

MINUTES

On October 14, 2024, 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
John Esler, Chair	YES	13	11
Lillian C Withrow	YES	15	14
Christy Gagnon	NO	13	8
Katy Reid	YES	4	3
Courtney M White	YES	3	3

Also in attendance:

Amanda Barrera DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
Laura Storrs ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
Silvia Shaver 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 4:06 p.m.
2. Public forum. None.
3. Approval of Minutes. Mr. John Esler considered approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on AUGUST 12, 2024. Motion was made by Ms. Courtney White, seconded by Ms. Katy Reid, 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 the Friends have had a successful year for fundraising. They made just under \$5,300 at their September Book Sake. AMA-CON's income totaled just under \$15,000 this year, and an estimated of \$2,300 from Books to Broadway. The next Book Sale will take place December 6-8.

The Friends will be participating for the second time in The Panhandle Gives fundraiser, which is coordinated through the Amarillo Area Foundation between November 25 and December 3.

Stacy asked the Friends at their October meeting if they would consider purchasing a costume, so APL can have a library mascot. APL would use the mascot to promote the library at outreach events and children's programs. The Friends agreed to make the purchase. It takes about 6 months to make the suit, so it should be ready just before Summer Reading Club starts next year.

- B. Programming and events at all APL locations: Board members received a list of programs the library is offering in October.
Downtown Library is hosting *The American Revolution Experience* traveling exhibition. The exhibit will be here through October 22.

APL have started a partnership with our local genealogists. Members of the Amarillo Genealogical Advisory Board are making themselves available to offer one-on-one research assistance. This assistance will be appointment only; patrons can arrange for this help by calling the Downtown Library Reference Desk.

Amanda informed that the Randall County Master Gardeners cannot longer bear the ongoing costs of the seeds for the Seed Library that they have been sponsoring for the library patrons. APL is not going to be able to provide this program anymore.

- C. Book Club in a Bag. Amanda informed that APL is getting ready to launch Book Club in a Bag. We will start off the program with 15 bags. Each bag will have 10 copies of the featured book, and we are including a resource folder, which will provide a sign-out sheet, discussion questions specific to the featured title, and more general book discussion questions.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 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