members offered 49 special programs to the public.

Ms. Barrera shared that Amarillo Area Foundation awarded funds to establish a Memory Lab. It would be a space for creating art and preserving memories. The Memory Lab would include a recording booth and scanner that will be used for digitizing materials. Amarillo Area Foundation will be contributing almost \$33,000, and the Friends committed \$15,000.

- B. Programming and events at all APL locations: Board members received a list of programs the library is offering in August.
- C. Overview of two upcoming special program series (SocialRx and Memory Cafés) and the American Revolution Experience traveling exhibition by Cynthia Hunt, Program Specialist.

SocialRx: This is a new program series at the Amarillo Public Library that launches on August 14th at 1pm at the Downtown Library. It is designed to help participants meet more people, learn things that will help them find new friends, and learn how to support friends. This program aims to reduce social isolation in the community.

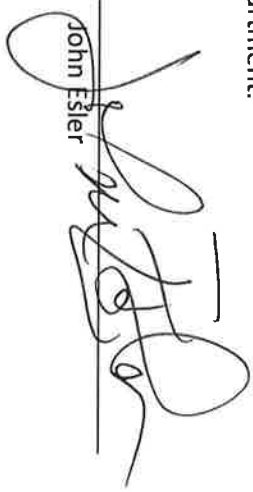
Memory Café: The APL Memory Café will start in November; it will be held from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on one Saturday each month. Memory Cafés offer a place where people with dementia and their caregivers can socialize and connect with others in similar situations.

American Revolution Experience: Amarillo Public Library will be a host site for the American Revolution Experience traveling exhibition, a collaborative project of the American Battlefield Trust and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The exhibit will be available for the public to view at the Downtown Library October 8-23.

D. East Branch Activities: Jacob Workman talked about current and upcoming programs at East Branch.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.


John Esler

ATTEST: 
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services